We had a great week at Dewdney 😊The kindergartens picked the apples from the orchard, and several classes enjoyed apple treats this week from apple sauce to apple crisp. Yummy! The bulletin boards are starting to fill up with student creations, so pop by to check out our projects and hard work.

**Picking up students from the school**

* If you are picking up your student from school during the day, please check out through the office
* Parents must check in at the office before going on to the school grounds for safety concerns

**Drill Week**

* Starting on Monday we will have 3 safety drills, 1 each day
* **Monday – Fire drill, Tuesday -Earthquake drill and Wednesday – Lock Down drill**
* Please have a conversation with your child about the purpose of our safety drills
* Some students may be anxious about practicing these drills and conversations at home and school can help to alleviate some of the stress

**Bell Schedule**

* The first bell in the morning is a warning bell to tell students to line up at their door
* We have adjusted the school bells to ring at 8:17 am in the morning for less line up time
* Teachers will head to their classroom doors to open them at 8:20 am at the second bell

**Student Absences/Late**

* Please use the front door to enter the school after 8:20 am
* If your child will be absent throughout the year, please call the school (604-826-2516) or email

**Leah Falconer** leah.falconer@mpsd.ca) before 8:30am.

* We have an answering machine in the office, so feel free to contact us at any time and leave a message.

**Breakfast and Snack program**

* Join us every morning from 8 to 8:20 am for a healthy breakfast served in the Library
* All students are welcome to participate in the breakfast and snack programs which are funded by grants, public donations and government funding
* If you would like to donate to one of our food programs all donations of $25 dollars or more are eligible for a tax donation receipt (money or items donations with receipt)

**Lunch Program**

* **Please double check your child’s division and Grade on your Simply Account**
* We are pleased to have Simply Foods offer a lunch program again this year on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays
* School meals are offered at a low price per meal. Use the form below to create an account or make your order
* <https://simplyfoods.ahotlunch.ca/login>
* If your family requires partial or full subsidized meals, please follow the link to apply for support. Use the form below to register for full subsidy
* <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zLAcoeUnh0GoyYI4TIcvUqhHTBK1NTdDtF-SeAUHhHtURFBQVzJOUkQ4UzFaQVlZNjc5TEFQNUFZTS4u>

**Sports Opportunities**

* **Soccer Team** for Grades 4 to 6 – Practices at lunch time starting next week – Tournament October 2nd. Students must have their own ride to the Mission Sports Park on this day.

Watch for permission slips to come home if your child is interested

* **Cross Country –** Information to come home next week with possible race dates of October 9th and 16th
* **Basketball –** Boys and Girls teams this year

Games for Girls on Wednesday – starting late October

Games for Boys on Thursdays - starting late October

Permission slip and more information coming home the week of September 22

**PAC Updates**

* Next PAC Meeting at 8:45 am on Wednesday, October 8th
* Hot Lunch program will continue this year through the Munch a Lunch Program
* <https://www.munchalunch.com/>
* Little Coupon Book Fundraiser forms have been sent home (more forms available at the office)
* Please return the forms to the office with cash or cheques (e-transfer is also available)

**Upcoming Dates**

September 26 – Terry Fox Run 1:30 pm on school grounds

 “Toonie for Terry” donation can be sent to the school

September 29 - Orange Shirt Day – school in session

September 30 – Reconciliation Day: No School

Have a fantastic weekend and see you on Monday 😊

All the best,

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Principal at Dewdney Elementary

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