

ALWIN HOLLAND NEWSLETTER

September 21, 2015

Dear parents and guardians:

We had a wonderful first two weeks of school. Students participated in activities in a variety of classrooms in the school. They had multiple opportunities to meet the new teachers and to work with all the staff members. We would like to say a special welcome to our 55 new Kindergarten students who joined us for the first time this week.

Our teaching and support **staff** includes:

Principal: Mrs. Holland

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Hartman

Secretary: Mrs. McAleney

Teacher-Librarian: Mrs. Kindermann

Learning Assistance teachers: Ms. Newth, Mrs. Hartman

Reading Recovery teacher: Mrs. Hollman

Prep teachers: Ms. Hong, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Calliou

Primary teachers: Mrs. Chenier, Mrs. Haynes, Miss Filewich, Ms. Jensen, Mrs.

Hollman, Mrs. Logeman, Mrs. Gadick, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Barber, and Mrs. Dutchak

Intermediate teachers: Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Macdonald, Ms. Duncan, Ms. Gatt,

Mrs. Petuh, Mr. Platzer, and Mr. MacKay

Educational Assistants: Mrs. Adamson, Ms. Clarke, Ms. Fischer, Mrs. Hogg, Ms.

Lariviere, Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Roblin, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. Sagel, and Ms.

McLeod

Canteen/Meal program: Mrs. Burchell

Aboriginal Student Support Worker: Mrs. Chouinard

Custodians: Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. MacGillivray

We will continue to have a reversed **lunch hour** where students eat after they play. This gives the students an opportunity to exercise/play/stretch their legs after sitting for an extended period of time, and it allows the students a more relaxed time to eat their lunch instead of gulping down food so they can race outside to play. There is also less garbage littered on the playground.

Classroom instruction begins at 8:50 am. Students who arrive after 8:50 need to report to the office to check in. A reminder to parents and visitors that it is important to check in at the office for safety reasons because we need to know who is in the school at all times. Also, we would like to keep classroom disruptions to a minimum, and avoid interruptions to teachers and student learning time. If your child will be absent or late, please phone the school (250-785-6125).

Last week, we had our first **cultural performance**. Author Sigmund Brouwer visited Alwin Holland as part of his Rock and Roll Literacy tour.

We have two teams entered into the elementary **soccer** league. Practices have begun and league play will start this week. A special thank you to Mr. MacKay, Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Snow for coaching the teams. We also have a **x-country running** team that is practicing for their first run at Lone Wolf, on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs. Logeman for coaching this team.

Our **Open House** will be held on Wednesday, September 23. Please come and meet the teachers in their classrooms from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

The **Terry Fox run** will be held on Wednesday, September 30. The event is extra special this year because it marks the 35th anniversary of the run. The school is organizing a coin drive called "Toonies for Terry". Students may bring any coins, to their classroom, from September 28 to October 2. All donations are gratefully

accepted. The money will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation, which supports cancer research.

Individual **student photos** will be taken on Tuesday, October 6. Mountain West Studios will be the photographers. Picture envelopes with details and pricing will be sent home by the end of September.

Most of the schools in B.C. are implementing a new data system for student information, attendance, and reporting. The extra time spent on this implementation has delayed us in sending out envelopes with **student verification forms** and a variety of consent forms. When you receive the envelope, please verify the information on the sheet and return it to school as soon as possible. If there are no errors or changes, please initial the paper and return it to the school. It is important that we have current contact information and current student health information (ie: allergies, use of inhalers). If your phone number changes during the school year, please inform the office.

Alwin Holland has a **webpage**. Check us out at www.holland.prn.bc.ca. You can use the webpage to access all newsletters, school information and PAC news. We will be trying to regularly update it with news, photos, and schedules.

Some upcoming dates:

Wed. Sept. 23	Open House – 6:00-7:30 pm
Fri. Sept. 25	Non-instructional day (no school)
Wed. Sept. 30	Terry Fox run – 2:00 pm
Tues. Oct. 6	Mountain West photos
Mon. Oct. 12	Thanksgiving (no school)
Wed. Oct. 14	Interim report cards home
Fri. Oct. 23	Non-instructional day (no school)
Wed. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day (no school)
Tues. Nov. 24	Report cards go home
Wed. Nov. 25	Early dismissal day – 1:46 pm
Thurs. Nov. 26	Early dismissal day – 1:46 pm
Fri. Nov. 27	Non-instructional day – parent conferences (no school)
Fri. Dec. 18	Last day of school before Christmas break

Sincerely:

Mrs. D. Holland
Principal

Mrs. S. Hartman
Vice-principal