

Irvine Elementary

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Our Mission Statement at Irvine Elementary is, "Working together to create a safe and nurturing environment that challenges and motivates our students and promotes a lifelong joy of learning."

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September	26	Assembly – Orange Shirt Day 1:00pm in the gym
•	26	Beyond the Bell – Science Nuts 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	27	Activity Day 8:45-12:05
	27	Terry Fox Assembly and Run 1:00-2:00pm
	30	Orange Shirt Day
	30	Beyond the Bell – Let's Dance 2:45-3:45 in the gym
October	1,8,15,22,29	Beyond the Bell – Indoor Soccer 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	3,10,17,24,31	Beyond the Bell – Science Nuts 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	7,28	Beyond the Bell – Let's Dance 2:45-3:45 in the gym
	11	Running Terry's Money Home – District Terry Fox Run
	14	Thanksgiving
	16	PAC Meeting 6:30-8:00pm in the library
	18	Student Individual Photos

Activity Day / Terry Fox Run / District Terry Fox Run

On September 27th, we will be having our Activity Day (rain or shine) in the morning and our school Terry Fox Run in the afternoon. I am going to ask that you submit donations to your child's classroom and here's why: <u>we will continue to accept donations up to Oct. 10th (the day before the district Terry</u> <u>Fox Run) and the class that raises the most money will have three students randomly selected who</u> <u>will get to "pie me in the face!" This will take place at a later date in the gym during an</u> <u>assembly.</u>

On October 11th, we will be taking part in our District Terry Fox Run, entitled, "Running Terry's Money Home." A small number of grade five students will be able to take part in this (we'd love to have several students take part, but there will be hundreds of students from all over the district playing a role in this). Students that are selected will be running from our school to the Terry Fox Foundation Office on Shaughnessy Street (tentatively). Depending on the number of schools and students taking part, we may need to look at another location. More information will follow about the specifics of the district run (we will require some parent volunteers to assist us). All the money that is collected, will be pooled together (among all schools taking part) and will be presented to the Terry Fox Foundation in the form of a cheque. Last year, there were 15 schools that took part and we raised close to \$40,000! I'm told that 25 schools will be taking part this year, so we are looking for even bigger and better numbers. As mentioned above, donations are to be turned in to classroom teachers. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Staff Parking Lot

Parents, please remember that the staff parking lot should not be used to "drop off" students UNLESS you have an accessible parking permit. For those that have these displayed in their vehicles, you may use one of the to parking stalls at the front of the lot. Thank you.

Value of the Week

We are focusing on Terry Fox this week and will be highlighting a specific value for each successive week. I will send out this information via twitter. The value is intended to be a reminder to us all about being good citizens and provides a focus for all of us to be more prosocial. Stay tuned...

School Supplies

School supplies are in the final stages of being finalized. We expect to have the totals for each class available next week.

Change to Student Accident Insurance

For some time now, School District 43 has been offering our families the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance thru the Kids Plus Accident Insurance program, underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services Inc.

We were recently notified by the provider that they will be discontinuing the Kids Plus Accident Insurance program and will be replacing it with the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan. The new product is called Accifamily and offers comprehensive insurance coverage for the whole family.

The cost of this policy depends on whether you select Basic Coverage or Enhanced Coverage, as well as the number of family members to be covered.

For more information on this new accident insurance, please visit the Accifamily website at: <u>https://ia.ca/individuals/insurance/accifamily</u> or call their toll-free number to speak to a customer support representative. That number is: 1-888-266-2224

Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the elements as we will be going outside every day. For our younger students, a change of clothes is always a good idea!

Music Adventure

Please see the attachment about this after school opportunity. There are two spaces still remaining.

PAC News

<u>PAC meetings</u> are held in the school library and begin at 6:30pm (usually on the third Wednesday of the month). Our PAC Meeting Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, Apr. 15, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, May 20, 2020 6:30-8:00pm (library) Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:00-10:00pm PAC Social - location TBD

District / Community News

Please feel free to check out the Publications and Community Listings and links on our district webpage at: http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Pages/publications.aspx