



Spring Valley's Bulldog Bulletin

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Message from Mr. Cooper:

Hello Valley families and happy "First day of Fall". We are so glad to have your children back in the building and, although we all realize it is not business as usual, it is so nice to be working and learning with them, again. Friday was a fantastic show of school spirit, with all the purple, grey and bulldog logos on display. Sadly, until we have managed to collect and collate all of the verification information, we cannot take and display images of the students. When we are finally able to do that, watch for us to relaunch our school Twitter feed and possibly start an Instagram feed as well. For now, we are just enjoying seeing the students enjoying themselves.

We are looking forward to "Red, Blue and White" day, this Friday in commemoration of Terry Fox (more info below). Then, next Wednesday, September 30th, we will participate in "Orange Shirt Day". (more info below) You will also find more information about our new morning drop-off and pick-up routines, our "sick at school" protocol and reminders about masks and physical distancing expectations.

Lastly, all parents interested in participating in our first School Council meeting of the school year are invited to read the notification linked, below.

Wishing you and your family a great second week of school,
From Mr. Cooper and the whole Spring Valley staff.

What you need to know:

- Our annual Terry Fox spirit day/run this Friday, September 25th. Students are encouraged to wear blue and/or red or a Terry Fox t-shirt (if they have one). Each class will participate in their own walk/run with their teacher sometime on Friday. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by visiting the Terry Fox Foundation website. Thank you for your participation.
- We wear "Orange" on September 30th in recognition of our need as a nation to walk the path of reconciliation for the great harm caused towards the many nations of this land's Indigenous People by the Residential school system they were subjected to. Read more about ["Why our kids need to learn about residential schools."](#) (Today's Parent)
- "Sick at school". If your child displays any of the symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus, we are obligated to contact you to come to the school to get them, and to monitor them in our isolation/sick room, near the main office, until you do. **They cannot take the bus home.** (see STSCO link, below) Please know that our new protocols are based on and approved by the Local Health Unit. We know that this can be inconvenient but this is not negotiable. (Pg. 9 of KPR's "Back to School Protocols Package" linked below.)
- **Masks and physical distancing:** We are so pleased to see all of our grade 4 and up students as well as many of our younger students wearing masks at school. Please ensure the masks taht you send comply with the protocol (see Back to School Package) Also, please continue to reinforce that physical/social distancing measures are important safety measures to adhere to

both inside the classroom and outside at recess. Likewise, the sharing of any items, either inside or outside is not allowed.

- Busses and student drop-offs and pick-ups. While both new procedures are somewhat slower than usual, the routine has been getting more efficient as we all become more accustomed to them. When coming to get your child at the end of the day please keep your vehicle as far to the **right side of the loop** as possible to ensure there is room for our later-arriving busses to turn the end corner.
- From School Council: Thank you to all of you who took the time to reply to the parent council survey that was sent home last week. Based on the responses that were received, the first Spring Valley Parent Council meeting of the 2020/2021 year will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 pm. While we were really hoping to be able to have a live in-person meeting, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting will have to take place virtually, via Zoom. We look forward to a wonderful first meeting and a strong and successful school year ahead!
 - View the proposed agenda: [Sept. 29th SC Agenda](#)
 - Request a Zoom invite to the meeting: [SV SC Zoom meeting link request](#)

Important dates for the calendar:

Tuesday, September 22nd - [Autum Equinox](#)

Friday, September 25th - Red and Blue Terry Fox Spirit day

Tuesday, September 29th - Parent Council “virtual” meeting @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 30th - Orange shirt day

Monday, October 12th - Thanksgiving Monday

Resources you can access:

1. KPR's "[Back to School Protocol Package](#)" for families
2. KPR's "[Important Information and Resources: COVID - 19](#)" - Frequently updated with timely information from the Board
3. KPR's "[Frequently Asked Questions](#)" for parents and the larger community.
4. KPR's "[Return to School Plan](#)" - last updated September 2, 2020
5. [STSCO Pandemic Guidelines for Parents](#)

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