

Edgehill Aerie



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Edgehill Elementary School

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Where Eagles Soar



Welcome Back Everyone!

This newsletter is filled with a some great information and important things to know for the school year.

Dates to Remember

Wed	Sep. 13	First day for Strong Start 9am—12pm
Thurs	Sep. 14	Meet the Teacher 5:30pm-6:15pm
Mon	Sep. 18	Cops for Cancer visit—12:20pm on the field PAC Meeting 7pm in the EH Library
Thurs	Sep. 21	Terry Fox Run
Fri	Sep. 22	Pro D Day (classes not in session)
Fri.	Sep. 29	Individual Student Photo's School wide assembly Orange Shirt Day
Mon	Oct. 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
Mon	Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
Fri	Oct. 20	Provincial Pro-D Day (classes not in session)
Tues	Oct. 31	Halloween—Regular day for students, dress up if you wish!
Wed	Nov. 1	Parent-Teacher Interviews (classes are not in session)
Mon	Nov. 13	Remembrance Day off in lieu of Nov 11
Fri	Dec. 8	Term 1 Reports posted
	Dec.	Winter Wonderland date TBA
	Dec.	Winter Concert TBA
Fri	Dec. 22	Last day of School before Winter Vacation
	Dec. 23-Jan 5	Winter Vacation
Mon	Jan. 8	Schools Reopen!



Individual School Photos By Edge Imaging

& Orange Shirt Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29





**Thursday,
September 14th
5:30-6:15 pm**

We invite all parents and guardians to join us!

What to Expect:

- We will begin our evening in the classrooms.
- At 5:50pm everyone will gather in the gym to meet some of our other staff, find out some school-related information, and to learn about many exciting activities that Edgehill offers!
- The evening is not intended to be a one-on-one meeting, rather it is an opportunity to meet the teachers, see the classroom and hear about general routines and expectations.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

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**



Terry Fox Run

Our Terry Fox Run will be on Thursday, Sept. 21st.

Students are invited to bring in nickels on Monday, dimes on Tuesday, quarters on Wednesday, loonies and toonies on Thursday

to fundraise for Cancer research.

Students will be running around the school grounds.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to come cheer the kids on!



PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS
OR
NUT PRODUCTS**



Edgehill Rippers Mountain Bike Club 2023-2024

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.

A reminder to our families in Before and After School Care on drop-off and 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.



STRONG START PROGRAM

Children birth to pre-kindergarten entry can attend with their parents/caregivers. Attend one or more drop-in sessions per week. Nutritious snacks provided for participating children.

Schedule:

Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

*** NEW TIME FOR Wednesdays 12:00 PM — 3:00 PM**

All children participating in Strong Start BC are registered with the Ministry of Education. Please bring a Birth Certificate and BC Care Card to complete the registration process.

Strong Start programs run throughout the school year following the elementary school calendar. This means programs will not be running on statutory holidays, two weeks at Christmas and at Spring Break as well as all elementary school district professional development days.

SUPERVISION FYI

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

Before School: 8:40 to 8:55 am

After School: 2:45 to 3:05 pm

A reminder to parents that our grounds are not supervised at all other than the times listed above before and after school.

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 around other cars, in the no***



Student Forms Package

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

- Student Verification Form
- Medical Information Form
- Blanket Permission Form
- Release of Information
- Acceptable Use Forms
- Reverse Consent Form for our Fruit and Vegetable Program (BCFVP) *For new students



These are very important forms that must be reviewed, signed and returned. It is extremely important for the office to have the most up-to-date contact and medical information. This can be changed at anytime throughout the year by contacting the office. Thank you!

TRY WOMEN & GIRLS HOCKEY FREE **SIGN UP TODAY**

SEPTEMBER 17TH 1:30PM - 2:30PM
POWELL RIVER RECREATION COMPLEX

FREE ESSO GIRLS FUN DAY

**NEW TO HOCKEY ?
GIRLS AGES 5-18**

EMAIL JULIE.VENSELAAR@GMAIL.COM FOR REGISTRATION LINK

MUST HAVE HOCKEY GEAR
 SKATE SHOP WILL BE OPEN FOR FREE SKATE RENTALS
 LIMITED GEAR AVAILABLE TO BORROW

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 will 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.



Cell Phone Use



We recognize that cell phones have become a powerful tool for research and communication, but they can be a distraction to the learning environment and are vulnerable to theft. We ask that you allow your child to carry a cell phone only if necessary. However, phones should be turned off and stored out of sight during school hours unless a teacher has given permission for its use during a lesson. Unless asked by a teacher, phones should not be used to talk, take pictures, play games, record or text during school hours, including recesses and lunches. If a student violates the cell phone policy, they may have the following consequences:

1. First Infraction-Students will have their cell phone taken away and returned at the end of the day after a discussion around the use of this tool.
2. Second Infraction-Students will have their cell phone taken to the office until a parent can come to school to retrieve it.
3. Third Infraction-Students will have a parent conference with the principal.
REMINDER: the school district is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged cell phones or personal electronic devices.

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.

Ministry of Citizens' Services

BC Demographic Survey

We all deserve to live in a province where we have equitable opportunities to thrive. But many of the systems and structures our society is built on turn a blind eye to the unique needs of Indigenous Peoples and racialized people. That's why the B.C. government is running two important initiatives this summer. They're asking everyone in B.C. to fill out the BC Demographic Survey to help identify and eliminate systemic racism from government programs and services. **The survey is available online in 15 languages until Oct. 15 and will take about 15 minutes of your time.** It is available at <https://antiracism.gov.bc.ca/bcdemographicsurvey> The B.C. government is also asking for public input in developing anti-racism legislation that will hold government accountable for addressing systemic racism within its programs and services, and to provide supports to those who have been negatively impacted. No matter what your experiences or background is – **your input matters!** The public questionnaire is available until Oct. 15 in 15 languages and takes about 10 minutes to complete. It is available at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/antiracism> So, don't wait! Your feedback is anonymous and will help us make our province work better for everyone. Every person's perspective counts.



DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER



adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY



COLD



EXTREME COLD



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. Our lost & found will be put outside periodically and then donated on a regular basis.

