

September has flown by and it was a fantastic month both in and out of the classrooms. Students have settled into classes and our teachers have gotten the year off to a terrific start. Our Terry Fox campaign was a huge success as we shattered our goal of raising \$2500. Congratulations to our top fundraising students Ayden P., Olivia D. and Nathan P. Our RC MacDonald community was able to raise \$4329 for the Terry Fox Foundation and I was able to try on a few new hair colours in the process! Huge thanks to the students and families who worked so hard to raise money and thanks to all parents and relatives for their generous contributions to this worthy cause. This year we were able to deliver our fundraising money directly to the Terry Fox offices via our Terry Fox Trek. Kudos to our student athletes who trained to be able to run the 4 kilometer route with other School District #43 student runners.



Tuesday, October 3rd marked the first session of our BOKS fitness program for the year. We are starting the year off inviting our Grade 2/3 students. Having students physically active stimulates their brains and helps get them mentally ready to be successful at school. Thanks to Ms. Coomer and Ms. Olund for helping to supervise this morning activity to start off the year. The first six weeks have been a terrific start to the year, thanks mostly to the huge effort of our fantastic teachers. I am extremely proud of the way our staff have worked together to ensure your children a great start to the school year. Thanks to the parent committee for hosting our Welcome Back BBQ in September! This is always a terrific way to catch up with neighbours and bring the community into our school.

Thanksgiving is already on the horizon and it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all we have. I am sincerely thankful that I have the opportunity to work with a fantastic staff and incredible children in this amazing community. RC MacDonald is truly a special school and indeed, as our motto says, "Together We're Better!"

Sincerely,

Mr. Watkins, Principal

PICTURE DAY ** DATE CHANGE **

Individual student photos will now be taken on **Friday, November 3, 2017**. Proofs of your child will be sent home approximately 8 working days later, and you will have the option to order on-line (quicker and you will have a record of ordering) or sending your order through the school. Pictures should arrive before our Winter Break.



WE SCARE HUNGER CAMPAIGN – October 23 to 27



As part of our ongoing school objective to teach children to think of others we are going to do our "**We Scare Hunger**" campaign to collect food for those who need a bit of help. The food will be donated to SHARE.

Food will be collected from October 23 to 27. Donation boxes marked with Division numbers 1 through 7 will be located in the hallway outside the office.

Members of our school's Me to We team will be counting up the number of items brought by each class. This will be divided by the number of students in each class. The class which donates the most per student will win an ice cream party – and a sticker sheet for those who cannot have ice cream.

ONLINE E-FORMS

If you have not already done so, please complete the **MANDATORY** forms [ONLINE \(click here\)](#). If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the RC MacDonald office (604-936-0447) to make other arrangements. Please complete the following forms as promptly as possible so that we can ensure the safety of your children:










1. **SCHOOL POLICY FORM ** MANDATORY **** Please note this is **ONLY** an **online form**. Besides the school policies, this form also includes the *parent giving permission for walking field trips (i.e. fun runs, Terry Fox Run, walking to Mundy Park), whether or not you permit your child to have his/her picture published, etc.* Please complete the form acknowledging you have discussed the contents with your child – and electronically submit it to our office.
2. **EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM ** MANDATORY **** (*a paper copy was also sent home with your child*) - This information enables us to release your child to your designated representative in the event of a major catastrophe – **it is NOT to be confused with the contact information that was required at registration.**
3. **Medical Alert*** - To be completed only if your child has a medical concern at the start of each school year.

***IMPORTANT:** You cannot save data typed into the Emergency Release or the Medical Alert forms. After filling out the form, **PRINT** it and return it to your child's school.

ATTACHMENTS (PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINKS BELOW TO VIEW):

- [Harvest Moon Invitation Oct 17](#)

COMING UP AT R.C. MACDONALD:

Thanksgiving Day - NO SCHOOL	Oct. 9	Monday
 Early Dismissal @ 2:00  for Interim Interviews (2:00 to 6:00)	Oct. 18	Wednesday
Interim Interviews (3:00 to 4:30)	Oct. 19	Thursday
Provincial Pro D Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	Oct. 20	Friday
PAC Meeting (6:30-8:00, Library)	Oct. 26	Thursday
Community Run (9:45) & Treat Sale (Recess)	Oct. 27	Friday
 Halloween	Oct. 31	Tuesday
 Costume Parade (1:20) (<u>children change into costumes after lunch</u>)	Oct. 31	Tuesday
Individual School Photos (9:05 AM)	Nov. 3	Friday
Set clocks back 1 hour 	Nov. 5	Sunday
Remembrance Day Assembly (11:00 AM)	Nov. 9	Thursday
School Not In Session – NO SCHOOL	Nov. 10	Friday
 Remembrance Day	Nov. 11	Saturday
Remembrance Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL	Nov. 13	Monday
School Photo Retakes (9:05 AM)	Nov. 20	Monday
PAC Meeting (6:30-8:00, Library)	Nov. 20	Monday
Treat Sale (10:30) (no community run)	Nov. 23	Thursday
Ministry New Curriculum Day – STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND	Nov. 24	Friday
First Formal Report Card Goes home	Dec. 21	Thursday
 Last Day of School before Winter Vacation	Dec. 22	Friday
Schools Re-open after Winter Vacation	Jan. 8, 2018	Monday

The RC MacDonald calendar is online – all events that have been confirmed are available for you to see at a glance. Please revisit our site as *we will continue to add special event dates as they are confirmed*. Our website is:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/rcmacdonald/Pages/default.aspx>