



**EDGEHILL
ELEMENTARY**
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Eagle Eye—MONTHLY NEWS

SEPT 2024

Dates to remember:



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| Monday | Sept. 16th | | Fundraising for Terry Fox to begin |
| Tuesday | Sept. 17th | 5:00pm | Meet the Teacher / Open House Event |
| Wednesday | Sept. 18th | | Kindergarten students first full day |
| | | 7:00pm | PAC Meeting - 1st PAC meeting of the school year! |
| Thursday | Sept. 19th | 2:00pm | School Terry Fox Run |
| Friday | Sept. 20th | | Pro D Day - Indigenous Ed Inservice (no school for students) |
| Tuesday | Sept. 24th | | Individual Photo Day |
| Wednesday | Sept. 25th | | IEP Meetings – Day #1 |
| Thursday | Sept. 26th | | IEP Meetings – Day #2 |
| Friday | Sept. 27th | | 11:30am Assembly / Wear your Orange shirt today in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation day |
| Monday | Sept. 30th | | Truth & Reconciliation Day (no school) |

EDGEHILL ELEMENTARY

OPEN HOUSE & BBQ



MEET THE TEACHERS

FREE FOOD

LET'S FIRE UP THE GRILL

MINGLE AND EAT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

FOOD SERVED ~ 5PM

CLASSROOM VISITS ~ 5:45

ON YOUR WAY HOME ~ 6:15

TERRY FOX RUN

@ EDGEHILL SCHOOL

Thursday, Sept. 19th

**FUN RUN:
STARTS AT 2 PM**

DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR TERRY FOX FOUNDATION ALL WEEK LONG:

MONDAY: NICKLES/DIMES

TUESDAY: QUARTERS

WEDNSDAY: LOONIES

THURSDAY: TOONIES





SCHOOLMESSENGER®

SafeArrival

Absence-Reporting Tool &
Notification System

ABSENCES AND LATES

Planning on being away? Alarm Clock went off late? Not feeling well enough for school today? It happens, but please let us know by using SafeArrival and one of these 3 methods.

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. Click on the Log In button on the top right hand side of the screen. Remember, the first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-566-1226** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

*These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. *Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. **The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence.** If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff may follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Please note, if your child does come to school late, please have them check in at the office! Thank you!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND
RECONCILIATION /

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

TO REMEMBER
TO SHOW SUPPORT
TO BE A PART OF THE
CHANGE



School Observance – Friday, Sept. 27th
(Students and staff are invited to wear an orange shirt this day)

School not in session – Monday, Sept. 30th

Traffic Safety

Please remember to follow the traffic safety rules when dropping off or picking up your children.

- ◆ **Drive slowly—30 km/h**
- ◆ **Watch for kids at the crosswalk**
- ◆ **Go to the end of the road before making a u-turn**
- ◆ **Do not park too close to other cars, in the no parking zones, or near the crosswalk**



Individual Student Photos
by Edge Imaging



TUESDAY SEPT. 24th



Edgehill Rippers Mountain Bike Club 2024-2025

Every Monday in September, and again from the end of Spring Break to June, come rain, snow or shine, people gather at Edgehill Elementary to ride their bikes! Many of our rides take place in the area surrounding our school, but some do require transportation to trails a bit farther abroad. Our focus is Cross-Country (XC) trail riding. We try our best to stick to a general 3:00-5:00 p.m. timeframe. Rippers permission forms were handed out last week.

If you would like a form or for more information please see Mrs. Carson.

An effective working relationship between home and school is essential to ensuring that all children experience success. As a staff, we invite you to contact us at any time via e-mail or by calling the school if you have any questions or concerns. Staff emails are firstname.lastname@sd47.bc.ca eg: jamie.burt@sd47.bc.ca



A reminder to our families in Before and After School Care on Drop Off & Pick Up Times

Seamless Day Kindergarten Care:

- Earliest drop off is at 7:30 AM
- Last pick-up is at 5:30 PM

Before and After School Care for Grades 1 to 5:

- Earliest drop off is at 8:00 AM
- Last pick-up is at 5:00 PM

If there is a change in who is picking up the child or an emergency that impact pick-up time, please contact the program directly through a message in esiKidz parent portal or text/call the program during program hours 604-208-6980.



