TELKWA SCHOOL NEWS

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Grizzly Growl

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Welcome to October! The temperatures are dropping and the leaves are quickly turning colour! Despite the wet weather, our students and staff enjoyed a very pleasant day of mild weather during our Terry Fox hike to Silverthorn Lake in Houston. Everyone successfully made it around the lake with a large group completing a 6km total, extended hike! Buck Creek Hatchery teachers Marissa and Cindy came out to do some ecology and biodiversity lessons after our hike which made the day special. Thank you to all the parents who came to help, we couldn't have done it without your support. To date we have raised over $1500, special thanks to Ms. J for all her work on this! Thank you for your donations! If you would still like to contribute, you can pay in the office or go online using this link https://schools.terryfox.ca/TelkwaElementary

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Foundation Skills Assessment

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. FSAs will be taking place at Telkwa Elementary later in October. An information handout to parents/caregivers will be sent out with this newsletter.

School Supplies and Fees

A kind reminder that the school supply fee for all students will be $40. Cash is welcome and cheques can be made payable to Telkwa Elementary School. There is also a debit machine in the office.

Dressing for the Weather

As the weather is getting cooler and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. We've noticed many students outside in the mornings who are cold. Unless the weather drops below -15 degrees or it is raining very hard, students will be outside in the morning and for breaks. A change of clothes in their backpack is always a good idea no matter what age they are, especially socks and pants! **Please make sure items are labelled with your child's name.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences



We will be having Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 22nd and 23rd . Teachers will discuss the progress your child is making in their learning so far. Also important to remember, is that there will be early dismissal on these 2 days. **Wednesday October 21st :** students will be dismissed at **2:00pm** and buses will run at this time. **Thursday October 22nd** : students will be dismissed at **12:00pm** and buses will run at this time. Parents can book their parent/teacher conference at https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/sucsk or by using this QR code:

Cross Country Run

Thanks to Mr. Rode, we have started our Cross-Country Run practices, and we only have three practices left! The District Cross-Country Run is on Thursday, October 15 at Riverside Park. If you are a runner, please complete permission forms if you have not already done so. We are looking for two parent volunteers, of which we must provide so the race may run. Please see the office if you are interested!

Volleyball Practice- 2 Coaches needed

Practices have been at lunch in the past, but this depends on volunteer coaches' availability. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Toy Donations

Ms. J is looking for gently used toy donations suitable for 5-year-olds for her classroom. If you have anything to donate, please contact the office or drop by with your donations. This can include small toys, stuffies, and other items for the classroom's "Prize Box".

Choir

Practices are beginning and take place Tuesday at lunch and Wednesday just before lunch. They are preparing for Remembrace Day Assembly on Nov. 10th. Please email Mr. Anderson if you have any questions.

Lunch Program

This year we are excited to be offering breakfast and snacks every day, thank you to Ms. Mellroy for all her hard work! With the PAC's generous support again, we are serving free lunch twice a week on Monday and Wednesday's.

Friday's will have a paid option of either a Riverside Lunch or Panago Pizza. Friday's will alternate with either a Riverside Kitchen Lunch or Panago Pizza, both are paid options. Please refer to our Hot Lunch Calendar for exact dates.

During the morning attendance, students will let teachers know first thing in the morning if they will be needing a hot lunch. At lunch, students will be called down by division to go to the hall and pick it up and then go to their classroom to eat.

Pizza

We are offering pizza once again this year. We plan to have it at least once per month with October 9th being our first Pizza Day. Order forms will be due on the Wednesday prior to pizza day; late orders cannot be accommodated. (If there is a holiday or NID, orders will be due on Tuesday.) Please refer to the Hot Lunch Calendar for more information.

Library Books

Students have now started signing out books from the library. Please help your child(ren) remember to bring books back to school each week to avoid having overdue books. Thank you.



Book Fair

Telkwa Elementary is having our Scholastic Book Fair October 21 and 22. The hours will be 8:30am to 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 21, and 8:30 to 3:30pm on Thursday, October 22. If you are able to help volunteer during the book fair, please contact Jeannette at the office.

School Photos & Retakes

Student pictures are now available to order on-line. Your child should have brought a page home with instructions and codes. The link is http://bergmedia.app/login **Retakes will be in November 5th, starting at 9am.**

Halloween

Students are able to come in their Halloween costumes on Friday, October 30; however, we ask that students do **not wear masks or bring weapon-like props**. Any make-up needs to be applied at home before coming to school. We will be welcoming Smithers Secondary band and drama students to perform in the afternoon at TES. **Please ensure your child(ren) are coming to school with healthy snacks and lunches, keeping candy at home for a special treat after school.**

Poinsettia/Winter Plants Fundraiser



Look for order forms to come home in mid October. **All orders will be due by November 18th** . The expected delivery date is December 2nd .

PAC News

Telkwa PAC has started the year off very strong again this year! You will have noticed our hot lunch, twice a week that started right at the beginning of school. With the rising food costs the PAC is currently looking at fundraising ideas and accepting donations through e-transfer at telkwaschoolpac@gmail.com
A Bingo fundraiser is set for Friday October 30th! We have had our first annual lunch meeting and are very excited by the ideas they have been brought forward to us to help make our school the very best it can be for all the children. Our next meeting is at 12:15pm Tuesday October 5th in the multipurpose room at the school. We will have babysitters on site, so please don't feel guilty bringing your younger kiddos! They will be entertained while you get the inside scoop on everything that is happening at TES.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October	5	PAC Meeting @ 12:15 in the Telkwa School
	6	Pizza Day
	9	Muhiem Soccer Tournament 11am to 5pm
	12	Thanksgiving: School Closed
	15	Cross Country Run
	21	Parent/Teacher Conference **1 HR. Early Dismissal: 2:00pm** Book Fair
	22	Parent/Teacher Conference **1 HR. Early Dismissal: 12:00pm** Book Fair
	23	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students

	30	Riverside Lunch Day
November	6	Pizza Day
	10	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00am for Students
	11	Remembrance Day Observance – School Closed
	20	NID Day- no school for students
	27	Riverside Lunch Day