

WALTON ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 15, 2014

Terry Fox Run

Terry Fox Run
Thursday,
October 23rd
1:45pm

**Picture Day,
Wednesday,
October
22nd!**

MORNING FITNESS

Due to the increasing size of our school, we need to split our Morning Fitness into two groups.

Wednesdays, 8:50-9:00am, Primary (Kindergarten to Grade 3)

Thursdays, 8:50-9:00am, Intermediate (Grades 4-5)

AMBASSADOR LUO VISITS WALTON

Ambassador Luo, from the People's Republic of China, visited Walton Elementary on Tuesday, October 14th. Ambassador Luo made a special visit to three of our Mandarin Bilingual Classrooms. This is the highest profile dignitary to visit our school.

Our guests were warmly greeted by ten Grade 5 students.

Ambassador Luo visited Ms. Suen, Mr. Chiang and Ms. Ji's classes and saw our children singing, writing and speaking.

Joining the ambassador were the Consul General Fei and Superintendent Tom Grant, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Gartland and Board of Education Trustees Melissa Hynes, Judy Shirra, Gerri Wallace, Gail Alty, Keith Watkins and

Holly Butterfield.

Thanks to Winsey Choi from the Confucius Institute for coordinating the Ambassador's visit.

We were fortunate to have Walton parents greet the Ambassador. Special thanks to PAC co-chair Megan Risk, Elisa Tjin, Serene Ho, Ivonne Kho and Valentin Tija. Also attending was Principal Rob Foot, from Scott Creek Middle School.

Regards,

Mr. C. Mah



Ambassador Luo (Top row, second from right) and SD43 staff, trustees and Grade 5s.

Our Student Greeters!

Meelad, Ian, Elaine, Kya, Yu-Xing, Yu-Heng, Rafael, Sophia, Julie and Nicole

Farewell Ms. Giguere. Ms. Giguere has accepted a Teacher-On-Call position in another district!

2014-2015 Reporting Calendar

Interim Report Card

Friday, November 7th

First Formal Report Card

Friday, December 19th

Early Dismissal at 1:45 for Parent-Teacher Meetings,

Thursday, January 8th

Second Formal Report Card, Friday, March 6th

Early Dismissal at 1:45 for Parent-Teacher Meetings,

Tuesday, March 31st

Student Led Conferences, Wednesday, April 15th and Thursday, April 16th.

Dismissal at 1:45 both days.

Third Formal Report Card

Thursday, June 25th

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HALLOWEEN AT WALTON

1. Halloween is Friday, October 31st.
2. Students will come to school **wearing** their costumes. There will not be space or time for children to change into their costume during the day.
3. There will be activity stations in the morning.
4. Some primary classes will participate in a sing-along in the afternoon at 2:00pm.
5. To lessen distractions during the day, we ask that any accessories or weapons be left at home.



Please do not bring costume accessories or weapons to school !



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? WHO YA' GONNA CALL?

Over the course of the year, you may have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the teacher

first. This will resolve many issues quickly if questions are brought to the teacher first.



October 2014

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| 12 | 13 Thanksgiving Day | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Terry Fox Run Assembly at 9:00 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 PAC Meeting | 21 | 22 Picture Day | 23 Terry Fox Run at 1:45 | 24 Pro. D. | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Hot Lunch | 30 | 31 | |

November 2014

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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Remembrance Day at 10:45 Interim Reports | 8 |
| 9 | 10 Non-Instructional Day | 11 Remembrance Day | 12 Hot Lunch | 13 | 14 | 15 |
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More Photos from Ambassador Luo's visit!



September 29th, 2014

Dear School Administrators and Educators,

Re: Appropriate Halloween Costumes:

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes which sexualize children and youth, and glamorize sexual exploitation, pimping, and gang lifestyles. Costumes geared towards children and youth have become increasingly sexualized. Costumes such as "prisoner of love," and "pimp and ho," create false perceptions of the perpetrators and victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Sexual exploitation of children and youth is a devastating form of human trafficking. The average age of entry into the sex trade in Canada is 12-14 years old. Sexual exploitation involves the exchange of a sexual act for **any** consideration such as drugs and alcohol, a place to stay, popularity, or acceptance. This is illegal and child abuse and it is not the youth's fault.

Young people are recruited into exploitive situations for a variety of reasons, from false promises, gifts, addiction, coercion or control. Recruitment happens everywhere, including school grounds, shopping malls, transit, and particularly online through social networking sites and chat rooms. Sexual exploitation also includes the issue of child sexual abuse images. Due to the prevalence of online activity, image sharing and online facilitated sexual exploitation has significantly increased. In fact, Cybertip.ca recently issued a warning about sextortion: a crime where the perpetrator threatens to distribute images that the victim provided them unless more photos are sent or money is paid.

Victims of sexual exploitation face significant barriers and long term effects including homelessness, violence, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post-traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, barriers to future employment and premature death. Dressing up in costumes that glamorize sexual exploitation or sexualizes young people only creates social acceptability and desensitization of this disturbing issue.

Dressing up as a "pimp" or a "gangster" also glamorizes the perpetrators of sexual exploitation, further normalizing this issue in the public eye. Many young men are lured into a gang or pimping lifestyle through false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, is sexual exploitation, and is illegal.

As a society, we have the unique opportunity to recognize that these costumes are not socially responsible, and instead encourage youth to emulate positive role models through what costumes they choose to wear. **This year, we are asking the community to be socially responsible by choosing Halloween costumes that do not glamorize either the perpetrators or the victims of child and youth sexual exploitation. We are also encouraging the community to avoid costumes that glamourize gang or pimping lifestyles.** Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity.

Children of the Street Society is a provincial non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society's mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families.. For more information visit childrenofthestreet.com. Please also Like us on Facebook and Twitter @ChildrenoftheSt. We wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at info@childrenofthestreet.com.

On Behalf of Children of the Street Society,



Diane Sowden, Executive Director