SUPERVISION FYI

Edgehill's grounds are supervised Monday through Friday by teachers, EA's, the principal and vice principal during the following times:

Before School: 8:40 to 8:55 am

After School: 2:45 to 3:00 pm

A reminder to parents that our grounds are not supervised at all other than the times listed above before and after school. To ensure your child's safety we request that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:40 am and go home after school unless they are being supervised by an adult.

Please note, in order to comply with licensing requirements, we kindly ask that you **vacate the playground between 3:00 and 5:00 PM each school day**. Unfortunately, children not in care cannot participate or share spaces with children in our after school programs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Thank you for your support!

Student Forms Package

We will soon be sending home a package with the following forms:

- 1) Student Verification Form
- 2) Blanket Permission Form
- 3) Media Release of Information
- 4) Reverse Consent Form for our Fruit and Vegetable Program (BCFVP) - *this form only needs to be returned if you do not want your child to participate in the program*



These are very important forms that must be reviewed, signed and returned asap.

It is extremely important for the office to have the most up-to-date information. This can be changed at anytime throughout the year by contacting the office.

*****If your child has a medical alert that the school should know about, please contact the office for a Medical Information Form*****



Welcome

The **BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program** is brought to your school by the *BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation* - a non-profit organization, dedicated to working to bring BC agriculture and food education to students throughout the province. The Foundation works with local farmers and distributors to bring fresh BC products to students in public, independent and First Nations schools throughout BC.

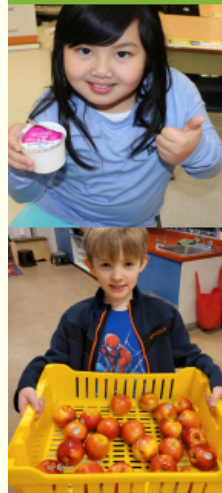


For 24 weeks of the school year, we deliver fresh healthy BC products to Grade K to 12 students in participating BC Schools. Students are offered the snack during class time, or it could be added to a meal. They make their own decision on whether they try the fruit, vegetable, dairy product or egg offered. It is not meant to replace the foods students normally eat at school.



When the product is delivered, it includes teaching materials for classroom teachers to enhance students' understanding of BC products, including their cultivation, production, and health advantages.

Fruit, Vegetables and Protein products are Essential for Good Health



Canada's food guide recommends people of all ages eat plenty of fruits and vegetables. Healthy eating habits established in students are important for long term health. Milk and milk products and eggs contain important nutrients like calcium and vitamin D that are good for your bones, they are also nutritious protein foods that can be consumed for body strength.

We hope the students enjoy BC products!

We acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Additional supporters:



BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation
bcaitc.ca

For information visit: www.bcaitc.ca

Food At School

We know that for kids to learn they must feel safe, cared for, and fed. We also recognize that the rising price of food, like many other commodities in our community, is affecting families at our school. For this reason, we work to ensure that stigma-free healthy food is available to students who need it daily. As a school we provide breakfast in the morning, snacks and a lunch to students who do not have a lunch, or who do not have sufficient. This is separate from the BCFVP (infographic above).

It would be helpful for families to communicate with the school (office and teachers) early on about any allergies specific to their classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns about food at school or at home, feel free to contact the school.

Personal Digital Devices

Personal Digital Devices (PDDs): refer to any personal electronic devices that can be used to communicate or access the internet, including but not limited to: cell phones, tablets, smart-watches, and handheld video games systems.

PDDs are to be stored in silent mode during instructional time to ensure a focused learning environment. At the teacher's discretion, an exemption may be made when the use of such devices supports a specific curricular objective and is part of instruction. It is generally expected that the use of PDDs, will be extremely limited during the elementary years.

