

WEST HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

Mission Public School District is located on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unsurrendered, and Shared territories of Stó:lō people, of Leq'á:mel, Semá:th, Máthxwi, Sq'éwlets and Qwó:lt'el First Nations, stewards of this land since time immemorial.



September
2023 Edition

Welcome to a New School Year!

On behalf of the staff at West Heights I want to welcome everyone to the 2023/24 school year. My name is Jordan Klassen, and I am honoured to have the opportunity to return as Principal of West Heights Community School.

I want to thank staff, students, and families for a great start to the school year. Students have had the opportunity to reacquaint themselves with classmates, connect with teachers and settle into their new classrooms.

As a school we take pride in being an inclusive and welcoming place. As a learning community we strive to provide enriching experiences that honour the development of the entire student. Intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth are the pillars of which our ideals rest. We acknowledge the crucial role families, community members, staff and students play in learning.

Each year the Mission School District adopts one of the 7 sacred teachings. This year's sacred teaching as selected by the Elders of the Siwal Si'wes Advisory Council is Honesty (the'itqel) and is represented by the sasquatch (Sasq'ets).

As a letter from the Siwal Si'wes department stated, honesty "...requires us to be true to ourselves, and to understand the truth of others' perspectives."

With a new school year comes renewal. It is my wish that we as a community of families, staff and students walk with a sense of honesty in that which makes us unique, knowing that we are all better when we learn from one another.

On behalf of the staff at West Heights Community School, we look forward to working alongside each of you as we begin the journey of this school year together.

Sincerely,

Jordan Klassen

Principal

Sásq'ets & Smímeyáth

Sasquatch & Butterfly



the'itqel, Honesty

Sásq'ets reminds us that we must be truthful to who we are. Honesty is speaking and acting truthfully, and thereby remained morally upright. It is only by being honest that we can have integrity. Actions such as being true to our spirit and accepting who we are will guide us in being honest.

Thunderbird Athletics: off & running

Students have been practicing every morning twice weekly to prepare for the upcoming cross-country races. Coach Meg and Coach Mark having been prepping the athletes as they run around our neighbourhood before school begins. We are proud of the commitment that has been shown and look forward to cheering everyone on as they represent West Heights. Keep up the great work!



FIRST RACE

When: October 5, 3 pm.

Where: Centennial Park. The run will start in the middle of the park, and the students will run around the park. Parking is in the two lots off Talbaut and Grand. There is also parking along Talbaut.



The Bandits Mascot attempts to stop one of our players last year. We are gearing up for Basketball season.

BASKETBALL STARTING NEXT WEEK

Grade 6 students interested in playing basketball this year will be bringing home forms to sign. We will be hosting practices on Monday and Wednesday at lunch time.

Depending on level of interest, students in grade 5 may have the chance to play.

If your child is playing, please send them with proper attire on practice days.

Games will be held on Thursdays in November.

The location of the games will be shared when set. Please note that parents are responsible for transportation to and from games for the students.

GAME DAYS:

Thursday, November 2nd

Thursday, November 9th

Thursday, November 16th

Thursday, November 23rd

Regional Playoffs:

Thursday, November 30th

Finals:

Thursday, December 7th

Upcoming Dates:

October 5th Photo Day

October 16th Great Shakeout

October 24th RSL Family Fun Night

October 30th Pumpkin Patch

October 31st Costumes and Monster Mash Dance



Mark it in you calendar: Photo Day is Thursday, October 6th

West Heights reflected on the importance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students took part in a number of class based programming. Noah Gray gathered with students in the intermediate grades. West Heights Community School is committed to walking together down the path toward truth and reconciliation.



From the PAC

Next PAC Meeting: October 23rd @ 6:00 via zoom. Link can be found on the West Heights website

Hot Lunch Dates:

Oct. 4 - Little Caesars

Oct. 11 - Sushi Te

Oct. 18 - Elenis

Oct. 25 - Subway

Please consult the PAC Information tab on our website for details. There is no obligation to purchase items for every week.