



MISSION HILL ELEMENTARY OCTOBER 2020



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had! We want to say thank you to all of our school community members for their support and kindness as we have worked diligently to start our school year safely for everyone. We are so happy to have our students back!

We are looking forward to engaging in new ways to continue to reinforce a positive school climate and culture and to build our school community with all of our families. It is a challenge that we will all overcome together. Staying healthy and positive is a great start!

In other news, I want you to know how much I have appreciated being a part of this community and will deeply miss it as I move to Coldstream Elementary in January.

In January, Mission Hill Elementary will welcome Mr. Devon Tyssen as the new Principal. Ms. Salmon will continue here as the Vice Principal.

Until then, I remain committed to making Mission Hill a healthy, caring and welcoming place for our students, families and staff to continue to learn together.



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Health Promoting Schools News from Interior Health

Highlights from September:

- ~ Grants for post-secondary
- ~ Safe driving for teens
- ~ Stigma-Free COVID-19 Youth Wellness Toolkit
- ~ [Free and low-cost mental health supports during COVID-19](#)
- ~ [Here2Talk](#) connects students with mental health support when they need it
- ~ [Foundry Virtual](#) – Get Support Online
- ~ [Find a Child and Youth Mental Health walk-in intake clinic nearby](#)



LICE

Please let the school office or teacher know if your child has lice. Please contact the school if you need assistance with treatment or resources.

<https://www.interiorhealth.ca/YourHealth/SchoolHealth/HeadLice/Pages/default.aspx>

DRESSED for the WEATHER

Please send inside shoes to school and ensure your child is dressed and prepared to be outside in all kinds of weather.

PARENT & TEACHER CONFERENCES

At the end of October, students will participate with parents & teachers in the conferences again this year. Students/Parents/Teachers will work together to develop a growth plan for the student. The growth plan will be reviewed collaboratively again in April.

More information about how and when conferences will occur will be sent to families in the next week or so. Early dismissal days are scheduled for October 29th & 30th. Students will be dismissed 3 hours earlier (11:30am).

Please find more information about Communicating Student Learning here:

<http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/curriculum/CSL/Pages/default.aspx>

ONLINE BOOK FAIR!

Oct. 28th – Nov. 11th
Our Scholastic Book Fair will be available online this year! We will be sending out the link to your email closer to the date.



We are PROUD to be Mission Hill Lions!

Promoting learning through Respect, Opportunity, Understanding & Diversity

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DATES/EVENTS

WED., SEPT. 30th

- Orange Shirt Day
- PAC Meeting 6:30pm

MON., OCT. 12th

- Thanksgiving holiday (no school)

Thurs., OCT. 15th

- School photos (individual)

WED., OCT. 28th

- Online Book Fair opens

THURS., OCT. 29th

- Early dismissal 11:30am

FRI., OCT. 30th

- Early dismissal 11:30am



Building Children's Vocabulary

Using new words and talking about their meaning with our children can help them build a strong vocabulary. We all have a personal dictionary in our heads that is built up of the words we know. Children are better able to read when they know and are familiar with more words. Just talking about new words with your children can improve their reading.

