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Prince Street Elementary School Newsletter - October, 2021

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Welcome Back!
We are very excited to welcome all of our students back to school! The students have done very well adjusting to our routines and expectations around our COVID-19 protocols. We are very proud of them!

Upcoming Events:
September 29th (Wednesday)…..Orange Shirt Day
October 3rd-9th ….. Fire Prevention Week
October 4th (Monday)….Freezie Sale (50 cents)
October 4th & 5th ….Terry Fox Run/Walk
October 8th (Friday)….Professional Learning Day—No Classes
October 11…..Thanksgiving—No Classes
October 26th (Tuesday)….Picture Day
October 28th (Thurs.)..Gr.6 vaccinations *(Tentative)*

COVID- 19 Pre-screening:
-Each family would have received the COVID-19 Screening sheet with their back-to-school forms. **This form is for you to keep to screen your child daily before school.** A copy is also located on our website and on the back page of our school handbook. If your child is feeling unwell and is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, we ask that he/she stay home and suggest you call 811 or your healthcare provider for information. A weekly email reminder will be sent to parents. For more information, please see the government of PEI website: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/covid19.

Student Masks/Water Bottle:
We ask that parents send **2 masks** with their child, in case one is lost or gets dirty. We suggest you label your masks so they can be returned when found. If you are unable to provide masks for your child please let the teacher know. Please send a **filled water bottle** with your child each day.

Absences:
If a student is going to be absent, please notify the main office by phone at (902) 368-6950, or leave a message on our safe arrival line by pressing "1". Please give specific symptoms, student's full name and homeroom teacher when notifying the school.

Lunch Programs:
-We are offering our in-school program (ps.hotlunches.net.) Information for registering is available on our website. The menu is as follows: milk (Monday-Friday), pizza and ice cream (Tuesdays); and Subway (Wednesdays). This week is the first food delivery.

-The Program of PEI School Food is underway as well. Please refer to peischoolfood.org for further information

School Occupational Therapy (OT) Program:
Information was sent home regarding this in-school program. Yvonne Thompson will be at our school on a regular basis every Monday. Please contact her if you require further information at 902-394-4426 or ycthompson@gov.pe.ca.

Breakfast Program:
Volunteers are needed. If you are interested please contact Shylo Burke at scburke@edu.pe.ca. **→over**

Physical Education News:

-The Terry Fox Run/Walk will be held during students' regular Phys. Ed. time on Monday, October 4th and Tuesday, October 5th (Rain Date: Wed., Oct. 6th & Thurs., Oct. 7th). In order to raise funds to donate to this worthy cause, students are invited to purchase a freezie for 50 cents. Please send in 50 cents (maximum of 1 freezie per student) on or before Monday, October 4th. Students will enjoy the freezie on the day of the walk. In addition, students will be receive a ballot for a chance to win a Terry Fox t-shirt. Small, monetary donations also accepted.

-Intramurals for Grades 4, 5 & 6 have commenced this week.

-After School Cross Country Club commences this week as well. Please Note: Students will need to be picked up at the school at 3:30 p.m.

Practice Dates:
Sept. 28th (Tues.); Oct. 5th (Tues.); Oct. 7th (Thurs.); Oct. 12th (Tues.); Oct. 14th (Thurs.) and Oct. 19th (Tues.)
Oct. 19th is a timed race and conclusion.

School Pictures:

Lifetouch has rescheduled school picture and retakes. Pictures of all students from K-6 will be taken on **Tuesday, October 26th**. The retake date is Tuesday, November 23rd. Please note that orders placed from retakes may not arrive prior to the Christmas break.

Truth & Reconciliation Week:

Throughout this week teachers will be providing numerous opportunities for students to understand the impact of the residential school system and the vibrant cultures of indigenous people—in particular, the importance of children to the community. In addition, we will be celebrating Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, September 29th. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, "Every Child Matters," is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure that every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. We look forward to seeing everyone wearing their orange shirts on September 29th.

Home and School

Our Home and School Association plays a critical role in ensuring that our children have the best possible experience here at Prince Street. We are looking for volunteers for the Home and School executive. Getting involved is a wonderful way to get to know the school staff and see what happens within the school. If you would like to put your name forward for one of the executive positions, please email Mrs Bromley at ndbromley@edu.pe.ca. The first Home and School meeting will be decided.

Head Lice Reminder:

Please check your child on a regular basis as this is the time of year when we see cases on the rise.

Fire Prevention Week-October 3rd-9th:

The city of Charlottetown reminds everyone of the importance of preparing children in case of fire within the home. The theme this year is "learn the sounds of fire safety!" They would like us to direct parents to the child's learning site at sparky.org. Please refer to the following site for further information: firepreventionweek.org.

We are a Peanut and Nut Restricted School:

Please note that due to life-threatening allergies (anaphylaxis) for some students and staff, peanuts and nut products are not permitted in school or on any of our school busses.

Prince Street is also a Scent Fee School:

Thank-you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank You!

Thank you to the anonymous donor for enabling us to purchase an industrial toaster for our Breakfast Program.