



Mary Hill Elementary School

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Ms. Lisa Salloum, Principal

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Dear Parents:

Our first weeks of the school year have come and gone. Our students are settling into their new classes, learning the routines and developing new friendships. Thank you to parents for your assistance and understanding in helping this transition go smoothly.

This month, activities at Mary Hill Elementary get into full swing. On Thursday, we will be hosting the PA-MOJA Barbeque and Open House. Details and order forms were sent home last week. We hope to see all of you there! We also have School Photo Day coming up on Friday, September 27th.

A big **THANK YOU** to our custodial staff who had the school looking fantastic when we returned from holidays. We need to all remember to do our part to keep our school clean and presentable throughout the year.

Please remember to pack lunches and snacks that do not include nut products as several of our students have significant nut allergies. For safety reasons, we also ask that students do not share lunches and snacks with each other.

Rainy season is upon us and we intend to go outside for recess and lunch times whether rain or shine, so please help to ensure that your child comes dressed appropriately for the weather.

We would like to remind all families that supervision does not begin until 8:10 a.m. Please do not drop your children off before that time. All children are to be picked up at 2:35pm each day. Students remaining to play on the playground are to be accompanied by an adult.

Please feel free to contact our school staff with concerns or issues that may arise throughout the year. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year!!!

Ms. L. Salloum
Principal

Assemblies

Terry Fox Assembly – Friday, October 4th at 1:45pm

Orange Shirt Day Assembly – Monday, October 30th at 10:45am

Ache Brazil Dance performance - Tuesday, October 15th at 10:45am

Halloween Assembly – Thursday, October 31st at 2pm



**Next
Meeting...**

**Thursday,
October 10th
6:30pm in the
Library**

Please join us!

**Pro D Day
Friday,
September
20th**

**Students
Do Not
Attend School**

PA-MOJA Barbeque / Open House

Information about our PA-MOJA Barbeque and Open House was sent home last week. For those who RSVP'd that they will be joining us for the PA-MOJA Barbeque, it will begin at 4:45. Our Open House (Meet the Teacher) will start at 6pm. Please note that the teachers will be waiting in their classrooms to welcome students and their families from 6pm – 6:45pm.



Terry Fox Run & Assembly – Friday, October 4th

There will be an assembly at 1:45 pm in the gym prior to our Terry Fox Run. All parents are welcome to join us for both the assembly and the Terry Fox Run. Pledge sheets have been sent home should you wish to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Or, alternatively, you can donate online:

School fundraising page: <http://www.terryfox.ca/MaryHillElementary>

Photo Day – Friday, September 27th (morning)



Photo Express will be at Mary Hill on Friday, September 27th to take individual student photos. Students are usually called for photos in an order of youngest to oldest. Details about ordering will come out soon from the photography company, Mountain West Studios.



Dogs on the Playground



We recognize and appreciate that pets are significant and adored members of some of our families. We need to balance this with the acknowledgement that pets can be unpredictable, particularly around high volumes of people. Therefore, we request that all dogs who are accompanying their owners on the walk to school each day are kept on leash and in the presence of their owner at all times. *We also ask that owners be mindful not to come within the pathways, waiting or playing areas of students.*

Student Planners



Every student in Grades 1-5 should have purchased online and received a student planner. These are very helpful to students, parents and teachers. Each teacher will develop a system for using the planner that is appropriate to his or her grade level.

Student Absence



Please complete the on-line “Absence Report” e-form at the following link: [Absence Reports](#) or call the office at 604-942-0264 if your child is going to be absent or late. If we have not heard from you, we will attempt to contact you by phone. Thank you for your support.