

Miracle Beach Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Miracle Beach Families,

Here are this week's information items. New items are in **Yellow**.

Week at a Glance

September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class 9:00 - Fire Drill Track and Field Practice	Noon – Choir Practice 2:45 – Staff Meeting		Noon – Leadership Track and Field Practice	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class Photo Day School Supplies Fees Due
September 25	September 26	September 27	September 28	September 29
Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class Breakfast Program Starts Track and Field Practice	Recycling Pick Up – Leadership Noon – Choir Practice 2:45 – Health and Safet Meeting	Terry Fox Run Tour de Rock Assembly Hotdog Lunch	Noon – Leadership Track and Field Practice 1:00 – Earthquake Drill	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class Orange Shirt Day

Upcoming dates to note:

- October 2 – No School
- October 4 – Open House
- October 5 – Grade 7 Try-A-trade
- October 9 – No School
- October 11 – PAC Meeting

Terry Fox / Tour de Rock

This year we will be hosting the [Tour de Rock](#) riders and holding our [Terry Fox](#) run on the same day (September 27). During the weeks leading up to September 27th we will be raising money as a school that will help support cancer research. Our slogan is "Change for Change" (Thank you Ms. Gravel for the catchy slogan). We encourage all families if able, to send students with a donation of change to be collected in each class.

As an added incentive the class that collects the most money for cancer research will receive a pizza party! As well, if we are able to achieve our school goal of \$2000, all of the students will get to mummify Mr. Darnel and Mr. Biegler during an assembly 😊

To help us with our fundraising goals we will be offering a Hotdog lunch on September 27th with proceeds going toward our fundraising goal. The order forms will be sent home on Monday morning. Please be aware that the deadline to submit order forms is Friday, September 22.



Terry Fox / Tour de Rock Fundraiser
Hot Dog Lunch – Wednesday, September 27

- 1 Hot dog (\$2.50) Student's name _____
- 1 Hot dog + juice box (\$3.00) Teacher _____
- 2 Hot dogs + juice box (\$5.50)

Please return this form along with payment by Friday, Sept 22.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team has started already this year. A huge thank you to Mr. Biegler for coaching Cross Country. The team meets at lunch on Monday and Thursday. If your student is interested in participating, please have them connect with Mr. Biegler.

Runs are for Grade 3-7 students and held at the schools listed below. Start time is 3:15:

Sept 27	Puntledge Elementary
October 4	Cumberland Community School
October 11	Huband Elementary
October 18	Valley View Elementary
Oct 25	Brooklyn Elementary

Self-Identification of Indigenous Ancestry (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit)

Indigenous Education Services in School District #71 (Comox Valley) offers various supports and opportunities to over 1,750 students of Indigenous Ancestry. Our goal is to enrich the educational opportunities for all our Indigenous students. The focus for our service is to enhance all Indigenous students' understanding of their heritage, their sense of belonging and the personal belief that they can be successful in the British Columbia public school system.

Indigenous Ancestry is determined on a ***voluntary basis through verbal self-identification***. This includes First Nations (Status or Non-Status), Métis or Inuit Ancestry. We **do not require further documentation.** Ancestry may go back several generations and a Status Card is not required.

For more information or if you have any questions, please speak our Indigenous Support Worker Annette Blecic by calling the school at 250-337-5114 or email Annette.Blecic@sd71.bc.ca

Strong Start

We are extremely pleased to be offering a Strong Start program at Miracle Beach Elementary again this year! For more information, please visit the Strong Start Facebook page linked below.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550904178649>

Also, please welcome Terri-Lyn Higgs who will be joining us this year as our Strong Start coordinator. We are super excited to have Terri-Lyn joining us for the full year.

Strong Start will be starting on **October 3rd**. We look forward to welcoming all of our pre-kindergarten students to our school community.

PAC News

The Parent Advisory Council for Miracle Beach Elementary will be holding its first public meeting on **Wednesday, October 11th**. Going forward, you can expect the public PAC meetings to be held on the second Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. At these meetings we discuss how we can enhance the student experience at school and in the community. As a parent, we invite you to come and participate, vote, or just listen!

A PAC represents the parent community of a school and is there to give the school meaningful feedback, provide parent education, encourage parent involvement with student activities, promote home and school cooperation, and organize extracurricular activities for MBE students and families. At the October meeting we will be revisiting the committees needed for this school year. If you are interested in getting involved, we hope to see you there. If you would like to connect before then, please email us at miraclebeachpac@gmail.com.

