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Principal's Message! October 2021

Hello Parents,

School Goals – Vision: Increasing Student Capacity to Learn and Grow

Literacy and Numeracy
Student Engagement and Equity

Equity In Action – Our staff spent Monday continuing our journey in learning about Truth and Reconciliation and the Equity Action Plan. We have started a book club about inclusionary practices that was written Jennifer Katz and Kevin Lamoureux. On September 29 we had several students share their culture with us by dancing, singing the Okanagan Nation Song and thoughts. We also have a new club JEDI stands for Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Other clubs this year are the Chess Club, Anime Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, LBGTQIA2S, Plant Club, Climbing Club, Climate Action Club and Choir.

We also want to thank the Okanagan Learning Foundation for their support of the Food For Thought program and financially supporting our Weight Room revitalization. Our breakfast and lunch program is run by the Faith Baptist Church and Anne Mae Rea. These programs are supported by the generous donations of Cobs Bread, Save On Foods and the Foord Family Foundation.

Literacy Our grade 8 students wrote a literacy assessment. We will analyse the results in order to provide supports for students. Teachers met last week analyze the assessment led by Leanda Monro.

Reporting on Student Learning - We want you to get involved by providing some feedback on the new DRAFT K-12 Reporting Policy due out next year. Kindly participate and share your voice.

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/studentreporting/>

Safety at School

As COVID cases continue to rise, we ask that students continue to practice really good handwashing and mask wearing. We appreciate the efforts made by the students as they wear their masks in the school except when eating and drinking.

Athletics – Fall Sports are back. We have 7 Volleyball teams competing this year. Our Sr Girls are ranked 10th and the Sr Boys are Ranked 12th in the Province. **Athletic Booster Club** will be meeting at 5:00PM, October 27 in the library.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 28 4-8 – Parent will be able to come and have in person opportunities to discuss student learning or virtual. Parents will create an account and sign-up with Optis to schedule the appointments. Those parents who select the virtual conference will receive an email with a Teams meeting link on the afternoon of the 28th from that teacher. We will not be able to accommodate those individuals who do not have an appointment. Parents can always email the teachers to schedule a time to connect.

October 28th

Adjusted Schedule / Shortened Day

8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Condensed School Day
8:30 – 9:15 am	C Block
9:20 – 10:05 am	C Block
10:05 – 10:20 am	Break
10:25 – 11:10 am	B Block
11:15 – 12:00 pm	B Block
12:00 pm	Busses run 3 hours early
4:00 – 8:00 pm	Parent Teacher Interview Night

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Social Media Presentation Wednesday, October 20th from 7-9pm. Vernon RCMP

Below is the link, password, and sign in instructions for the upcoming White Hatter presentation on We ask that you share the link with the parents and caregivers of students at your schools so they can log in and participate in this live presentation.

We will not be publicly providing the links and passwords and kindly ask that you **DO NOT share it with anyone outside of parents and caregivers of students at your schools**. Please encourage your families not to do so as well. There are a limit of participants for these sessions and we would like to prioritize the attendance to parents and caregivers of SD22 students.

We will ensure that we keep **this link open for 48hrs after the live event** has concluded, to ensure that those who could not attend the live event can have access to a recording.

Weds Oct 20th - Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy For Parents 7pm-9pm

LINK: <https://app.sli.do/event/ymijanso>

PASSWORD: Vernon2021

On the day and time of the presentation, all a participant needs to do is click on this link, enter the password and they will be allowed access to the SLIDO/VIMEO platform where we will be hosting our live event. It is strongly recommended that parents' bookmark/save the link and password that you will send them, and **sign into the event 10 minutes** prior to the scheduled event going live, as we will be starting promptly at the designated time.

Halloween Costume guidelines - What Not to Wear

School District 22 – (Vernon) reminds students to keep it fun, not offensive

Halloween is just around the corner and many schools throughout School District 22 – (Vernon) will be hosting activities, costume parades and extra-curricular events.

It is also an opportune time to remind parents and students about inappropriate costume wear and that sometimes, even with good intent, or without even fully realizing it, people wear costumes that can make others feel upset, insulted or humiliated.

While the District does not have an official policy regarding Halloween costumes, they ask that everyone be respectful and that costumes should not cross the line that might promote sexism, racism, or appropriating culture.

Here are some guidelines to consider when selecting costumes that will be worn at school:

- Students need to be identifiable and visible to ensure safety.
- Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature or employ questionable props will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Fake weapons should not be brought to school.
- Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted. A resource to help better clarify this concern is the #IAmNotACostume Campaign which can be

found at:

<http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

Another important reminder for older students that attend schools with younger grades, it is everyone's responsibility to create a safe environment for all students and to set a good example and think about how costume choice may impact others in the building.

With so many creative minds at work, there are a limitless number of costumes that don't offend, so why not pick one of those this year!

Happy Halloween and safe trick-or-treating.

Website

<https://sd22.bc.ca/seaton/>. Please bookmark this new site.

We have updated the calendar on the school website. <https://sd22.bc.ca/seaton/about/383-2/>

If you need additional assistance, please send me an email to jhuggins@sd22.bc.ca.

We appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Jeff Huggins

Principal

