

# Peterson Road Elementary School

'To Create Hope and Learning for All'

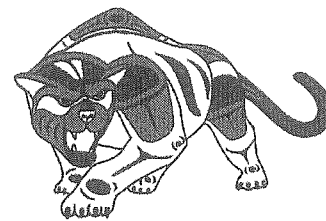
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## Newsletter



September 11, 2015

### Important Dates to Remember



**Sep 24 – Meet the Teacher Night, 4 – 5:00 pm**

- Dinner @ 5:00

- Eric Wilson presentation

**Sep 25 – School Improvement Half Day**

- students dismissed at 12:00

**Sep 30 – Terry Fox National School Run**

**Oct 9 – Spirit Day**

Dear Parents:

Welcome back to Peterson Road. It has been a pleasure to see all the smiling faces filling our halls. I know the staff is excited for the school year, and we look forward to working with our students and school community. It is sure to be a successful year. We appreciate your understanding and patience over this first week as we worked to finalize classes. We understand that this is a week that can be stressful and anxieties can run high as students are meeting new friends or are being introduced to new staff. We will continue to work for your children. Our staff is committed to providing a safe environment where students can develop academically and socially.

As you may have heard, we have a few positions left to be filled. We are in the process of hiring for those positions. We had hoped to have those positions filled before school started; however there were a number of teaching shuffles that took place throughout our

district. We are working hard to interview and place a teacher into the vacant positions as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding with this situation.

### Meet the Teacher Night:

Meet the Teacher night will take place on Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. The night will be an open house, where students and parents are welcome to come in and meet the teachers between 4 – 5pm. Once again, we are lucky to have this run in conjunction with our PAC welcome back BBQ. More details will follow via email, Facebook, school website, and twitter.

### Eric Wilson:

Peterson Road is excited to present Canadian author Eric Wilson. Eric Wilson is a Canadian author of young adult fiction. His detective novels follow the adventures of Tom and Liz Austen, young sleuths in Canada. Eric's presentation will take our students through the process of writing and how he prepares to start his amazing stories. This is an informative and entertaining presentation that we are lucky to present to our students. Eric will be with us on Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. As usual you are welcome to join us during this presentation.

### Terry Fox National School Run:

Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Peterson Road will participate in the annual National Run. Terry Fox is an excellent illustration of the type of perseverance needed to succeed in life. Once again we will be looking to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation and spend time on teaching the students about the importance of Terry Fox and what it means to persevere.

**Spirit Day:**

We have the spirit – yes we do... Come dressed as your favourite literary character. Reading is fundamental to a student's development. Speak to your children about books that they have read and ask them to dress up as their favourite storybook character. On Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Peterson Road hopes to have its halls filled with characters from our most loved books. Dress up and bring your book to read and share.

**X-Country:**

Cross Country has started at Peterson Road. Students in grades 5 – 7 will have the opportunity to run the trails of Aldergrove Lake Park. We have already had our first meeting, but if your child missed it, permission forms can be picked up at the office. Competitions will take place on Wednesdays and begin starting the week of Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and run through Oct 13. Parents will be needed to help transport the students to and from Aldergrove Lake.

**Sparkling halls and clean playground:**

We would like to thank our custodians for doing an excellent job in getting the school looking fabulous. In order to keep it looking great we will need your support. If your children can come with 'inside shoes' it would be appreciated. Though this is not mandatory, it does allow our hallways to remain free of water, dirt, and grass that are typically dragged in during outside playtime. In addition, we really noticed an increase in plastic bags and plastic wrappers that were found on our playgrounds. We will do our part to remind children about respecting their environment and taking pride in their school, but if you can help by limiting the amount of packaging that comes to school it would be appreciated. I know this can be difficult, but even if you can just open a dialogue about what it means to keep your grounds clean. This is our school and we all need to work to keep it clean.

**Parking:**

Just a friendly reminder that as a school, we have no say in the motor vehicle act. As much as we try to maintain an open relationship with the RCMP and By-Law Officials, we cannot prevent parents from being ticketed while parking or waiting in areas that are marked "no parking" or "no stopping". As well, please do not park or wait along the fence lines inside our parking lot. It is a safety issue for those little ones who are walking, and it is extremely difficult for buses and or trucks to maneuver in our parking lots. We appreciate your support.

**Medical Info:**

Though we have most of the important medical information for your children, we want to follow up to make sure that our records are up to date. If you have a child that has allergies or could potentially require an epi-pen or any other potentially life-threatening medical condition, please follow up with the school to ensure our records are up to date.

**Creating Week:**

This year we experimented with Creation Week. It was an opportunity for students to go to an area of the school and work on a project based on their interests. We had art projects, bridge building, simple machine making, and arcade game creation. Students worked throughout the afternoons building things from the objects that were donated to the school, such as cardboard boxes, springs, tape, marbles, buckets, pipes and so on. This was amazing to see. Students worked collaboratively to produce some very creative pieces. The rationale for this Creation Week stems from wanting to see what actually engages the students, and to have them work through problems without teacher intervention; how did they think, problem solve, work together, generate ideas and persevere when things didn't work. We truly appreciated all of the donations and support with this initiative.

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Child's Name

Div. #

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Teacher's Name