**Principal’s Update – September 26, 2026**

* It has been an excellent start up – as you know we were required to reorganize from 12 classes to 11, due to a decrease in actual enrollment numbers. As a staff we worked hard to minimize the disruption to classes as much as possible. Students and staff are now settled into their classes for the year.
* Three junior soccer teams and one senior team participated in tournaments last week. All played very well and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Our senior team was the league tournament winner.
* The Terry Fox run is scheduled for October 6th (October 13th rain date). Students will have the opportunity to fundraise virtually. The link has been sent home in class newsletters and included in the family update. Classes will be doing, ‘kick off’ activities between now and the 6th.
* We are excited to be offering many leadership opportunities for older students this year (office helpers, Kinder helpers, DPA Instructors, Yard Pals, Leadership Team). Some of these opportunities have already started. For others, the health unit and bus company will be coming this fall to offer additional training.
* We had our first Colour House assembly in September and have 5 more planned throughout the year. Each will be focused on one of the P.R.I.D.E traits – Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Empathy. Our staff have also mapped out a variety of colour house activities for each month.
* Open House – Thursday, October 5th from 5:00-6:00. This is an opportunity for parents to drop in to the school to see the classroom and meet the teacher. It is not intended as a parent teacher conference. If parents wish an opportunity to discuss their child’s progress, they should contact the teacher to arrange a time to meet on a different day. Our Grade 8s are planning a Graduation fundraiser bbq on that night – Selling hot dogs, drinks and chips. All proceeds will be put toward their Grad trip and festivities.
* PA Day – September 25th – This was an opportunity to come together as a school, to analyze school data, and discuss our goals three key areas: Achievement of Learning Outcomes in Core Academic Skills, Preparing Students for Future Success and Student Engagement and Well-Being. We then identified strategies that we will use throughout the year in order to improve in each area. This year’s focus will be layered with last year’s inquiry about– For whom is the current education system not working and why?
* Our Student Achievement Plan will be shared with our School Council at our November meeting.
* Lunch Box – We have made the decision to go through ‘Lunch Box’ as a provider for hot lunches this year. All the work has been done on our end. An invitation to the Lunchbox program will be sent in the next weekly update with hot lunch options available as of October 16th.
* Our online spirit wear store is also expected to be completed this week or next and will be shared as soon as it is.