

# October Happenings

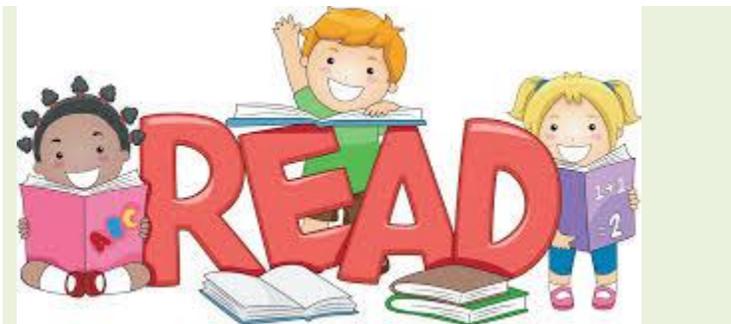
## Del Van Gorder School Newsletter

### Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we have been in for over a month already. There have been many exciting events happening during that time. The Terry Fox run, community BBQ, REM, Open Gym in the mornings, along with many other educational activities happening on a daily basis.

One of the most important things in education is the ability to read. Students who know how to read tend to do better in all aspects of school. Throughout my career, I have always been interested in how young children learn to read, as well as how older children develop into proficient readers.

With that in mind, I will be conducting a workshop on the developmental stages of reading at the school on the **19<sup>th</sup> of October**. The workshop is geared for parents/grandparents wanting to help their children with reading. **The workshop starts at 7:00 and will be held in Frank's room (#17)**. So, come out and have some fun, while we explore the wonderful world of reading!



### Open Gym:

We feel that it is important that our students get as much exercise as possible during each day. With that in mind, we started our Open Gym program, where the students come in to the school by the Library entrance and go into the gym to have some fun physical activities before going into their classrooms to begin the day. We started this on September 19<sup>th</sup>, and it has been a huge success. We even have some parents come into the gym and play with their children. What a wonderful way to start the day! **It is important that** if you are coming into the school with your child, please go to the gym and do not take your child to their classroom until 8:40. Thank you.



### Senior Camp:

Our senior went on a ten kilometer hike to the sheep lookout cabin, and spent the night there. Their hike to the cabin was less than ideal as it rained for most of that morning. Their hike back to school the next day was much better as they enjoyed a beautiful sunny fall day!

### After School Floor hockey:

I will be running a floor hockey program on Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:15, starting Thursday, October 5th.



### Peanut allergy:

We have a child in the school that has a severe peanut allergy. It is so severe that even the smell of peanuts can trigger an allergic reaction. We have created and put up several posters indicating that we are a peanut free zone. Thank you for helping us make this school a safe environment for this child.



### Volleyball:

Our school volleyball program will take place every Wednesday after school from 3:15-4:30. Ms. Coates & Ms. Morrissey will be running the practices.



### Terry Fox Run:

We had a very successful Terry Fox run this year. Our students raised over \$1500. Thank you to the Fire department, RCMP and all of the parents that came out and participated with us.

### Senior REM:

Our seniors went to Haines Junction to participate in the senior REM program. From all indications, it was a huge success, with our students partaking in some exciting educational workshops.

### Cold Weather:

I know it's a bit early, but the cold weather will soon be upon us. With that in mind, we need to be proactive in making sure that our children are properly dressed for the weather. If we were to have an emergency in the winter time, the children would not have enough time to grab their coats before heading outside; so it is important that they at least have a long sleeved shirt or sweater. Murphy's Law tells us that if we were to have a real emergency in winter, it would probably happen on the coldest day of the year! In a real emergency, the students would have to walk to the town office.



### From the Office:

If your child is away from school due to illness, appointments, etc., please inform the school (994-2760) so that the appropriate coding can be recorded in the school's attendance system. Thank you.

## Winter Bus:

We have four staff members that have their class four license, and all four have agreed to drive the school bus to pick up students during the winter months. Similar to last year, the bus will pick up students from the lower and upper benches. The four staff members that have agreed to drive the bus are Frank de Jong, Alysha Coates, Tracy Shaw & Rachel Rodnunsky.



## Walk to School:

This Wednesday is international "Walk to School Day". Let's encourage our children to walk/bike to school that day.



## Senior Students enjoying the view on their hike to the sheep viewing cabin



## Terry Fox Run



## DVG vs Ross River



# DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 04** – Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**October 5** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**October 09** - Thanksgiving  
**October 11** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**October 12 & 13** – PD days, no school  
**October 18** - Yukon Physical Literacy Program  
**October 18** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**October 19** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**October 19** – Reading Workshop presented by Pat Berrel  
**October 25** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 01** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 02** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**November 03** – Semester 1, term 1 report card High School  
**November 08** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 09** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**November 10** – Remembrance Day service, 11:00 am  
**November 13** – Stat holiday for Remembrance Day  
**November 15** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 16** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**November 22** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 23** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**November 23** - First report card k-7  
**November 24** – PD day, no school  
**November 29** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**November 30** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**December 06** - Volleyball (3:15-4:30)  
**December 07** – Floor hockey after school (3:15-4:15)  
**December 14** – Christmas Concert  
**December 20 – January 02** - Christmas Break