



Homma Weekly

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Monday, Sept. 26	
Tuesday, Sept. 27	PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the school library
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Terry Fox Run
Thursday, Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day
Friday, Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School Closed

Next Week at a Glance: Sept. 26 - Sept. 30 , 2022

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

*A Heartfelt Homma where Everyone Belongs
seeking harmony.....respecting diversity*

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

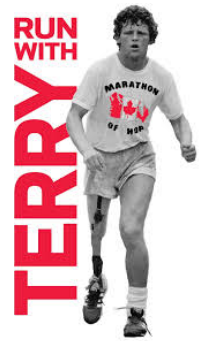
It was great seeing so many families out for our Meet the Teacher Night! Thank you to those families who attended last night. Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding as we worked to get food out to families. Also, thank you Homma Teachers for your help in hosting the evening. We are looking forward to more opportunities to connect as a community as the school year unfolds.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tomorrow will be our first Professional Development Day. We are excited to be welcoming Dr. Deborah McNamara to the school to work with Homma Staff. If you would like to learn more about Dr. McNamara, please check out her website @ <https://macnamara.ca>.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run will be held on **September 28th**. Classes will be signing up for a time to run during the day. During the week of September 26th students are invited to bring a toonie or more to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Also we are encouraging students and staff to wear Homma wear or Terry Fox wear.



SEPTEMBER 30 (SCHOOL CLOSED)- NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AND ORANGE SHIRT DAY



This non-instructional day honors the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Commemoration and acknowledgement of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. **We will also be encouraging everyone to wear orange shirts** on Thursday, September 29th in support of our efforts in reconciliation.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT HOMMA

This week, students in Grades 4 - 7 began leadership roles within the school community. Students have signed up for the following roles...

Crossing guards

Gate keepers

Morning Announcements

Lunch and Recess Monitors

Office Monitors

The students were really enthusiastic about these roles and have done an amazing job already in helping our school community. A big thank you to our Grade 4 - 7 teachers and Mr. Vines for organizing these opportunities for Homma students.

FUN RUN

Homma Grade 4 - 7 students have been invited to participate in the annual Fun Run at Garry Point on October 12th after school. We have a number of students participating this year. Practices will be held before school at 8:00 am on October 4th and 6th. Permission slips need to be please be returned to the office before students can participate. Thank you Mme Courtemanche and Mme Bugden.





FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM CONSENT FORM (ATTACHED)

We are pleased to announce that Homma has been accepted into the **B C School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program** sponsored by B.C. Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and ActNowBC.

Since January, 2010, our school has been involved in a province-wide healthy living initiative. We will be providing fresh B.C. Fruits and Vegetable to the students during classroom time. The students will receive picked, washed, and ready to enjoy produce every other week at **no charge!**

Every Homma student is automatically part of this nutritional program, but if you choose to withdraw your child(ren), please complete the attached form. Also if your child has a food allergy, please fill in the form and return it to the office.

HOMMA PAC NEWS

Contact: Our email address is changing. If you have questions or want to get involved, please contact us at contacthommapac@gmail.com. We will continue to check the old inbox, but ask for families to contact us through the new one moving forward. Thank you!



Reminder: The first PAC meeting of the school year will be Tuesday, September 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the School Library. Child care will be available in the gym. Please email contacthommapac@gmail.com to let us know if you plan to bring children and share their ages.

Hot Lunch: We are very excited to launch our Homma PAC Hot Lunch Program. Our first Hot Lunch Day will be hosted by Pizza Factory and is set for **Friday, October 7**. The order deadline will be Thursday, September 29. We are just working on getting the website ready to go, so we will update you all on Monday, September 26 with details about how to submit your orders. Thank you for your support!

STUDENT VERIFICATION PACKAGE AND SCHOOL FORMS

Each package includes an Emergency Contact Form for review and updating, information about paying for School Supplies and student agendas through the Cash On Line program, a Walking Field Trip Form, and the Consent to Receive Electronic Communications Form. ***When you have completed filling in all these forms, please have your child return them to the office.***

STUDENT AND FAMILY AFFORDABILITY FUND

Recently, the provincial government announced a new, one time [Student and Family Affordability Fund](#). This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support school meal programs and other nutritional supports for students.

At this time, we are requesting that families reach out to Mr. Cherry at dcherry@sd38.bc.ca. if you are in need of assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need in order to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK AND STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

We are now following the Provincial Communicable Disease Guidelines for K - 12. We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are showing symptoms and are not feeling well. **Students should not come to school when they are sick.** Please continue to go through the Daily Health Check with your child before they come to school. If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.



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. Thank you for your support with this.



STUDENT ABSENCE EARLY WARNING REMINDER

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. Please remember to include the reason for the absence.



Important Dates Coming Up

September 23..... Professional Day – Students are not in session
September 27..... PAC Meeting @ 6:30 (in the Homma Library)
September 28..... Terry Fox Run
September 29..... Orange Shirt Day
September 30..... National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – All Schools
Closed
October 4.....Fun Run Practice at 8:00 am
October 6.....Fun Run Practice at 8:00 am
October 7.....PAC Hot Lunch
October 10.....Thanksgiving Holiday
October 11.....Fun Run at Garry Point - 3:00 pm
October 12/13.....Conferences - Early Dismissal at 1:45 pm