Students who refuse to comply, will be subject to progressive disciplinary measures which may include: parent contact; confiscation of the PDD; refusal to have PDD at school; and other progressive consequences.

We ask that student PDDs are not used on school grounds from 8:45am to 2:48

Parents or visitors volunteering to help with classrooms or fieldtrips must please be aware of our privacy laws, which restrict photos on school property. Please afford teachers the courtesy of turning phones off and asking for teacher or administrator permission before taking pictures or video. Photo's of children other than your own should not be posted on social media without consent.



CANADIAN HERITAGE TRIP July 2026

We LOVED it so much...We're doing it again!



Interested in travelling to

Quebec / Ontario

during Summer 2026?

Open to current Grade 6 / 7's

Pick up Application in the

Main Office or [email](mailto:kheuckroth@hotmail.com)

kheuckroth@hotmail.com

 @letsgo.grouptravel

1st Introduction meeting is Tue. October 1st, Brooks Library 7:00 pm

Trip has limited space available / Community Based Trip



Bear Safety

-  Be aware of your surroundings, watch for signs, make noise, carry bear spray.
-  Keep pets on a leash. Do not let them chase wildlife.
-  Learn more at www.wildsafebc.com on how to respond in a bear encounter.

Keeping wildlife wild and communities safe

As the season for bear sightings seems to be upon us again, Mr. Burt sent out a Bear Safety letter with safety advice for you to share with your children. We hope to ensure everyone's safety, especially on their way to and from school. A friendly reminder for parents/caregivers to use the Safe Arrival reporting system.

Also please note: Please ensure students do not arrive at the school before 8:40 in the morning, as that is when supervision starts.

Lice:

Although bothersome, head lice will not harm children and adults, nor cause illness. Having head lice does not mean a person is unclean or the environment is dirty. Head lice are almost always transmitted from one person to another by head-to-head contact. The only harmful effect from head lice is the way children and adults may react. Negative reactions to head lice can harm children's self-esteem and result in their isolation from others.

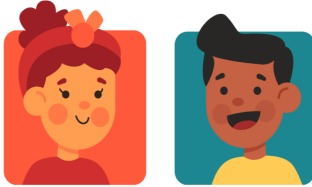
It is good practice to examine your child's head, and everyone else in the household, for lice and nits. Start examining the head by beginning around the ears and at the nape of the neck and then the rest of the head. If your child does have lice, begin treatment. Treatment consists of over-the-counter products and combing.

If you found lice on your child's hair or you need more information, please let the office know.



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GRADES 5-7 STUDENT LEADERSHIP



HELP PLAN SCHOOL EVENTS!

MEET WITH MS. NORDMAN
TUESDAYS AT LUNCH

IN THE LIBRARY.
NOT EVERY WEEK.
OCCASIONAL SNACKS.

PAC MEETING

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 18 @ 7:00PM

IN THE EDGEHILL LIBRARY



PLEASE



Due to some allergies in the school, we are Nut Aware and ask that you enjoy nut products at home.

NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

Dressing for the Weather / Lost & Found

While we want to remind our students to dress for the weather, we realize that the Powell River weather can bring four seasons in one day! This often brings many items to the lost and found; as kids play, they get warm and the items fly off .

We encourage families to label everything so staff can find the owners easily.

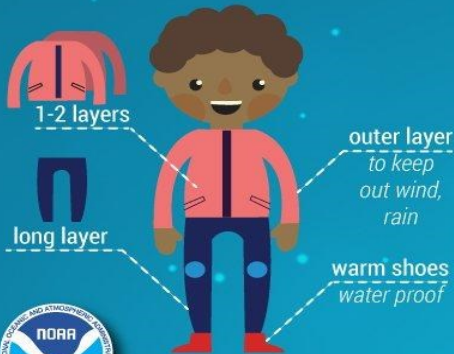
It is also a good idea for students to have a change of clothes at the school in a bag with their name on it. Our lost & found will be put outside periodically and then donated on a regular basis.

DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER



adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY



COLD



EXTREME COLD



weather.gov/safety