

# 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 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  Cross Country @ Puntledge	Noon – Leadership  Track and Field Practice  1:00 – Earthquake Drill	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Gravel's Class  Orange Shirt Day  9:00 - Primary Assembly  10:30 – Intermediate Assembly
October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
Truth and Reconciliation Day – No School	Noon – Choir Practice  2:45 – Staff Meeting	8:45 – Open House  Cross Country @ Cumberland	Noon – Leadership  Track and Field Practice  Grade 7 Try-A-Trade	Yard Clean Up – Ms. Cadden's Class  Wear Orange  Hot Lunch

Upcoming dates to note:

- 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going toward our fundraising goal. Please be aware that the deadline to submit order forms was Friday, September 22.

### **Tour de Rock Song**

We are singing another song this year for the Tour de Rock riders. The whole school will be singing together.

You can access the song and lyrics on Miss Boersma's website at <https://jboersma4.wixsite.com/music>

Please feel free to practice with your student at home leading up to the September 27<sup>th</sup> performance.

### **Hot Lunch**

The first hot lunch menu of the year is ready for online ordering. Every family will need to create a new account for this school year. Orders can be placed here:

[mbpac.hotlunches.net](http://mbpac.hotlunches.net)

For those of you who are new to the school, the Miracle Beach PAC does a weekly hot lunch program every Friday. All orders and accounts are done online. There is an ordering timeframe (see below) as to when online orders may be placed for the current menu. The current menu, Fall 1 - 2023 Hot Lunch, includes hot lunch every Friday from October 6<sup>th</sup> until November 17<sup>th</sup>. ***Ordering for this menu set will start today, and is open until Wed., October 4<sup>th</sup>. Late orders will not be accepted so please place your order before this date.***

A couple of things to note regarding payment methods for this school year:

- Payment methods that will be accepted this year are: PayPal or E-transfer. ***No cash or cheques please!***
- PayPal -- pay through your PayPal account, or login as a guest.
- E-transfer -- send payment to: [mbhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:mbhotlunch@gmail.com).
  - ***Please make sure to note your child's name in the comments section, and what the payment is for (ie. hot lunch).***

The following hot lunches will be available this year: hot dogs, pizza, Pita Pit, sushi, lo mein and Butchers Block (spanakopita, samosas and sausage rolls) with most days having vegetarian options. Extra options include milk, juice and cookies.

**\*\*Please note: on Butcher's Block days, only 60 sausage rolls are available on a first come first serve basis\*\***

All proceeds go towards the Miracle Beach PAC, which supports the school and kids activities. Thanks so much for supporting this fundraiser.

## **Indigenous Education Introduction**

Good afternoon, my name is Annette Blecic, I have been one of the ISW's at Queneesh Elementary for the past three years. Now at Miracle Beach, I was raised in Alberta on a Metis Hamlet called Marlboro. I attended School in Edson Alberta and really could have benefited from some of the services now available through Indigenous Education. In some cases, I could be somewhat of a handful.

When you registered your child for School you may have missed the little spot on the registration form to declare Indigenous Ancestry. It could have easily been overlooked as it was barely visible on the form. Whether you have a little ancestry, self-declared Ancestry or otherwise - please get in touch with me (Annette Blecic) to have this adjusted. We would be more than happy and excited to provide our school services to your child.

### **Some of the services we provide include:**

- Academic, personal, and cultural support for students
- Seventh Generation Club (lunch time group)
- Cultural activities and information
- Liaison with teachers, counsellors, administrators, students and their families, and community agencies as an advocate for Indigenous students.

My role is to increase a sense of belonging, improve academic success and enhance leadership skills for our Indigenous students. This includes expanding Indigenous awareness for all students. I will be in touch with parents throughout the year via email and telephone. Our goal this year is to build strong relationships and connections with the children. Being a grandmother to two amazing boys, I understand the need for a calm, safe and quiet place for children to go to. Our indigenous room provides that safe place for children to recharge or catch up on some schoolwork.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children again for another amazing year!

Warmest regards,  
Annette Blecic

### **Cross Country**

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

## Choir

We started choir this week! Any student in Grades 4 – 7 who loves to sing is invited to join. We practice Tuesdays at lunch. If you have any questions regarding choir, please contact Miss Boersma.

## 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>

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

## School Photo Day Information



Photos were taken on Friday September 22, 2023. Ordering information will be sent home with students on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for this information 😊

- 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](mailto:info@islandlifephotographics.ca)

## Local Fruit or Vegetables

If you have a fruit tree or vegetables and are looking to donate, please keep us in mind. As a school we always have fruit or snacks available and being able to offer locally grown produces would be an added benefit for our program and students.

## Breakfast Program

We are excited to be able to offer a breakfast program to all students starting on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>. 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

## School Supplies

As a reminder school supplies payment is now overdue.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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](mailto:miraclebeach@sd71.bc.ca).

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

## PAC News

This is me!



As the new 2023-2024 PAC Chair, my plan is to be on school property at least once per week. Going forward, if you want to connect with me in person, the best days to catch me are Thursdays at pick-up and drop-off. Of course, you can also reach out to me by email at [miraclebeachpac@gmail.com](mailto:miraclebeachpac@gmail.com).

You can also meet the whole Executive if you come to a PAC meeting. Our first general meeting will be at 6:30 in the school library on **Wednesday, October 11th**.  
Hope to see you there!

Heather Morris, MBE PAC Chair

## **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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*Truth and Reconciliation Week*



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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](http://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**

Pictures





Feel free to email me at [zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:zale.darnel@sd71.bc.ca) if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

**Zale Darnel**

Principal, Miracle Beach Elementary