

Week at a Glance Friday, September 10, 2021

Well that was a very busy first week back at school! We had beautiful weather, the students worked hard, and we are all looking forward to the weekend. This is my first week at a glance email of the year and I hope to send them out regularly on Thursday or Friday of each week. It will contain information about the events at the school, important upcoming dates and announcements from DICES. Please look for it in your email inbox and don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions you might have.

This week has been a challenge in the office as some of you have noticed that our voicemail wasn't working and we haven't inundated you with the usual pile of school start up permission slips. These things are coming together now as Isabel will be back on Monday and we had a replacement in the office today. The voicemail is working now and permission slips for freedom of information and walking field trips etc. should be coming out early next week. Isabel will be in the office from 8:30 to 12:30 daily and it is best to call during these hours if you need to leave a message. I am in the office every day before and after school as well as Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and all day Wednesdays. I also try to be very timely in returning emails, usually within 24hrs. Thanks for your patience.

We had a good start with students wearing masks in class and on the bus. As a reminder, we do have masks available at the office if students need/want them. Thank-you for keeping your children home when they are not feeling well and for calling in to report their absence, it helps to keep everyone healthy. We are getting back into the routine of washing/sanitizing hands, desks and shared materials regularly to do our best to keep students safe at school too.

Please see an introduction from our new counsellor Margot Janz, I have attached it here.

Important upcoming dates:

- **Monday, Sept 13 first Whole school walk** – around the school property with snack prepared from fruit from the school garden, pears, apples and plums
- **Tuesday, Sept 21 - PAC meeting 4pm in the library** – please come and join us – babysitting provided (email me so I can arrange it)
- **Friday, Sept 24th Terry Fox Run** – Toonie for Terry donations will be accepted all week
- **Wednesday, Sept 29 – Whole school field trip to Hornby** for Indigenous Focus Activities – 3 Sisters Vegan soup and bannock for lunch provided
- **Thursday, Sept 30 – Nation Indigenous Reconciliation Day** – no school

Take a look at the DICES update below.

Have a great weekend!

Yolanda Lehton

Hello Parents,

We are looking forward to another bright school year, and busily prepping classes and programs for adults and students alike.

We are looking forward to working with the new administration, who are helping us navigate the current policies laid out by the School District.

After-school programs will begin a little later than usual this year: we are looking at mid-October, for a variety of reasons:

The District is revamping their facility use permission and scheduling protocols - they are going digital, and school facilities will be unavailable until the program is up and running. In the long term, this is great news, as it allows us to book space for programs with efficiency and immediacy!

We are also waiting for confirmation of availability of some facilities in order to schedule our programs: after-school sports clubs that take place in the school gym are scheduled at District level, to allow competitive events - like Basketball Tournaments between the schools).

These are not isolated changes, but are affecting schools across the district. We continue to be grateful for our long term collaboration with the Denman Community School that enables us to offer diverse programs to the community.

Thanks for your patience as we prepare for a great year ahead!

Maya, Teesh, and Katarina