

# Summit Middle School

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

The start of our new school year is bringing excitement and positive energy to our school community. We are optimistic that our learning community will thrive with many social and learning opportunities that will support students with establishing positive connections.

This week students have been engaging in team building activities and also becoming familiar with our school's physical spaces, both inside and outside the building.

Students will be placed in their core classes this upcoming Monday.

## Attendance (Lates/Absences)

### Parents

If your child will be absent/late, you **MUST** complete the online absent report on our school website

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/summit/Pages/default.aspx>

or email us at [summit@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:summit@sd43.bc.ca)

If you are unable to complete the report or send us an email, please call us at 604-944-8273.

We realize that mornings can be a busy and hectic time, but when your child arrives to school late, not only is it disruptive to the class as they have already started their day, but it does not set your child up for a good start to his/her day. Having your child arrive promptly to school, ready to go for the day will be appreciated by all.

### Students

- Students arriving late to school **MUST** report to the “Welcome Desk” located inside our main entrance (beside our school office)
- You **MUST** have a late slip before entering the classroom.

The late slip indicates to the teacher that the student has checked in with our Welcome Desk. Our Welcome Desk is available for a short time each morning. If a student arrives after the Welcome Desk has been removed, students must be held responsible to sign in late in our school office, receive a late slip and report to class.

## Park-It Zone

We have a “Park-it Zone” at Summit Middle. The Park-It Zone” is two shelves that are located in our main entrance lobby (beside our Youth Worker and Counsellor’s office).

The purpose of the “Park-it Zone” is for students who have forgotten their lunch or an item that they require during the school day.

Parents/guardians are welcome to leave the item for their child on one of these shelves and label it with their child’s name with paper, pen and tape that is provided for you.

We are encouraging our middle school students to accept responsibility for bringing their lunches and other belongings with them to school each day as opposed to depending on their parents to drop off lunch for them.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Individual Student Photos - Wednesday September 13th

On Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, all Summit Middle School students will have the opportunity to have their individual student photo taken in our Multi-Purpose Room.



We will host a Photo Re-take Day on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for those students who were not in attendance on September 13<sup>th</sup> or wish to have a re-take.



## Upcoming PAC Meeting

Our PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meet once each month. Our first meeting will take place on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in our Learning Commons. We welcome all parents/guardians to join us.

There is a private Facebook group for Summit Middle PAC. This will be a great way to build connections and spread information from the PAC.

Please consider joining this informative page at this link:

[www.facebook.com/groups/summitmiddlepac](https://www.facebook.com/groups/summitmiddlepac)

## Drive Through Student Safety

Please see the following link: [Student Pick-up/Drop -off Procedures](#) to better understand the traffic patterns for our school drive through. During pick-up and drop-off times, we ask that any students entering and exiting vehicles on the north side lane use one of two crosswalks located at the top and bottom of our drive through. Students exiting vehicles and crossing two lanes of traffic raises the risk for an accident.



## Terry Fox Run - Thursday September 21st

This is the 43rd Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope and we are proud to be taking part in this event to continue Terry's legacy.

As always, we encourage students/families to make a donation to BC Cancer through the Terry Fox Foundation. You can make a donation in one of two ways:

1. Toonies For Terry

This is a tradition here at Summit Middle. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie (or more) to school. Collection will take place in the classroom.

2. Donation via the Terry Fox Foundation Website and click the "Donate" button. Link to website is;

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/31997>

Thank you, Summit, for your support!

## Walk On Wednesdays (WOW)

Walk On Wednesday is returning! We appreciate Ms. Ascoli's leadership in organizing the events and we thank our PAC for generously providing financial support for the purchase of quality prizes.

*How does it work?* Students are encouraged to walk to school (all the way or part way) or ride their bikes to school. A tent will be set up at the front entrance to our school, and that is where students who walked to school can enter their names for a draw. The events will take place rain or shine.

Walk On Wednesday will take place Wednesday, September 20th, September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>.



## NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS FOR SD43

SD43 is looking for casual Noon Hour Assistants to supervise students for one hour per day during their lunch break! (This is a paid position and previous experience working with children is an asset.)

Please submit your resume through the following link

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/District/JobOpportunities/External%20NonTeaching%20Positions/Casual%20Noon%20Hour%20Assistants%20-%20Ongoing%20Recruitment.pdf> if you would be interested in becoming a Noon Hour

Assistant for one of our sites!



	<b>SUMMIT MIDDLE Calendar</b>
	<b>2023-2024</b>
	<b>September</b>
5	School opens
13	Photo Day
18	PAC Meeting 7pm
21	Terry Fox Run
20	Walk On Wednesday (WOW)
22	Pro-D Day (District)
26	Open House 6:30pm
27	Walk On Wednesday (WOW)
	<b>October</b>
2	Truth & Reconciliation Day (No School)
4	Walk On Wednesday (WOW)
9	Thanksgiving Day (No school)
10	Photo Re-Take Day
16	PAC Meeting 7pm
18	3-way conferences - early dismissal at 12:04pm
19	3-way conferences - early dismissal at 11:48am
20	Pro-D Day (District)
31	Halloween
	<b>November</b>
9	Remembrance Day Observance
10	School Closure (District)
13	Remembrance Day (No School)
20	PAC Meeting 7pm
22	Grade 6 Immunizations
29	Grade 6 Immunizations (for those who missed prior session)
30	Report Cards distributed (via portal)
	<b>December</b>
22	School closes for Winter Break (last day in session)
	<b>January</b>
8	School re-opens after Winter Break
15	PAC Meeting 7pm
29	Pro-D Day (School-Based)
	<b>February</b>
12	PAC Meeting 7pm
19	Family Day (No School)
22	Parent/Teacher Conferences - early dismissal
23	Pro-D Day (District)
28	Pink Shirt Day
	<b>March</b>
15	School closes for Spring Break (last day in session)
19	Family Day (No School)
	<b>April</b>
2	School re-opens after Spring Break
8	PAC Meeting 7pm
	<b>May</b>
13	PAC Meeting 7pm
17	Pro-D Day (School-Based)
20	Victoria Day (No School)
	<b>June</b>
6	Grade 6 Immunizations
10	PAC Meeting 7pm
17	Grade 6 Immunizations (for those who missed prior session)
7	Last Day of School for students
28	Administrative Day