

Next week is a busy week at Ellendale! Please see the events below planned for the coming week and some reminders.





WEDNESDAY, September 30th – ORANGE SHIRT DAY



September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.

Orange Shirt Day was created during the St. Joseph Mission Residential School Commemoration Project in Williams Lake, BC, in May 2013. As part of the project, former student, Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, told the story of her first day at residential school when her shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken from her as a six-year old girl, which prompted the realization that many survivors have similar stories. As a result, Orange Shirt Day is gaining visibility as an influential movement helping to educate our students and communities on the history of Canadian Residential Schools. Teachers will be embracing and exploring this topic within their classroom. They will use the colour orange as a way of bringing attention to these most important issues. <u>https://www.orangeshirtday.org/</u>

Ellendale will be observing Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, September 30th.

WEDNESDAY, September 30TH – Please join us for our first PAC meeting of the year @ 6:30 PM on Zoom. All Ellendale parents/guardians welcome!

We look forward to seeing you!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st IS THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPPORTING THE MARATHON OF HOPE: TERRY FOX

This year in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of hope, our school community will participate in our fundraising drive to raise money to help support cancer research. We are inviting our school community to donate a **Toonie (\$2) for TERRY**. We will be collecting money on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. You are welcome to donate more if you like, and as well, you can donate online at <u>https://terryfox.org/schoolrun/</u> whereby you can request a record of your donation for tax purposes. To celebrate safely and have fun, classes will be participating in a special set of Terry activities from the Terry Fox Foundation.



Classes will be participating in a special set of activities called "What's Your 40" as suggested by the Terry Fox Foundation:

- 40 kids set up student fundraising pages
- 40 second dance breaks, jumping jacks, hula hooping, yoga...
- 40 second obstacle course
- Name or draw 40 similar things (food, books, bugs...)
- Show how FAR 40km is in cm, ft, m, km, etc.
- Create a 40 word wall describing Terry Fox



Other things to note:

- Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed for the weather outdoors as we go out for recess and lunch recess daily. A pair of rubber boots, rain jacket and umbrella are suggested. Please let your teacher or the school office know if you would like any of these items. We have extras.
- Please send an extra pair of clothing for your child in case they get wet or muddy.
- Newsletters are distributed electronically. If you are NEW to the school or have not signed up for the newsletter please go to <u>https://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/ellendale/Pages/default.aspx</u>
- Thank you dear parents, family members and guardians for your efforts in bringing your child(ren) to school on time each day. We appreciate your kind, caring ways so that everyone arrives to the school safely. If you will be late, please send your child(ren) to the door to the office. We will greet you at the door and make sure your child(ren) gets to their class(es) as soon as possible.



"ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF YOU TRY"