If you want to keep up to date with what is happening in PAC we do have a notice board just inside the school doors which will be moved outdoors later this fall. One thing you may be interested in seeing is our existing and proposed Constitution and Bylaws that will be posted sometime next week. At the October meeting we will review what changes are needed and why. If you would like to vote on whether to pass the proposed version, please take a look! Also, if you would like an electronic copy for review, please send an email.

Lastly, another great place to stay informed is to connect with us on the **Miracle Beach Elementary PAC** Facebook page.

We are looking forward to another great year ahead!

Heather Morris, MBE PAC Chair

School Photo Day Information



- No forms or payment required on photo day.
- Multiple Background options available online.
- After picture day, flyers will be provided to the school to distribute to the students, they will contain instructions on how to view and purchase online and shipping deadline.
- Photos are viewed and purchased online; parents can contact directly for other purchase options.
- Orders placed within 14 days will be delivered to the school in bulk for distribution.
- Orders placed afterwards will be charged shipping and shipped directly to their address.

Parents can contact directly anytime at 778-420-2833 or info@islandlifephotographics.ca

Breakfast Program

We are excited to be able to offer a breakfast program to all students starting on Monday September 25th. A simple and free breakfast will be served in the multipurpose room each day of the week beginning at 8am. Students are to eat their food inside before heading outside to play.

Our tentative menu will include:

- Cereal
- Toast (with Jam)
- Fruit
- Yogurt

Updated School Code of Conduct

Over the past school year, we updated the [Miracle Beach Code of Conduct](#). I have included it as an attachment on this email, and it is also available on our website.

School Supplies

For the 2023-24 school year Miracle Beach will be providing basic school supplies to students in kindergarten to grade 7. Instead of parents purchasing individual sets of supplies, families provide money to the school and the school will purchase supplies for each student. This approach will ensure equity and equality among all students and will save parents time (no shopping!) and money (ordering in bulk, our discount on school supplies is significant). The only items parents will have to provide are a backpack, a lunch bag, and appropriate shoes for gym.

Kindergarten to grade 7 the fee will be \$40

The office will accept cash, cheque, or e-transfer

Fees are due no later than September 22nd - Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Those who are choosing the e-transfer option, you can send the transfer to miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca.

Please make sure you include the following message: **School Supplies-Student(s) Name**

School Bus

Rules for Riding the Bus

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes ahead of the posted schedule. The bus will not wait for those who are late
- Stay on the shoulder or sidewalk, well away from the pavement, while waiting for the bus
- Do not run beside the bus while it is moving
- Boarding the bus will be in single file
- No saving spots in line or seats on the bus
- Take your seat right away
- The bus driver is always in charge
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- No eating on the school bus
- No fighting, bullying or horseplay on the bus
- Do not throw litter out the window of the bus
- Always keep head and arms in the bus

Volunteering with the School

All parent volunteers will be asked to complete a Criminal Record Check before they are able to drive, volunteer in the classroom or participate in field trips. If you are thinking about volunteering at the school, please take the time to complete the Criminal Record Check process early in the school year. Criminal Record Checks are valid for 3 years once complete and will remain on file at the school.

Miracle Beach Elementary School uses the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) online service:

Online Link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

Access Code: XGAX6D8B53

Also, a new requirement this year is the NEW volunteer form. All volunteers can complete the volunteer form [HERE](#).



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Important Volunteer Information

Want to volunteer, or participate at school events or in the class room? Review this information.



It's important to complete these steps ASAP so you can be involved. Criminal record check could take up to 3 weeks to complete.

Criminal Record Check Required

Criminal Record Checks for volunteering at Miracle Beach Elementary can be found here:

- Online Link:
<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>
- Access Code: XGAX6D8B53

Once the criminal record check is complete the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) will advise the school that you are cleared to volunteer.



DRIVING

Drivers will need to provide your drivers package to Ms. Young

- icbc.com/driver-licensing
- Copy of Drivers License
- Proof of Insurance

COMPLETE THESE STEPS

ASAP so you can volunteer when the opportunity arises.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

Feel free to email me at zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca if you have any questions or comments.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 6th. Have a great rest of your summer!

Respectfully,

Zale Darnel

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary