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Newsletter #11

May 26, 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 29 Fresh Slice Pizza	May 30	May 31	1	2
5	6 Connecting to Kindergarten	7	8 PAC AGM & Elections-7pm in Library Grade 6 ½ day at Eagle Mtn	9 Terry Fox Run 2:15 
12 Track Attack! Grade K-3 Fuel Lunch	13	14	15	16
19	20 Parent Appreciation!	21 National Indigenous Day	22 Grade 5's to Cultus Lake	23 Grade 5 Luncheon
26	27 Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony	28 Year End Assembly 11am	29 Last day of school for students	Happy Summer!



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

May 26, 2023

Hello HME Families,

The month of May can seem like an endless flurry of activity as we are busy with all the learning and fun right in front of us with Student Led Conferences, KM club, Grade 3/4/5 Track & Field, STEAM community challenges, as well as freezie sales and hot lunches..., but we also begin the important work of all the preparation and planning for the next year! We were staffed for 13 Divisions for the 2023-2024 school year, and we will review our enrolment again in September. At this time the only staff member we know who will be leaving us is Mrs. Bleasdale because she is retiring! We will have some time before the end of the year to acknowledge her contributions to this community.

The month of June ahead doesn't slow down with many events like our Connecting to Kindergarten event, Terry Fox School Run, Primary Track Attack, Grade 5 Leaving activities, class field trips, yearend report cards, and final gatherings and meetings of the year. Please check the calendar and speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions about events, it can be a little overwhelming and hard to keep up to date with everything that is happening!

It's a busy time of year and can get quite intense, and sometimes concerns and struggles can surface; however, it's important to enjoy this last month and continue to celebrate all the wonderful things with are experiencing together at HME, and work together for a successful end to a great year!

We are grateful for all your support! Please reach out if you have any feedback or questions.

Sincerely,
Mr. Sclater

What's Happening at Heritage Mountain

Monday June 5- PRO-D Day

There is no school for students this Monday June 5th. Our staff will be participating in school based professional development sessions.



(Marrs, Cook, Lawson)

Connecting to Kindergarten (formerly known as Welcome to Kindergarten) June 6

We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to an event on June 6th! Current Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:50 from all 3 kindergarten classes

Terry Fox Run – Friday June 9th

Our entire school, grades Kindergarten – grade 5, will be doing our Terry Fox Fun on Friday June 9th. Please watch for an email notification for donations that we will collect on behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation. Alternatively you can donate directly by going online to www.terryfox.org.

Please see letter attached to this newsletter for more information.

Just as Terry Fox did, we will be running rain or shine!



Parent Appreciation Tuesday, June 20th at drop off

HME Staff would like to thank you, the adults in our community, for all the love and support you give throughout the year. Similar to last year, we will be celebrating you with a "drive-by and walk-by".

Please join us on Tuesday, June 20th as you drop off your kiddos for the day.

Stop or roll by for a visit between 8:35-8:50.

We will have three stations:

the Drive-through, the Garden Blacktop outside the office, and the lower blacktop by the playground.

If you care to linger, we will have a "café style venue" on the Garden Blacktop outside the office/LLC for you to enjoy your refreshments from 8:50-9:25.

Sincerely,
HME Staff

thank you



Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony-Tuesday June 27 at 1:15pm

This special ceremony is to acknowledge our grade 5's and their parents as they continue on to middle school! The gym doors will open at 12:30, so please enter through the outside gym doors at the bottom of the stairs.

After the leaving ceremony, students will stay in the gym for photos with friends, family and teachers, once the rest of the school has exited the gym. Then, the grade 5's will be free to go home with parents.

Library Learning Commons

Hello Families,

Thank you for all your love and support this year. We have had an awesome year of reading and growing and learning and exploring and inquiring. I love watching their curiosities grow.

