

# ÉCOLE PALLISER HEIGHTS SCHOOL



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# NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

- October 9 - No Classes - Teacher Preparation Day
- October 12 - No Classes - Thanksgiving Monday
- October 20 - SCC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library
- October 26 - No Classes - Election Day
- October 30 - Costume Day (No masks and no weapons)
- October 31 - Happy Halloween

## School Community Council

Our next meeting will be held on October 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. If you have any questions please contact Erin at [erin.hidlebaugh@hotmail.ca](mailto:erin.hidlebaugh@hotmail.ca)

Babysitting and refreshments provided. Please join us!



## Admin Message

We can't begin to tell you how glad we were to welcome students back on September 8th. We appreciated the additional time to prepare for their return and our plans led to much success getting students back into the classroom and into routine. Again, we thank all of our parents for their patience, cooperation and support while we navigated through school start-up. Our students have demonstrated resiliency and adaptability in meeting expectations throughout the first month. Of course, there is the occasional reminder needed, but we are in the business of student learning. Please take the time to review and discuss your child's understanding and commitment to new routines such as mask wearing, hand washing and remaining in their cohorts.

As we do every year, we would like to share our learning goals with our parents and community. With the extended time away from the classroom, it's more important than ever to have an accurate understanding of where our students are in essential learning areas. The learning goals for this year are focused as the areas of Reading and Writing and are written as follows:

1. By June of 2021, 80% of students at École Palliser Heights School will be proficient in reading as indicated by F & P, GB+ and BRI.
2. By June of 2021, 70% of students at École Palliser Heights School will be proficient in writing as indicated by the Ministry Writing Rubrics.

We look forward to working with your children in all academic areas this year. We are excited to see all the progress that they will make throughout the year!

Mrs. C & Mr. McLean

## SCC Election

Our SCC election and monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, October 20th. We do have a couple spots opening up on our executive, but are simply looking for parents that want to be involved in their child's school. Our big focus will be to continue our fundraising efforts towards an accessible playground.

Please note that we will also holding our next draw for the Trip Lottery on October 20th. This month's trip is to Nanaimo, BC valued at \$2650.00.

September Winners: Jocelyn H for the Trip and Laura S for the \$120. Congratulations!

## Front Entrance

The front entrance will remain locked to control traffic into the building. Should you need to pick-up your child or drop off an item, please contact the office when you arrive or knock on the office window. Any parents invited in for meetings or other reasons, must sign-in, sanitize and wear a mask while in the building.

## Halloween



Students are welcome to wear a costume to school on October 30th. We ask that students do not wear costume masks or bring weapons to school. Please understand that your child's costume must be suitable for working and moving in a classroom. Students in Grades 4-8 must still be able to wear a protective mask throughout the school day. **Any treats that come into the school must be individually wrapped. Please speak to your child's teacher prior to sending any treats to school.** It's always a good idea to spread treats out throughout the year, rather than sending on busy occasions like holidays. Students and staff appreciate the random acts of kindness at other times as well.

## Orange Shirt Day

We want to thank all of our students for participating in Orange Shirt Day. It's important to recognize the mistakes made through the implementation of residential schools. Understanding the impact that the residential school system had is an essential part of moving forward with reconciliation. We must all do our part to make sure that *Every Child Matters!*

## Mask Protocol Summary



- A. Masks for Pre-K - 3 and staff working with them are optional. Staff would have to wear masks in common areas and during transitions.
- B. Masks for staff and students from Grades 4 - 8 must be worn during transitions, on buses and when rooms have more than 15 people.
- C. Masks are not mandatory outside for staff or students. Masks must be taken outside so that students have them for transitioning back to the school.
- D. Mask breaks in the classroom are at the professional discretion of the teacher and students should follow the teacher's directions.
- E. Masks in Phys. Ed. is also at the professional discretion of the teacher. There may be activities or times that the teacher needs to provide the students with a break.

## Calls to the Office

If at all possible, please try to make plans with your child about where to go after school **before** they come to school. The office is inundated with calls throughout the day from parents wanting to inform their child where to go. This makes teaching challenging and is very stressful for the office staff. We know it's not always possible to coordinate this ahead of time, but any effort to reduce the work-load on our school administrative assistants is much appreciated.

Also, please try to have your child to school on time. We are experiencing a large number of students arriving late to school that are unexcused.

## School Calendar



There is an updated school calendar as a result of the upcoming Provincial Election. There will be no school for students on October 26th as Palliser Heights will be used as a polling station. Please disregard any previous calendars and use the calendar attached to this newsletter when planning for your child.

## Joke of the Month

How did the Hamburger introduce his wife?



“Meat Patty”!



# OCTOBER 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5
5 Day 6	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 <b>NO CLASSES</b>
12  <b>NO CLASSES</b>	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1
19 Day 2	20 Day 3 SCC Meeting - 6:30 p.m. in the library	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6
26 <b>NO CLASSES</b>	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4 <b>Costume Day</b> 

