



September 12, 2018

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Principal: Mr. Steve Laird

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Debbie Stapleton

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 13 – Cops for Cancer Tour Visit @ 9:00AM
Thursday, September 20th- Terry Fox Assembly and Run (in PM)
Thursday, September 20th- Meet the Teacher – 5-7pm
Friday, September 21st- Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Thursday, September 27th- PAC meeting @ 7:00PM
Friday, September 28th- Theme Day - Orange Shirt Day
Monday, October 8th – Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 16th – Individual and Class Photo Day
Wednesday & Thursday, October 17th & 18th – 1 hour early dismissal (1:28 dismissal)
Friday, October 19th – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Friday, October 26th – Theme Day – Mustache Day
Monday, November 12th – Remembrance Day Holiday

Non-Instructional Day – Friday, September 22nd

All Godson Elementary Staff will be participating in a professional development day where we'll be studying and collaborating on improving our Social Emotional School-Wide Programs as well as our literacy programs. The following programs will be studied and applied in classrooms.

The MindUp Program has 4 pillars: neuroscience; social-emotional learning; positive psychology and mindful awareness. At school, the students are learning about their brains and to take brain breaks. They are also learning how to be mindful action in the world.

Positive Behaviour Program (PBS): is an effective, efficient and consistent practice for implementing a school's code of conduct. As well, it provides consistent school-wide and school-based guidelines for responding to student behaviour. Students learn the school-wide expectations for every area of the school.

Zones of Regulation: is a systematic, cognitive behavior approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing all the different ways we feel and states of alertness we experience into four concrete zones. The Zones curriculum provides strategies to teach students to become more aware of, and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, managing their sensory needs, and improving their ability to problem solve conflicts.

Daily 5: is a literacy program that is being used in many classrooms. School staff will be learning more about effective strategies that can be used in the classroom to better engage students in reading.

Read It: is a literacy skills development program used by our learning assistance (LA) and English Language Learner (ELL) teachers to help students build the foundations for reading and writing. School staff will be learning about some effective classroom strategies that can be used to build solid reading skills.

Student Planners

Students planners are \$5.00 each. Please have your child bring the money to their teacher.

Starfish Backpacks

Clearbrook Rotary Club and the Abbotsford Food Bank is offering backpacks with food for the weekend. If a backpack would be helpful for your family, and you have not received a request form, please contact the office.

Time

It is IMPORTANT for ALL students to arrive to school on time. Students with poor attendance (either late or absence) often find themselves stressed, anxious, disorganized as they miss important instruction. All students are to arrive at school by 8:25 am. Be sure to make it a priority that your child(ren) get to school on time each day.

Lunches

We ask that students bring their nutritious lunch in the morning. Parents bringing lunches at noon is often disruptive and often, the students do not receive their lunches until after the lunch period. We also ask that the students' lunches and snacks are nutritious – what we call “Brain” food (no pop, no chips).

Leaving Early

Does your child need to leave early for an appointment? If yes, please make sure you write a note in his/her planner. This way, the teacher will have him/her ready for the time required.