The last week of circulation will be June 5th. If you have a "collection" of HME books at home, please send them back with your kiddo so we can get them back onto the shelves. I honour their love of books, so I do not put great pressure on due dates, however, we will have to start the process. 😊

Summer Reading Challenge at PoMo Public Library

Ms Coreen will be visiting us in early June to promote the Summer Reading Challenge. Keeping eyes on print over the summer is a great way to build the love of reading, keep skills going, and help avoid the "summer slide". Who doesn't love a little challenge? Our school competes with the other PoMo schools to see how many registrants we can get. We have four trophies, so can you guess how we have done in the past? *Readers are Leaders!*

Sprinkler Day - Date To Be Announced

When the weather is right during the last two weeks of June, we try to have an afternoon of Sprinkler Fun on our lower field. Upon our request, the City of Port Moody will initiate the in-ground sprinklers. Families will receive an email from the school a few days ahead so that students can be sent with a change of clothes, towels, sunscreen, etc.

School Supplies for 2023-2024

An email was sent on May 8th with the school supply lists (Creative Packs AND generic supply lists) by grade. Please order Creative Packs by June 10 for delivery to our school before the end of June. Please note: you are not required to order from Creative Children – if you prefer to purchase your own supplies use the generic list that was sent to you by email or look on the school website.

Your student school supply packs may be ordered ONLINE @ <https://creativepacks.ca/collections/packs/heritage-mountain-elementary-school+>

Lost & Found

Due to the unprecedented number of items turned into the “Lost and Found” we have implemented a new, improved system! We have a rolling clothes rack that makes it much easier to see what has been turned in. We are now able to roll the L&F clothes rack outside, downstairs and in other areas of the school for students to be able to have a look to see if any of their clothes have been found. Please come have a look when you come to the school!



Important Information

REPORT CARD INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has just released an information guide for families on the changes to report cards for 2023-2024.

SD43 educators have already been familiarizing themselves with the changes.

This resource will provide an explanation of the following:

1. What is my child learning?
2. How will I know how my child is doing?
3. Why is my child not getting letter grades (Kindergarten to Grade 9)?
4. What is descriptive feedback?
5. Why is my child self-reflecting and setting goals?
6. How will I know my child is on track to graduate?

Please click on the following links:

Full Package (English): [Communicating Student Learning: Information for Parents and Caregivers](#)

Translated full packages:

- [French](#)
- [Chinese Simplified](#)
- [Chinese Traditional](#)
- [Tagalog Filipino](#)
- [Farsi](#)
- [Urdu](#)
- [Punjabi Gurmukhi](#)

[Brochure for Families](#): An overview on the changes for reporting on student learning

Thank you for your attention to this email! We are excited by the upcoming changes. Look forward to more communication in the fall.

School Calendar for next year:

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School Calendar 2023-2024

Designation	Date(s)
Schools Open	Tuesday, Sept 5
Pro D Day	Friday, Sept 22
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Monday, Oct 2
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Oct 9
Pro D Day	Friday, Oct 20
School Closure Day	Friday, Nov 10
Remembrance Day	Monday, Nov 13
Schools close for Winter vacation (last day in session)	Friday, Dec 22
Winter vacation period	Monday, Dec 25 – Friday, Jan 5
Schools re-open after Winter vacation	Monday, Jan 8
School Based Pro-D Day	Monday, Jan 29
BC Family Day	Monday, Feb 19
Pro D Day	Friday, Feb 23
Schools close for Spring vacation (last day in session)	Friday, March 15
Spring vacation period	Monday, Mar 18 – Thursday, Mar 28
Good Friday	Friday, Mar 29
Easter Monday	Monday April 1
Schools re-open after Spring vacation	Tuesday April 2
Pro D Day	Friday, Apr 19
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20
School Based Pro-D Day	Monday, June 3
Last day of school for all students	Thursday, June 27
Administrative day	Friday, June 28

Bell Schedule for 2023-2024

8:52	SCHOOL STARTS
10:25-10:40	RECESS
12:10-1:00	LUNCH
2:50	SCHOOL DISMISSAL



May 26, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again, we at Heritage Mountain will be honouring Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, by participating in our **Annual Terry Fox School Run**. This will mark the 30th year of our run for Terry Fox. This year's run will take place on **Friday, June 9th @ 2:15**.

