



Family Weekly Memo-Sept. 2-6, 2024

Welcome back!

Sorry for not getting this out yesterday. In my mind, it was supposed to be Sunday today!

Also, apologies for the date mix up in the last 2 June memos. I put the incorrect date for when students come back to school. STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY SEPT. 4TH.

I hope everyone had a good summer. We had such great weather that it felt like we got a real summer. I spent the majority of mine outdoors, either picking berries, working in the garden or herding chickens. Our chicken flock expanded exponentially over the summer, from 9 to 30. A lot of our time we devoted to our bees as well. We went from 4 hives that made it through last winter to 13 hives right now. It was a great summer, and I am ready to get back into routines and seeing your kiddos every day!

Don Titus students do not need to purchase school supplies. All supplies are provided for a supply fee. Primary students pay \$30.00 and intermediate students pay \$50.00. These fees can be paid anytime in September. You can pay with cash, cheque, or e-transfer to dtms@sd59.bc.ca. If paying by e transfer please write in the memo box who the fees are for. Students should bring a re-usable water bottle and indoor shoes that don't make black marks on the floor and that they can put on by themselves.

There will be lots of forms and information going home this first week. The package of forms that need to be returned is very important for a number of reasons. First, it asks for updated contact information. This is essential if we need to get a hold of you. Second, there are district forms that need to be completed in order for students to be able to access the internet, apps on the iPads, etc. Third, these forms tell us whether or not students are allowed to be photographed and the pictures shared on our Facebook page. Lastly, there is a form for allowing students to attend field trips within walking distance of the school, for example, walking to see rocks at the creek, cleaning up garbage across the road, or hiking the trails behind the school. We've tried to streamline the package so that only one per family needs to be completed. You can look for these to go home on Thursday.

When students go to their classes on Wednesday, we will be very clear with them that this might not be where they stay. Our configuration is not final until the end of September and there will likely be some changes made in the first few weeks.

We will be starting Pizza Sales on Monday Sept. 9th. Pizza is sold by the slice for \$3.00. The choices are cheese or pepperoni. The pizza comes from 7-11. Students bring money and order in the morning and the proceeds of all pizza sales goes towards field trip bussing for all classes. This will happen every Monday unless announced in the weekly memo.

This week:

Monday Sept. 2 nd	NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
Tuesday Sept. 3 rd	NO SCHOOL- The office will be open, and staff will be in.
Wednesday Sept. 4 th	First Day for Students 11:00-1:40

Please join us on the playground for coffee and snacks from 10:30-11:00, meet our new staff and re-connect with returning staff. At 10:55 all students will enter the school through the gym where we will have a short assembly and then find out who is in which class. This is where students will say "see you later" to their parents.

Busses will pick up 2 hours later than normal and will drop off one hour earlier than normal. If you need to register for the bus, please contact Standard Bus at 250-788-2415.

Thursday Sept. 5 th	First Full Day for Students 9:00-2:40
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Upcoming dates:

Sept. 9	Pizza Sales start
Sept. 14	Harvest Fest-come and support our Chicken Poop Bingo!
Sept. 30	NO SCHOOL- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct. 10	School Photos
Oct. 14	NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving
Oct. 25	NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day
Oct. 31	Halloween

Please remind your students about the Personal Digital Device policy. There will be NO use of PDD's during the school day. If a student is seen using a device the staff member will confiscate it until the end of the day. If it happens a second time the device will need to be picked up by a parent.

Usually, the memos are not this long!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday.

The office is open tomorrow from 8:30-2:45 if you want to stop by and pay fees or if you need anything.

See you soon,
Mrs. Bougerolle