



NEWSLETTER #1

September 6th, 2019



Welcome back to another wonderful year of learning at Woodward Elementary! We'd like to thank our amazing parent community for your support in getting the students ready for a successful return to school. We're looking forward to another fun-filled and rewarding year!

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome our new and returning staff members who have (re)joined the Woodward community this year: Ms. Kason (Gr. 2/3 teacher – Div. 4), Ms. Khan Bohorquez (ELL/Resource Teacher), Ms. Challand (EA), Ms. Hasan (EA), Ms. Khoo (Band Teacher) We are excited to have them with us!



PAC MEETINGS

PAC are amazing resources for our entire school community. A strong PAC bonds our school community with our families.

PAC is an excellent way for our

families to connect directly with the action at our school as well as develop relationships within the parent community. Our first PAC meeting is Monday, Sept. 30th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library. All parents are invited to attend. Newcomers are always welcome! Child minding is available during this meeting.

pro-d day



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Just a reminder that school will be closed for our first Professional

Development Day of the year on **Monday, September 23th**.



Important FORMS

STUDENT PACKAGE OF FORMS:

Next week, we will send home a package of permission forms and information forms to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. It is important that we have up-to-date information, including contact numbers and appropriate medical information. During the year if anything changes please let Mrs. Taggar know in the office as soon as possible.



Today, students were placed in their classes for the 2019-2020 school year. Our

teachers and staff spend a lot of time crafting well balanced classes that meet the needs of all learners. We are excited to see all of our Wildcats shine in their classes this year!



ALLERGY ALERT: All families should be aware that Woodward School has many students with severe, life threatening food allergies. Some classrooms may be

designated nut free in order to protect the health of these students. Please help us limit the nut products entering our school overall, as the impact on a student can happen anywhere in the school. If at all possible, please do not send food to school containing nuts.

TERRY FOX RUN

Our Terry Fox Run is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, September 27th. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and has appropriate running shoes.



A FEW REMINDERS

Students are not permitted in school without permission and direct supervision from a staff member before **8:30 a.m.** Students who ride their bikes to school should have a bike lock and helmet. The use of telephones is for emergencies only. Please clarify transportation/pick-up with your child in the mornings before coming to school.



“IN” DAYS AND “OUT” DAYS:

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to be outside unless we experience significantly bad weather. Students are strongly encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather. There is a large undercover area, but students should dress to ensure they are able to enjoy their breaks regardless of the weather. Should rain be heavy at recess or lunchtime, we will call an “in day” and plan appropriate activities for students to keep them productive and occupied inside the school.



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STUDENT PHOTO DAY

Friday, September 27th is Photo Day here at Woodward. Mountain West Studios will be taking individual pictures for families to purchase, if they choose.



PLAY 'N EAT (P 'N E)

P 'n E is returning beginning on Wednesday, September 25th. Every Wednesday and Friday students are invited to come to the gym for breakfast and activities before school, starting at 8 a.m. P 'n'E is a fun way to get in some nutrition and physical activity before the start of the school day. Thank you to the Woodward Staff for organizing and running this program.



STUDENT PLANNERS

A BIG thank you to our amazing PAC for providing our students with their 2019-2020 student planners. Planners are an excellent way for grade one to seven students (grade 1-7 only), staff, and children to communicate school assignments and upcoming events. We encourage our students and their families to review their planner regularly.



WOODWARD STAFF 2019 - 2020

Mr. Cameron	Principal
Mr. Pooni	Division 1, Grade 6/7
Mr. Imagawa	Division 2, Grade 5/6
Mrs. Leung	Division 3, Grade 3/4
Ms. Kason/Ms. Murphy	Division 4, Grade 2/3
Mr. Lim	Division 5, Grade 1/2
Ms. Lam	Division 6, Grade K/1
Mr. Hamaura	Learning Resource/ELL
Ms. Khan Bohorquez	Learning Resource/ELL
Ms. Sato	Librarian/Prep Relief Band
Ms. Khoo	Administrative Assistant
Ms. Taggar	Educational Assistant
Ms. Challand	Educational Assistant
Mr. Greenfield	Educational Assistant
Ms. Hasan	Educational Assistant
Ms. Morimoto	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Willms	Educational Assistant
Ms. Hewamudalige	Speech & Language Pathologist
Mrs. Shergill	Custodian
Mr. Chiu	Custodian
Mrs. Soriano	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Russell	Noon Hour Supervisor
Mrs. Larson	StrongStart Coordinator



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please help keep our students safe by using the drop off zone for picking up and dropping off students

only. Please do not leave your car unattended in the drop off zone; if you need to come into the school, please park in a designated parking space. When walking to school, please use the designated paths south and adjacent to the driveway as you enter the school grounds. Please follow arrows to keep our students safe and keep our parking lot accident free.

SCHOOL FEES

Every year we collect \$30 for our school fees which includes all basic supplies for our students for the year. There is an additional Cooking and Craft fee for students in our K/1 class only. There may also be additional costs for educational field trips during the year. Teachers and staff will be sharing a list of potential field trips and their associated cost shortly. Please use **CashOnline** to make your payment early. Please contact the office if you have questions about our school fees or need assistance in paying.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 11	Meet the Staff Potluck Night
Sept. 23	Pro-D Day (School Closed)
Sept. 26	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 27	Student Photos
Sept. 30	Orange Shirt Day
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
Oct. 23/24	Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:45 p.m. early dismissal)
Oct. 25	Pro-D Day (School Closed)