We are happy to invite parents and family members to join us at the Terry Fox School Run. We will be congregating on the blacktop at the back of the school. If you come, we would like you to keep to the perimeter and remember physical spacing where possible. If it is raining we will be talking to the children in the gym just before we head outside. You are invited to walk or run with your child during the run.

For millions of people worldwide, including the huge community of Heritage Mountain families who have taken part over the past 30 years, Terry Fox is the face of cancer research. His Marathon of Hope inspired a country and **The Terry Fox Run**, now in its fourth decade, continues to motivate people here in Canada and around the world.

Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope, in which he ran a marathon a day for 143 days in 1980 to raise funds for cancer research, touched Canadians and united the country from coast to coast in the belief that anything is possible. Since then, many Canadians consider Terry Fox to be Canada's greatest hero.

Terry wrote that now-famous letter looking for support for his run: "I'm not a dreamer, and I'm not saying this will initiate any kind of definitive answer or cure to cancer, but I believe in miracles. I have to." To date more than \$850 million has been raised in support of Terry's cause through its campaign of community and school runs across Canada, and now, around the world. To date, the Terry Fox Runs have brought together people from more than 30 countries in the fight against cancer.

We cannot think of a better role model to identify with than Terry for today's youth to aspire to be like. Who better to show students what **Empathy** means and that **Others Matter** (transforming the world around us), but Terry Fox. As we are all inspired by Terry, we will be participating in the Terry Fox School Day Run and continue his legacy. Our school, along with the many thousands of schools across Canada, makes a real difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of fellow Canadians with their generous fundraising efforts.

As in past years we will be happy to collect donations - online only - over the next few weeks. We have set a goal of \$4500. A number of classes have chosen to collect donations for the Terry Fox Foundation through the gathering of pledges and donations from their KM Club laps and ribbons earned. All the money will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. The Foundation will provide tax receipts for cheque donations of \$20 or more. Again, due to public health concerns we cannot collect coins and bills. All donations can be done online at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/heritagemountainelementary> or through our School Cash Online (you will have received an email inviting you to donate if you wish).

Just as Terry Fox did, we will be running rain or shine. Thank you.

Heritage Mountain Staff



School District 43 Community Connections. 1100 Winslow Ave, Coquitlam, BC. V3J 2G3

19 May 2023

RE: Summer Camps with Availability

The following Summer Camp opportunities still have spots available and are working in partnership with School District 43 Community Connections and Summer Learning (in some cases). I have included here links to the camps, and this document can be shared directly with families. All links go direct to registration pages of each organization or to specific information about how to register.

Some of these camps are available directly after Summer Learning and provide a seamless transition to the camp experience with a supervisor while kids have their lunch.

Moresports

Moresports BC is offering half-day camps in association with Summer Learning at Bramblewood Elementary for Grades k-5 and at Scott Creek Middle for grades k-9. Full day camps located at Minnekhada Middle and Seaview Community School are also available. *Students do not need to be registered with summer learning courses to access the half-day camps: [Moresports Camps](#)



City of Port Moody has availability at the Beyond the Books camp at Aspenwood Elementary being held in association with the Summer Learning school there: [City of Port Moody Aspenwood](#)



City of Port Coquitlam has availability at the Kilmer Elementary half day camp in association with Summer Learning. Attendance at the Summer Learning not required to attend camp in the afternoon: [City of Port Coquitlam Kilmer](#)



Soccer Shots has three Summer Learning half-day camps at Porter Elementary, Kwayhqitlum Middle, and Smiling Creek Elementary:

[Soccer Shots Porter](#)

[Soccer Shots Smiling Creek](#)

[Soccer Shots Kwayhqitlum](#)



Game Ready has a half-day camp in association with Summer Learning at Hillcrest Middle School: [Game Ready Hillcrest](#)

Explore Other Camps and Activities:



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