Hello Dewdney Families,

I apologize for the late Friday News (on a Monday instead). I had a minor family emergency that required an unexpected drive to Merrit on Friday afternoon. We had an awesome Terry Fox Run on Friday afternoon with the whole school running in the back field. Oranges were provided by PAC for the end of the race, which was much appreciated. Division 4 had the first campfire with smores and hot dogs when the fire ban ended. The kindergartens continued to make yummy treats from the apples they collected from the orchard. Fall in on its way…check out the front foyer display that was assembled by some parents last week as well.

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW**

**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](mailto: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 –Tournament October 2nd. Students must have their own ride to the Mission Sports Park on this day.
* **Cross Country –** Information to come home next week with race dates of October 9th

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

* **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 next week

**Little Readers**

* Children 4 and under are welcome to join us in the library for stories, crafts and a snack
* October 17 from 8:30 to 9:30 am
* Little Readers will happen once a month to encourage positive school/family connections

**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 30 – Reconciliation Day: No School

October 8 – PAC Meeting at 8:45 am

October 13 – Thanksgiving Monday: No School

October 17 – Little Readers in the Library at 8:30 to 9:30 am

October 23 – Individual Photo Day

October 23 – Learning Conferences from 2:30 to 8 pm

October 24 – Non-Instructional: No School

October 28 – Books for Bedtime for Grades 2 and under: Save the date more information to follow

Have an outstanding week and see you later today😊

All the best,

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