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October 2023

ROSS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Magnificent Moose



Mr. Thomson introduced his Magnificent Moose award at our Empathy Assembly and presented it to students and staff who showed good examples of empathy this month. Congratulations to all of the recipients! We look forward to seeing who gets to pose with our Magnificent Moose next month!

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Mr. George Thomson

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, October 11:

7:00pm - Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, October 12:

Fall Colours Dress Up Day

2:30pm - Conscience Assembly

Thursday, October 19:

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, October 31:

1:00pm - Halloween Parade

No School Days

Friday, October 6th

Monday, October 9th

Friday, October 20th

Kindergarten Fridays

October 13 - K1/K3 M/W

October 27 - K2 T/Th



Principal's Message

Dear Ross Ford Elementary School Families,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend! As the principal of Ross Ford Elementary School, it is my pleasure to write a few brief words on some of the wonderful things that have been going on here at Ross Ford Elementary School during the month of September.

It was great to see several parents and families participate in our Meet the Teacher and Welcome Back BBQ evening. I hope everyone had their fill of hotdogs and cookies! Students did a fantastic job of honouring the legacy of Terry Fox with full and respectable participation in the Terry Fox Run. It was also great to see many of your students dressed up in their orange shirts and engaged in learning around Truth and Reconciliation and Residential Schools.

It has also been fantastic to see many parents at our first two assemblies of the year. We started off the year with a "bang" at our Welcome Back Assembly and just last week our students learned about understanding and supporting each other at our Empathy Assembly.

As we move into the school year, please remember that communication is key. Our doors are always open, and we encourage you to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. Your input is invaluable, and together, we can create a positive and engaging educational experience for our students.



You can continue to expect to receive regular updates on school events, curriculum highlights, and important dates. We encourage you to stay connected with us through our newsletters, school website, and social media channels to ensure you're up-to-date with all that is happening at Ross Ford Elementary.

We love our parents and our families! Please make plans to get involved in our school. Upcoming events include our Conscience Assembly on October 12th. We had a fantastic turnout as several enthusiastic parents attended our first Parent Council Meeting last week. They are making several exciting plans on how to support Ross Ford this school year. Please come out to our next Parent Council Meeting on October 11th at 7:00 pm and lend your voice and support to the group.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We are excited about October and the rest of the year ahead and all the possibilities it holds for our students.

I want to wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving. My wish is you would all have good quality time together with your families.

Warm regards,

George Thomson

Principal, Ross Ford Elementary School

Around the School...

Nutrition Grant

Once again, thanks to a Nutrition grant from the province, we are providing students access to healthy snacks (apple sauce, yogurt, cheese strings, granola bars, etc.) once they have finished what was provided from home. If you do not want your child to have access to these snacks, please let their teacher know.



School Fees

Student Fee statements will be sent home mid-October. Fees you will see on your student's account may include swimming lessons and recorders (Grade 3) at this time. In the spring when we book field trips you will then see a coordinating fee added. Library fines for lost or damaged books may also appear on your statement. We encourage you to pay your student's fees online at www.studentquickpay.com/chinook.

Cyber Security

Please check out the following video for some quick basic tips for student

[https://
watch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On Friday, September 29th, our school honoured National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with many orange shirt day activities.



Thank you to Barb Hannah-Dodman for the generous donation to our Student Nutrition Program!



FAMILY SCHOOL WELLNESS



Ross Ford Families, I am so thankful for the 2+ years I was able to spend working as the Family School Wellness Worker at your school. The students I spent time with and the people I met along the way have enriched my life and increased my skill around supporting others through difficulties. I am transferring to Olds Koinonia Christian School this month and am excited to introduce you to Miss. Genna (Sauve), Ross Ford's new Full Time Wellness Worker! Getting to know her over the past week leaves me confident that your students will be well supported. If your child has any safety concerns or is struggling to focus at school due to life events which may be impacting their ability to learn, please reach out.

Welcome Genna, I am so thankful you are here, you will love Ross Ford!

Mrs. Chantal DayMiko