

Principal's Update – Monday September 30th

1. Opening budget of 2023-2024 school year was: \$0
2. Burton Meats fundraiser generated \$480
3. How the money was spent:
 - a) Mr. Bounce for the bbq - \$262.75Closing balance as of August 31, 2024: \$217.25
4. Current Enrollment: 225 in person, 1 remote learner
5. Reorganization took place on September 16th

Didn't lose any staff members. We have now FDK(half), FDK(full), 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 6, 7/8, 7/8. We had to move students around to capture the 20:1 cap in primary grades, 23 cap in the 3/4 split and to maintain Board averages in the junior and intermediate classes. (only 3 students were moved)
6. New staff members: ERW's –Comfort Isalana, Cathy St. Louis,
7. Terry Fox – to take place on Friday Oct 4.
8. Thanksgiving – Monday October 14th – NO SCHOOL
9. Hot lunches will be taking place again this year – will begin in October **Pizza, Subway and Popeyes**
10. Picture day was on Sept 24th.

Re-take / Absentee Photo Day is October 25th.
Graduation Photo Day is Feb 20th, 2025.
11. Book Fair took place the week of Sept 23rd - Sept 27th
12. Open House took place on Sept 19th.
13. Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept 23rd – 27th. Orange shirt day September 30th
14. Truth and Reconciliation Assembly took place on Mon Sept 30th, 2024
15. Dress purple day – Friday Oct 27th – Child Abuse Prevention Month
1. CCAT The Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) is administered system-wide annually with Grade 4 students as part of the gifted screening process. In addition, the CCAT test results provide valuable information for all students and can be used to help identify at-risk students and adapt instruction. Will take place Nov 4th- Nov 15th. Administered by Mr. Saieva – SERT teacher.
2. Sacraments – registrations packages sent home to all students in grades 2 and 7. If parents misplace the registration package, they need to go to the parish to receive a new package.
3. Recess – 2 15 minutes breaks
Lunch recess – 40 minutes – eat lunch from 11:32 – 12:32
4. No dogs allowed on school property – in the interest of student safety, dogs are not permitted

5. Agendas were given to all students – no cost to the parent. Students will only be getting one. If they misplace, lose, or ruin their agenda the school will not be able to replenish.

18. Communication Expectations –

- while staff may receive non-urgent requests and inquiries outside of the standard work day, please understand that the response will occur in a timely manner. We feel this helps foster a healthier work-life balance; something that was not prioritized in the pandemic working environment.

This shift in organizational culture is in alignment with societal changes and legislation that is designed to promote and support a healthier work-life balance.

- DPCDSB staff have always been available for emergencies and very urgent matters and this will not change. If there is an emergency matter after hours, appropriate staff will be available as needed.

- Ensuring healthy and professional boundaries between work and home supports positive mental health which, in turn, enhances our ability to better serve our students.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Fiore

Principal