

September / October Happenings:

Truth and Reconciliation:

- Our Grade 8s will head out on a field trip to Island 22 with the Indigenous Education Department—an authentic partnership we're really looking forward to.
- Caroline MacDonald and other staff members have shared resources to spark meaningful conversations in classrooms.
- Slade will be drumming and singing on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 12:45–1:15 in front of the school over lunch
- Friday we'll close the week by recognizing Orange Shirt Day together.

Middle Years Project:

Leyton Schnellert will be back working with our staff for four partial days this year. He was well received by our staff the last two year and we look forward to having him here this year. Our Grade 7 and 8 team will be working alongside.

September 29th Pro d and October 1

While the students are home on the 29th, the staff will take part in professional development learning around Anti-Racism with keynote speaker Jeff A. D. Martin, who will also present to our students later on in the week. We are excited for the learning opportunities for both our staff and students.

Student Engagement Group:

Using student voice to focus on the values of SD33 Values and alignment with the Accessibility Plan. Student representation from each middle school are meeting five times this school year and will share their work not only with our school but also with the District and school board.

Drill Week:

We are holding a practice for all drills October 20-24.

Athletics & Clubs:

Athletics are up and running with boys' and girls' volleyball, cross country and boys' soccer. We are super thankful for the coaches who have volunteered their time.

Basketball sign-up for Gr. 7 & 8 boys and girls is also taking place. We continue our partnership with Chilliwack Community Services who are offering daily club activities. We also have the after-school Maker and Board Game clubs up and running. It's a great opportunity for our students and staff to make connections outside of the classroom.

School Growth Plan

We are working on our school Growth Plan and will be bringing it to the October PAC Meeting.

In the center of the Growth Plan is *Tómiyeqw*. Our school will be learning the Halq'eméylem word *Tómiyeqw*, which means cousins or relatives. In the Stó:lō worldview, *Tómiyeqw* reminds us that we are all connected like family, with a responsibility to care for and respect one another. In our classrooms, this teaching guides how we build community, support each other, and create a sense of belonging for every child.