

ÉCOLE QUARTERWAY

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Dear Quarterway families,

I hope this email finds you and your loved ones well.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Every year on September 30th, people across Canada wear orange and participate in Orange Shirt Day events to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada. Orange Shirt Day originates from the story of Phyllis Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, BC, Phyllis's shiny new orange shirt was stripped from her, never to be seen again.

40 years later, on September 30th, 2013, Phyllis spoke publicly for the first time about her experience, and thus began the Orange Shirt Day movement.

The Canadian government announced that September 30 will be National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, that began in 2021. This responds to Truth and Reconciliation Call to Action 80, which states that the federal government will work with Indigenous people to establish a statutory day to "honour survivors, their families, and communities, and ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process".

eConsent Forms

The new **eConsent form** (for digital consent of the following list). Is now available. You will receive separate emails with information to complete the following consent forms.

- The use of student photos and videos
- Walk/Run field trips
- Volunteering in school
- Authorized individuals for emergency release of students
- Technology –use of Cloud apps

If you have not received these forms via email, please contact the school office and we can resend them.

Students will lose their chrome book access on October 15, 2023, if the Cloud Consent has not been completed for the new school year.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER: Rain or shine, we will be having recesses outside. Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately to be outside every day. A pair of indoor shoes is also a necessity as the weather becomes rainy. Changing out of our wet and muddy boots helps keep our school clean for everyone.

SPORT CORNER: Quarterway Cross Country Team is up and running. The team is open to all students in Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. If you have any question regarding this event, please contact please email cerijakobsen@gmail.com. Attached is more information regarding Cross country.

STUDENTS VERIFICATION FORM

In September, the school sends home Student Verification Forms for parents/guardians to look over and sign. This form contains important information about your child: current home address and phone numbers, medical information, allergies, etc.... It is vital that this information is up to date for each school year. If you change your phone number throughout the year, please let the office know right away, so that in case of emergency or illness we can contact you. Please return all the forms to the classroom teacher as soon as possible.

BELL SCHEDULE:

- Supervision in mornings begins at 8:30. There is no supervision before 8:30 am.
- Morning bell will ring at 8:45 am, lunch recess at 11:45 am -12:20 pm.
- Small Recess 10:15-10:30 am
- Dismissal time is 2:26 pm Monday to Friday.

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school or you know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please give the school a call by 8:35 am at 250-754 -6845. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering machine. Or email us at www.quarterway.ca . Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) is picked up at the end of the day by **2:26** pm. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

We would ask parents, as well as students, to walk their bikes when on school property as a safety for everyone.

Thank you!

PARKING:

Please do not park your vehicle at The Legion across from the school. Traffic is impeding their members from accessing their services and may tow your vehicle if parked there.
Thank you.

Please remember that drop off and pick up are very busy times in our parking lot. Please do not block the lanes.

BBQ and OPEN HOUSE:

Thank you to our PAC, parent volunteers, and staff for starting the year off with this wonderful welcome! It was great to see everyone connecting and enjoying themselves.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday/lundi	25	
Tuesday/mardi	26	
Wednesday/mercredi	27	
Thursday/jeudi	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picture Day• PAC Meeting @6:00PM In the school Library
Friday/vendredi	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Orange Day- Whole School Assembly
La Fin de Semaine/Weekend		
Monday/lundi	2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Observed) School is closed
Tuesday/mardi	3	
Wednesday/mercredi	4	
Thursday/jeudi	5	
Friday/vendredi	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hot Lunch -Pizza Panago

For monthly school activities and field trips, please visit Quarterway school [website](#).

For all questions, comments and \ or feedback, please email us at info.QW@sd68.bc.ca, or call the school by 8:35 am at (250) 754 -6845.

Again, to all our new and returning families we welcome you to school this year. 😊

Sincerely,
Quarterway School Administration

