



NEWS AND NOTES

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday

- Beginning of Truth and Reconciliation Week

Tuesday

Wednesday

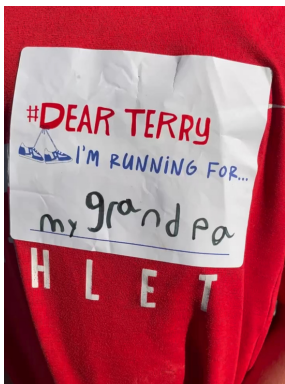
Thursday

- Picture Day - in the afternoon

Friday

- Orange Shirt Day

THIS IS YOUR PRINCIPAL SPEAKING



What a great week! kids did a tremendous job getting involved with fundraising and welcoming the Cops for Cancer Riders who came by the school on Tuesday Afternoon. It was great to see everyone cheering and excited to chat with the riders. It was great to see all students involved in the Terry Fox run/walk on Friday. Thank you for to the parents who were able to come out and help supervise the race as well as cut oranges for the students. We really couldn't do this without our families support.

This next week we will be having conversations with students surrounding the importance of truth and reconciliation as we discuss the long term affect of residential schools in indigenous families, as well as the importance of gaining an indigenous

perspective as we move forward in our learning journey. This week students will take part in a variety of activities to enhance their understanding of indigenous perspectives through a variety of activities. If you are interested in what is happening in your students classes please connect with your child's teacher.

Speaking of connecting with teachers, all of us at Henderson Elementary value the importance of checking in directly with teachers. We would like to request that parents refrain from trying to connect face to face with teachers during the school day , in particular 15 min prior to school start up. As teachers have to pick up students from the line they do not always have the time properly respond to concerns or conversations with parents. Please know that you can reach out to teachers any time via email and set up an appointment to connect. This will allow them to be properly prepared to answer any questions, as well as have sufficient time to solve any problems. Me, on the other hand - come in at any time and I will do my best to make time to sit down and talk.

AYAJUTHEM WORD OF THE WEEK

gayətəəm I will ask him/her)

If this is anything that I have learned in my career as an educator, it is that learning is deeper when we are willing to ask. Whenever we truly have a desire to know something we ask. Whether it be how far Terry Fox ran, or how many children were taken from their homes and placed in residential schools across Canada ([the answer is over 150,000](#)). When we are willing to **gayətəəm** we put ourselves in a position to learn something new. My invitation to students everyday is to ask questions: the simple ones, the funny ones, the hard ones, and the ones that make you grow the most. When you wake up in the morning promise yourself: **gayətəəm**

HENDERSON READS

Your name is a song

Jamblam Thompkins-Bigelow

A book that celebrates the beauty and importance of a person's name, "Your Name Is a Song," uses carefully crafted imagery that conveys sound and song through pictures, highlighting the melody found in such an essential element of one's identity.



THIS WEEKS QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Intelligence plus character that is the goal of true education." – Martin Luther King Jr

GUILDING PRINCIPLE OF THE MONTH

Respect