# Coal Tyee News Flash



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#### TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – ORANGE SHIRT WEEK FOCUS SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 1

Next week we will be wearing orange as we dig into the uncomfortable yet very real history of Canada – the impact of Residential Schools on the indigenous people. Our morning announcements will include messages explaining why we are wearing orange and will also speak of why September 30<sup>th</sup> is now the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The reason we wear orange is based on the real-life story of Phyllis, a survivor of St. Joseph's Mission School in Williams Lake, BC, whose brand-new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day when she was just a little girl. Please wear orange next week in support of the Residential School survivors, and for those who did not come home.



### **TERRY FOX RUN**



We had a beautiful day today for our Terry Fox Run! With support from Constable Jana Rose, one of the School Liaison Officers, staff and a former student, our intermediate students did laps around the neighbourhood while our primary students stayed on the school grounds. Thank you to everyone who sent in a "Toonie for Terry". Terry Fox's original fund-raising goal was \$24 million – one dollar for every Canadian citizen. Our Coal Tyee contribution will help ensure his legacy continues.

#### MY RIDE IS LATE! I WANT TO CHANGE MY PLANS! WHAT DO I DO?

We know that parents and other caregivers may sometimes be delayed in picking up their children at the end of the day. Please review the following with your children so that they know what to do if something happens.

- 1. Make sure you know what the plans are for the end of the day (adults if something changes, please call the school so that we can let your child know)
- 2. There are always adults outside wearing safety vests to help kids after school. Students are asked to go to one of them so that we are aware that there may be a problem.
- 3. Students who are still here 10-15 minutes after dismissal will be brought inside and we will make a phone call to the person who is expected to be picking up.
- 4. Here's the big one: NEVER LEAVE THE SCHOOL, including going to a friend's house, or deciding to walk home. Let the adults help! We are pretty good at this stuff!

We have had a few missteps since school started. Fortunately, all has ended well. Please! Seek help if things are uncertain or you have "an idea of something cool to do" that may be unexpected.

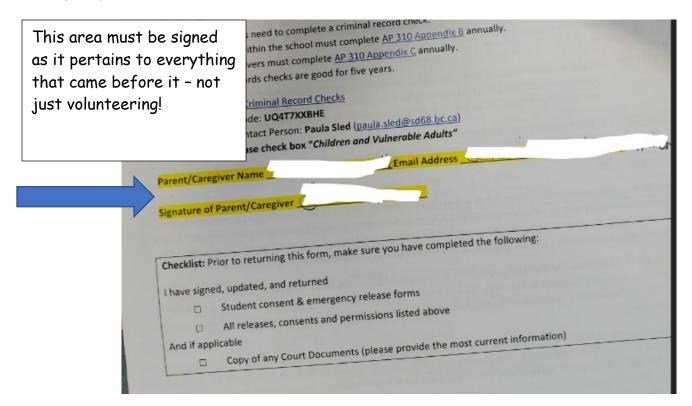
#### **PHOTO DAY**

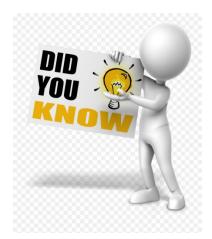
If you child was absent on Thursday, don't worry! We have photo retakes scheduled for October 20. We should get the proofs for yesterday's adventures within the next two weeks.



#### MISSING SIGNATURES ON PAPERWORK

We haven't yet had a class with 100% of the start-up paperwork back, largely due to how the paperwork was laid out in the first place! We apologize for the confusion (we were confused as well!) Next year the School District will most likely return to an online system for all these important forms. Until then ... please review, make sure they are filled out completely and return.





The annual paperwork that is sent home at the beginning of each school year provides vital information and opens opportunities for your child. Without these forms, students will not be able to use iPads or Chrome Books past September 29. They won't be able to go on Marsh walks or other walking learning trips. Their photos will not make it into the NewsFlash!

Please send the paperwork back asap!





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## **CALENDAR UPDATES**

- September 27-Oct 1 Orange Shirt Week
- > September 29 Virtual Open House
- ➤ September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation schools are closed
- October 11 Thanksgiving Day
- ➤ October 13 PAC Meeting
- October 18-21 Formative Assessment Conferences early dismissal at 1:20
   Monday Thursday
- October 20 Photo Retakes
- October 21 Shake Out BC Drill
- October 22 Provincial Professional Day Schools Closed
- October 25 School Based Professional Day Students do not attend
- October 29 Halloween Activities