

F.W. Howay News

September 2019

Home of the Hawks

September is always a busy month for families and schools. Many students start community programs and activities and schools have many events and assemblies. Please make sure to mark your calendars with all of the upcoming school activities!

Our School Nutrition Program (Fuel Up!) will be up and running on Sept. 24th. If families are interested in participating please sign up at <https://readymaid.ahotlunch.ca/login>. Orders need to be made 48 hours in advance.



We will have our annual Terry Fox run on Friday Sept. 20th! Parents and families are welcome to join our run at 2:00 on the upper field. We are collecting donations (toonies) for the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research.

The Province of British Columbia recognizes September 30 to be Orange Shirt Day—a day to honour the Indigenous children who survived residential schools and remember those who didn't. Since it began in 2013, the phrase "Every Child Matters" has been used as part of the movement to recognize the value of every child and for communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for future generations. Learn more at <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>. Howay will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day with activities and an assembly on both Sept. 27th and Sept. 30th. Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on both the 27th and 30th. Our assembly will be held on Sept. 27th at 11:15.

The Howay PAC (Parent Advisory Council) is sponsoring a Welcome Back Social and Meet the Teacher Night on September 26th from 5:30—6:30. All family members are welcome for this event! Parents are encouraged to attend PAC meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7:00. Meetings are great ways to meet other families, share experiences and learn more about the Howay school community and how you can support student learning. Babysitting is provided for the PAC meetings!

Sarah Phelan
Principal

September dates

- 17: SNP tasting night at GMS
- 20: Terry Fox Run 2:00
- 23: Non-instructional Day (students do not attend school)
- 24: Individual Picture Day
- 26: Meet the teacher evening and PAC social 5:30—6:30
- 27: Orange Shirt Day Assembly
- 30: Orange Shirt Day

October dates

- 7: PAC meeting—7:00
- 8: Education and Policy Meeting at Howay
- 14: Thanksgiving Holiday
- 16&17: Early Dismissal Days—students dismissed at 12:18
- 21: Federal Election
- 23: PAC family photo night fundraiser
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- 25: Professional Development Day (students do not attend school)

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Parking lot and Walking safety

The giant footprints and marked areas in the parking lot are there to encourage students and families to please use the designated walking areas for student safety. The parking lot can be very busy during bell times and can be dangerous for children.

Supporting all Howay families!

Please let us know if you need additional support with school supplies, lunches, participation in field trips and other activities and events throughout the year. Our whole school community is eager to help and make sure all students have a positive experience while at Howay.

Website

Please familiarize yourself with our school website. All notices and newsletter can be found on our website as well as calendars, bell schedules and much more!!

www.fwhowayschool.ca

Litter-less Lunches

Howay is continuing to work towards and find ways to produce less waste. We are supporting students with their understanding of litter less lunches at school. Some sug-

gestions for families when packing lunches include:

- Using reusable lunch bag
- Packing food in reusable lunch containers that have student names on them
- Wrapping sandwiches in reusable wrappers and/or using cloth bags for snacks etc.
- Using refillable water bottles (no juice boxes)
- Packing reusable cutlery

Code of Conduct

The purpose of F.W. Howay's Code of Conduct is to establish a learning environment and school culture that promotes safety, kindness, responsibility, and respect. The goal of our code is to create a school community where all individuals – students, parents, staff and visitors – demonstrate the values of:

- Respect for self and others
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Acceptance
- Tolerance

Please visit the school website to review the full Code of Conduct

<https://fwhowayschool.ca/about-us/learner-success/code-of-conduct/>

School Goal

To implement specific strategies and explicit interventions to support reading development and pro-

mote the core competencies of communication, thinking and personal awareness & responsibility in all students.

Dressing for the weather!



It will be very rare that we have an inside day at Howay. **Please make sure that students are prepared for all types of weather – rain, snow, cold rain, heavy rain, drizzles, wind! We will be outside in all types of weather!!** Please pack boots, gloves, rain/winter jackets and umbrellas to help your child stay warm during the fall and winter months.

From the PAC

(Parent Advisory Council)

PAC meetings:

Monday Oct. 7 – 7:00pm

Babysitting is provided so please come and join the meeting!