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# Peterson Road Elementary School

*'To Create Hope and Learning for All'*

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# Newsletter



**October 16, 2014**

## Important Dates to Remember

**October 20** - Gr 6 Immunizations  
**October 22** - Individual Picture Day  
**October 24** - Professional Development Day  
**October 27** - Collaboration morning. Students in session beginning at 10:26  
**October 28** - Interim Reports sent home  
**November 5 & 6** - Parent-Teacher interviews, students dismissed at 2:00 pm

Dear Parents:

### Collaboration Day:

Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> will be the first of 6 Collaboration Days throughout our district. Like our students, the staff at Peterson Road love to learn. During each collaboration session, teachers, SEA's and administrators will come together to discuss best practices, new teaching techniques, student development/engagement and answer inquiry questions that will be used to shape our teaching and your child's learning. Each session will be 80 minutes in length, which will mean that students do not attend until 10:26 on each of our Collaboration Days. We are excited to implement our learning into the classrooms.

### Say Cheese:

October 22 is individual picture day. Come with your biggest and brightest smile. Please send your child with a change of clothes on this day. It has been my experience that students have a tendency to become attracted to sand, grass, mud and water on the days we hope that they stay dry and clean. If you could please send your child with a change of

clothes, this will prevent any number of phone calls home asking for a change.

### Thank-you:

I would like to thank the PAC and all the parent volunteers who came out in support of our Welcome Back BBQ. I would also like to thank the staff that opened up their classrooms. It looked like the parents, students, and staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet.

### Terry Fox:

Congratulations Peterson Road, you helped raise over \$1200. The money will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Great job in such a short period of time. This total is very impressive and it goes to such a worthy cause. Students have earned an extra afternoon recess for their efforts. As well, I want to acknowledge all the students who took part in the daily running. We had a number of students complete 20+ laps of our track during the lunchtime running period. Great Work!!

### We Day Team / Student Leaders:

Thank you to all the Peterson Road students who submitted applications. We had a number of terrific applications submitted by students who wanted to be part of our Leadership Team. After going over the applications, we would like to congratulate: Livy S., Owen A., Jordana W., Amanda T., Lauren T., Kaylee W., Paige B., and Amanda P., for their selection to the Student Leadership Team. Mrs. Andres and Mrs. Honeybourne will organize the student leaders, this year. Their first event will take place on October 22<sup>nd</sup> as they take part in the We Day celebration. Stay tuned for more information and events.

### **The weather is changing:**

Well it looks like our string of great weather has finally run out. As our cold and damp season approaches, please be sure that your son or daughter is properly dressed to be outside. We will try to have as many outside play times as possible. This means that students will be sent out on days where it may be raining, so please be sure they come to school prepared. As well, the change in weather usually means the start of cold and flu season. Please help by reminding your children of the importance of washing their hands, covering their mouths when coughing, and covering their face/ turn away when sneezing. Any extra reminders will be greatly appreciated.

### **Interim Report Cards/Parent-Teacher Interviews:**

Keep a look out for Interim Reports to be sent home on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The reports are a snapshot of your child's start to the year. These reports are not their actual report cards, they are meant to serve as a starting point in your child's development for the school year.

Parent / Teacher Interviews will take place November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (students will be dismissed at 2pm on both days to accommodate the interviews). Once again a board will be set up in the foyer where parents can sign up for interview times. Look for the sign starting next week. As well, parents can call in and request an available slot based on our teacher's availability.

### **Literacy (Reading and Writing) Our School Goals - How to help at home:**

This year our school goals will focus on student literacy; specifically the student's ability to use engaging language in their writing. This can be positively impacted by exposure to a variety of stories. While reading with your children, have them replace one word with a new word. Have them come up with a different way to describe an object. Have them describe the picture with rich and deep language. All of these simple tasks will help your child achieve our academic goals this year. Not only does reading impact a student's ability to write, it can also impact a child's mathematical abilities.

Reading to children more than once a day has a substantial positive impact on their future academic skills. In addition, research indicates children with early exposure to books and reading are better at performing mathematical tasks (National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth, Statistics Canada, 1996-1997).

### **Looking for Information:**

Wanting to know what's going on at Peterson Road? For quick access to important dates, or events, please follow us on Twitter. Peterson Road can be followed at @petersonprowl . You can also gain access to information by checking out our school website - [www.petersonroad.ca](http://www.petersonroad.ca)

### **Community Announcements:**

A set of truck/car keys has been turned into the office. If you or someone you know has lost a set please have them contact our office @ 604-534-7904.

Langley Olympians Swim Club is currently offering a FREE MONTH of swimming (just pay \$38 Swim BC Insurance fee), limitations apply. As long as you can swim 25 meters (1 length of the pool) and are comfortable in deep water, you are welcome to come along. Programs offered at Walnut Grove and WC Blair pools to children aged 5-17 years. Please call 604-532-5257 or visit the website: [www.langleyolympians.com](http://www.langleyolympians.com)

