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**Homma Community**  
**The Week Ahead – October 25 to 29, 2021**

**Monday**                      **Student Photo Day**  
   **Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball Meeting**

**Tuesday**

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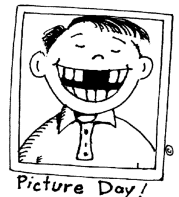
**Thursday**                      **Great Canadian Shake Out Drill 9:45 am**  
   **PAC - Mr. Cooper's Pies Pick Up**

**Friday**                         **PAC Sushi Hot Lunch**

**In Other Homma News:**

**1) Individual Student Photo Day**

This coming **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** is individual student photo day. Edge Imaging will be photographing the students again this year and offers a variety of purchase options. At a later date students will receive an order form with proofs along with instructions to order online. Should your child be absent or require a retake, photographers will be back in the school the afternoon of November 16<sup>th</sup>.



**2) Supporting Mental Wellness**

The following link from *Very Well Family* has some great information on how to maintain and improve your child's mental wellness <https://www.verywellfamily.com/improve-childrens-mental-health-4154379>

*"A [child's mental health](#) is just as important as their physical health, particularly when it comes to dealing with stress, behavior, and academics. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 5 children experience a mental disorder in any given year. And while not all mental health issues can be prevented, you can take steps to help keep your child as mentally healthy as possible."*

### 3) Grade 6 and 7 Volleyball

This coming Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our first Volleyball meeting for any interested students in Grades 6 and 7. With the current Health and Safety Protocols in place, we will be beginning the season with Intramural, Round Robin style of play over the recess and lunch times. If your child is interested, please remind them to listen to the announcements on Monday morning!



### 4) Hallowe'en at Homma

We are in for a very exciting week with a variety of Hallowe'en activities taking place in our classrooms! As with many activities, it is necessary that this Hallowe'en look slightly different again than in years past. Many classrooms will still be engaging in costumes, crafts, and movies but **we ask that you do not send Hallowe'en treats** for other students. If your child has the opportunity to have a treat in the afternoon, classroom teachers will be connecting with parents directly to request the sending of an individual treat for your own child.

As in years past we encourage students to wear costumes to school on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and remind everyone that scary face masks and costume weapons of any kind are to be left at home.



### 5) Dressing for the Weather and the MUD KITCHEN!



As you know, we believe fresh air and time spent outside is important to student health, well-being and learning. At Homma, we plan for "West Coast Weather" and we will be outside for most recess, lunch, and outdoor learning in rain or shine. Please help us by sending your child in weather appropriate clothing such as jackets and boots. **We also ask that you send your child to school with these items if they enjoy playing in the mud kitchen!** Even on non-rainy days, the mud kitchen is full of mud and inappropriate clothing will result in a day of wet, mucky clothing!

### 6) Drop Off Lane and Parking Lot Safety

To ensure the safety of all students, please pull up as far as possible in the drop off lane when coming to school in the mornings. Please do not park in the drop off lane to bring your child into the school as it disrupts the flow of traffic. Street parking is available on Railway Ave or Brunswick Drive. **At the end of the day, the drop off lane is closed to vehicles and we ask that you do not remove the parking lot chain to enter.**



### 7) Student Absences

If your child will be away from school, please call the Early Warning Line at **604-668-6491** before 9:00 a.m. with the following message:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I am calling to let you know that

\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) in Division \_\_\_\_\_ will not be at school today.

If your child's absence is due to a answering "Yes" to any of the Daily Health Declaration questions, please report this additional information to the school.

## 8) Follow us on Social Media!

At Homma we love to share events and activities with our Community! Please follow Homma School on twitter and Instagram by following the handle **@homma\_school** and the Homma Library on twitter by following **@hommalibrary**. Student photos will not be posted without signed parent/guardian consent.



### Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, November 2	PAC Pizza Day
Wednesday, November 3	Hold and Secure Drill
Wednesday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thursday, November 11	Remembrance Day Observed - All Schools Closed
Friday, November 12	PAC Hot Lunch – Dairy Queen
Tuesday, November 16	Photo Retake Day PAC Pizza Day
Wednesday, November 17	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm
Thursday, November 18	Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm

### From the PAC:

#### Canadian Parents for French Membership Drive until Oct 31st

- All new members are automatically entered in a draw prize contest
- Benefits of joining include:
  - Access to a quarterly curated list of French-language resources for at-home, online and school learning
  - Connections to a local advocacy network, dedicated to expanding supports for French learners
  - Your local Canadian Parents for French community Chapter will automatically get 90 % of your fee when you sign up. Chapters use this money to bring in entertainers for schools, throw Carnival and French Immersion Celebration Week events, offer workshops to parents, bursaries to graduating high school students and much, much more!
    - Go to <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/en/membership-drive/> to join online
- Current member only opportunities:
  - Free virtual french tutoring available for members age 5-14 years old
  - Free french classes for parents
- Any questions, parents can email [cpfrichmond@gmail.com](mailto:cpfrichmond@gmail.com)