



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Is it October already? Where has the time gone?

Thank you to our families for making this year's start up such a success. Our teachers worked diligently to meet with students and families to set learning plans for the year. It was so great to welcome you back for another year, and welcome those who are just joining us to our vLearn community. The collaborative process of creating these plans set up our students for success.

Our start up went well even though we were all a little nervous about how it would go with our secondary courses as we rolled out our new Learning Management System – D2L Brightspace. We had a few hiccups, but our staff were fantastic problem solvers, and we managed to move forward efficiently. Please reach out if you are experiencing any problems navigating the new system.

Our favorite day of the week is Wednesday when we welcome our Elementary students to join us for in-person activities. It was so great to see the excited, smiling faces of our students last week for our first activity day of the year. What made it even better was to connect with our families at the Welcome Back BBQ that afternoon. Thank you for coming out and making this a fantastic event. We have such an amazing learning community. I want to extend a thank-you to our PAC executive and active members for being there to connect with families and share what great work they do to support our school.

Just a little reminder... you may have received Medical forms at the beginning of the school year. Please return these updated forms ASAP! Your help with this is really appreciated.

Grade 4 & 7 families will have also received information regarding the upcoming FSA assessments. Please read the emails carefully as important information and dates have been shared. If you have not received this information, please let us know.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the changing season. Fall brings out the most amazing colours and shows off the power and beauty of nature. It is my favorite time of year when it is just the right temperature to get out on my bike and ride or hike the amazing trails we have in Greater Vernon. I hope to see you out there!

CALENDAR

Oct 2	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation School Closure
Oct 4	vLearn Terry Fox Run
Oct 9	Thanksgiving Day
Oct 11	Saint Anne's Pumpkin Patch Visit
Oct 18	vLearn Art/Outdoor Games PAC Meeting
Oct 20	Professional Development Day
Oct 25	vLearn Art/Outdoor Games
Upcoming Dates	Nov 10 : Professional Development Day Nov 11 : Remembrance Day



INFORMATION

- See the attached link for an overview of this year's school calendar: [2023.24 School Calendar](#)
- Please see attached Back to School information from [HealthLink BC](#)
- Fresh Outlook Foundation, SD22, City of Vernon, & other partners are working to mobilize student climate action in Vernon and are hosting the [CARE Pitch Party](#), which will be held from 5-9pm on Thursday October 19th at the Okanagan Science Centre.
- If you plan on volunteering, you will need to have a **Criminal Record Check** on file. Please see attached letter to arrange to have one done at no cost or to share an existing one with us. Thank you for volunteering your time!



FROM THE PAC

Please visit the PAC table at the welcome BBQ to learn more about what we do and offer, and how you can participate. There will also be information about upcoming activities, a suggestion box and a couple of fun contests!

Our next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, October 18th at the playground just behind Fulton at 11:15 am (weather permitting) Bring a chair and join us! If the weather is not suitable for an outside meeting, the alternate location will be the Okanagan Room at the Vernon ORL at 11:30am. Leave your email with us at the BBQ to receive updates.

The PAC offers access to Sparkle Stories, a website with many different age-appropriate audio books and activities. Please email us at pacvlearn@gmail.com to obtain the sign-in info and password.