



**ÉRBL**  
ÉCOLE RED BLUFF LHTAKO

## École Red Bluff/Lhtako Elementary October 2024 Newsletter

Dahooja Parents/Guardians,

### National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation took place on September 30 and Orange Shirt Day took place on September 27, 2024 at ÉRBL. Our staff and students learn about Indigenous ways of knowing and doing as part of our growth as learners throughout the year and beyond. Students and staff of École Red Bluff Lhtako (ÉRBL) participated in a number of activities the week leading up to The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation including a traditional drum session in which students sang the Men's Warrior Song, the Women's Warrior Song and Miss William and Ms. Gilpin sang the Eagle Song in Chilcotin.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.



## **TERRY FOX RUN**

The Terry Fox Run is an annual non-competitive charity event held around the world to raise money for cancer research in commemoration of Canadian cancer activist Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope.

All last week we've had a student from Ms. Lowndes' class announce what the Terry Fox run stands for. We have been collecting \$1 for each member of our school (similar to collecting a dollar for every Canadian).

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we met in the gym for a short assembly and then left from the gym to run/walk the field as a school (approximately 20 minutes). Two grade 7's carried the BC and Canadian flag on the first lap and the rest of the school followed.

**As a whole, our school raised \$368.95 for this amazing charity!**

<https://terryfox.org/>

## **ASSAI/DASH Program**

**GRADE 4, 5 and 6 Students**



- The After-School Sports and Arts Initiative is available! On Tuesdays and Thursdays from September 24 – October 24, 2024. This program starts at 2:28-4:30. The Program will include 45 minutes of a physical sports activity and a 45-minute art activity, with two short breaks and a snack provided.



## **VOLLEYBALL**

### Girls

Tuesdays and Thursdays – at lunch

### Boys

Mondays & Fridays – at lunch





### **CHANGING WEATHER**

Students are reminded to dress for the changing weather. On rainy and wet days, please bring a change of clothes, socks etc.

As the days become colder it is important for students to bring a warm coat, gloves and a warm hat. Students will play outside most days except for when the temperature falls below -15 degrees Celsius.

### **Early Release Days - October 29, & 30, 2024**

- Students will be dismissed at 11:28 on October 29 and October 30, 2024 so that teachers may meet with families to provide an educational update and discuss the year to come
- Buses will arrive three hours early so families with students who take the bus should expect their children to arrive home three hours earlier than normally scheduled

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

- Families are reminded that there is no student supervision before 7:55 am and no student supervision after 2:45 pm

### **School Hours:**

8:00 to 8:20 - Breakfast Club

8:25 Warning Bell

8:30 Start of Instruction

10:00-10:15 Recess

12:00-12:25

- Intermediate students outside to play
- Primary students eating lunch

12:25-12:49

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- Intermediate students eating lunch

2:28 End of Day

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- Oct 7 – AGM - PAC meeting – 6:00pm in the Library
- Oct 14 – Thanksgiving – Stat Holiday
- Oct 25 - Non-Instructional Day – No School
- Oct 29 & 30 – Early Dismissal – Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Nov 1 – Halloween Concert (Gagnon, Klor, Sturt, MacKay)
- Nov 5 – Student Photo Retake Day
- Nov 4 – PAC meeting – 6:00pm in the Library
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day – Stat Holiday
- Nov 25 - Non-Instructional Day – No School
- Dec 2 - PAC meeting – 6:00pm in the Library
- Dec 23 – Jan 3 – Winter Break
- Jan 6 – Return to School

We would like to take this opportunity  
to thank:

**ZELDA FENCING AND LANDSCAPE**

<https://zeldaguesnel.ca/>



for their generous donation to our  
Breakfast Club!



CPF is a volunteer organization of parents of French programs who support French language learners and educators and advocate for the programs, including the French Immersion program. It has some similarities to the PAC (Parent Advisory Council). It has been around since 1977. Quesnel has a chapter that has been meeting monthly on Mondays.

Join CPF for free as there are many resources and opportunities for parents and families in their website and beyond! <https://cpf.ca/en/join-cpf/>

Our next local CPF meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, **October 16 at 6 pm**

Please email Debbie Scallion, CPF president (debbiescallionrtc@gmail.com) or Kevin Sturt, SD#28 Language Coordinator (kevinsturt@sd28.bc.ca) to get the Zoom invitation.

Merci beaucoup!

The first meeting will be on Sept 16 via Zoom at 6 pm. Feel free to include some of the attached information in the write up so that French Immersion parents feel welcome to join us.

Topic: CPF

Time: Oct 16, 2024 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the 16 of the month, until May 16, 2025, 9 occurrence(s)

Sep 16, 2024 06:00 PM

Oct 16, 2024 06:00 PM

Nov 16, 2024 06:00 PM

Dec 16, 2024 06:00 PM

Jan 16, 2025 06:00 PM

Feb 16, 2025 06:00 PM

Mar 16, 2025 06:00 PM

Apr 16, 2025 06:00 PM

May 16, 2025 06:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcvdOCogzkvH9Z63ZEg-0wa74EsoqJ8xpfZ/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrrDgjGtGXtRyFRpwqAljCXftwmHpYgvpnykzfJiceMhT3YbZnlb1uOoDI>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83239052552>

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

A more specific school supply list will be provided by teachers, however if you need support with purchasing supplies, please let the school know. Please visit our website for the full list:

<https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/school-supplies/red>

### **LUNCH PROGRAM**

Please come to the office and fill out a form if you wish your child to be on the district lunch program.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club is available between 7:50am and everything is packed up in the gym by 8:20am. We encourage students to be here at early to get something to eat before it's all gone. No sign up required.

### **ÉRBL WEBSITE**

Please check out our new website for everything ÉRBL! You will find our Events Calendar, Announcements, News Stories, Transportation Information, School Supply lists and much more! Please bookmark this page: <https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/>

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please note, we will only be using our Facebook page to direct parents/guardians to our new website where all ÉRBL information is located.

### **POLICIES**

Please see attached, Communication Protocol, Fair Notice Policy, Personal Electronic Devices and our Code of Conduct.

### **ALLERGIES**

At this time, ÉRBL is nut aware. There will be certain classrooms that need to be nut free, if your child is in one of these classrooms, you will be notified.

### **SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT**

Reminder that ÉRBL Elementary is a Scent Free environment.

**STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING:** <https://redbluff.sd28.bc.ca/absence-late/red>

### **BEAR AWARE**

This is a good time to have regular conversations with your children about bear and wildlife awareness. Some tips are for kids to walk directly home after-school to check in with you, to walk in groups, make noise and to not eat snacks while walking or riding. Children should not approach any wildlife.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Reminder to parents/guardians to please do a health check of your student before sending them to school if they are feeling unwell. Please stay home to rest and get better before returning!

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Please ensure students have their bus passes ready when they are getting on the bus. We are still waiting on replacement passes for some students but if you require one, please call 250-992-8361 or email [transportation@sd28.bc.ca](mailto:transportation@sd28.bc.ca) to have a replacement card printed.

**PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOLS**

The *Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order* has been amended to require Boards of Education to ensure their codes of conduct include statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices to:

- Reduce distractions in classrooms and support focused learning environments
- Foster online safety, and
- Promote provincial consistency.