

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

Working as a team to guide, support and challenge children within a safe and caring school community.

This Week's Important Dates

Mon., Oct. 2 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
(School closed)

Thurs., Oct. 5 - Hot Lunch Day



Pinewood Updates

It has been a busy first month of school, with students and teachers getting down to the important work of learning. During our first month back, we have had many successes: we are used to new classes, new friends and new routines; we had our first assembly and school event, and we have learned about being kind, being safe and being fair. We are very happy to have welcomed our parent community into the building for Open House, and we look forward to more opportunities to connect.

Today, we took time to recognize Orange Shirt day, in anticipation of the second National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We know that education is the best way to create change, and we are committed to learning about the impacts of Residential Schools. We wore our orange shirts, we created a community mural and we had age-appropriate conversations in classes; hopefully, our learning has helped us to better understand our past, and to create a better future.



As we turn the calendar to October, we are looking forward to another Hot Lunch, Parent Conferences, Thanksgiving, and Halloween. We are also beginning choir, and plans for other activities are in the works. We are looking forward to enjoying all of our special experiences!

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas. Ms. S. Hodgins

Upcoming Events

Mon., Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day (School closed) -

Tues., Oct. 17 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Wed., Oct. 18 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Hot Lunch Day

Fri., Oct. 20 Non-Instructional Day (School closed for students)

Mon., Oct. 23- 6:00pm: PAC Meeting

Fri., Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat

Thank you!

To our parent safety volunteers for helping with driveway safety!

For updating information in Parent Connect!

For ordering Pinewood Spirit Wear!

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We are pleased to let all of our Pinewood community know that school spirit wear is now available for purchase. We have a new design that we love, and we hope you do too. Purchases can be made in a 'school store' format, where parents can link to the site, select items, and pay directly by credit card. The school store will be open and available to our community from today, September 29, to Monday, October 15. Please expect 4-5 weeks for production after the school store closes. Orders will be sent to the school for distribution, and we anticipate these to arrive well before the holidays. All sales are final.



Families can connect to the online store at the following link:

<https://www.prostockathleticssupply.com/collections/pinewood-elementary-online-store>

When ordering, please note the student's name and division in the special instructions box.

We thank you in advance for your orders!

Toonies for Terry

Thank you to all of our families for your generous Terry Fox Run donations. Our school was able to donate \$883.95 to the Terry Fox Foundation!

Traffic Safety

Thank you to our Pinewood community for adjusting routines, and for following our new driveway procedures. We have observed improved safety for our families in the driveway area as a result of the changes. However, we continue to observe very unsafe driving behaviour on Pinewood Drive. Please note that u-turns in a school zone are not permitted and are extremely dangerous, especially when

children and families are walking on the sidewalks and crossing streets. We urge all families to use extreme caution when walking or driving in the area. Further discussions are underway about how to improve safety on Pinewood Drive during the busy drop off and pick up times.

Parent Conferences

Effective communication between home and the school is very important for student success. This year, our Parent Conferences will take place on Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18. On both of these days there will be a 2:00pm early dismissal. Parents may access the school through the front doors for conferences. These meetings are intended for parents only. Students do not need to attend.

Dressing for the Weather

Our students will be heading outside for recess and lunch throughout the school year. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather to go out to play. **Please expect that students will go out for recess and lunch, unless there is extreme weather.**

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found rack is already quite full. If your child is missing a jacket, shoes or other items, please remind them to stop by the office and have a look. On upcoming dry days, we will place the items outside in front of the school for parents to view, and parents may also come in to have a look at items in the main hallway.

