

# Crichton Park Chronicle

September 2022

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## Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!

Dear Families,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students and families to Crichton Park School! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer with family and friends. We are excited to be joining the Crichton Park community and look forward to getting to know you and your children during the upcoming school year.

As educators, we look forward to educating your children, and appreciate that you are entrusting them in our care. This is a privilege we accept with great responsibility and continue to work towards maintaining your trust. The staff, parents and students will work closely together in a spirit of open communication, so that we continue to grow as a learning community. Our consistent effort to support the student's endeavors, academically, socially and emotionally throughout the year, will ensure optimum success for all.

Suzanne Hawkes and Crystal MacLean

Please take a moment to explore the school website (<https://crp.hrce.ca/>). Here you will find information on school policies, staff lists and upcoming dates and events. We can be found on Twitter @Crichton\_Park.



## Events this Month

- Sept. 7 First Day!
- Sept. 8 Stand up to Bullying Day: Wear Pink!
- Sept. 12 HSA @ 6:30 in person
- Sept. 19 Healthy Hunger
- Sept. 22 Curriculum Night/Ice Cream Social 6-7pm
- Sept. 23 Picture Day
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day-No Classes
- Terry Fox Run- more info to follow

## Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters

September 30th is National Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada: A day in which we pause and reflect to recognize the harm of the residential school system. Orange Shirt Day is grounded in the story of Phyllis Webstad who attended residential schools in Williams Lake BC, in 1973 and 1974. Phyllis was only six years old. She recalls the excitement she felt while preparing to go to school, even though it meant being removed from her family home. Her grandmother bought Phyllis a new outfit for the occasion, which included a shiny orange shirt. In Phyllis's words, "the shirt was bright and exciting-just like I felt about going to school." Upon arriving at St. Joseph Mission Residential School, her new clothes were taken from her and replaced by a school uniform. Phyllis never saw her orange shirt again. The loss of her shirt was the first of many losses for Phyllis.

As we further our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation, we invite all students and staff to wear orange on Sept 30th. Participation in this day is an opportunity to increase awareness about the thousands of Indigenous children across Canada who were forced from their homes to attend residential school.

### Safe Arrival

If your child will be late or absent from school, please contact

SchoolMessenger: Safe Arrival through the parent portal of PowerSchool. More information on how to do this can be found at:

<https://www.hrce.ca/SafeArrival>

### Pick Up and Drop Off

As we start a new school year, it is always a good idea to remind families that there is no parking or driving on the school grounds.

This includes the staff parking lot. In addition, there is no parking or drop-off in front of and on the opposite side of the school on Lyngby Ave. Please remember that we are a bus school and the bus drops off and picks up in front of the school on Lyngby. Student safety is our top priority and we appreciate your cooperation.

### Healthy Hunger

We are pleased to offer a lunch program again this year. *A separate alert will be sent out with more information.* The program will begin the week of September 19th.

### Life Threatening Allergies

As we have students with life threatening allergies to peanuts and/or nuts and lobster, we are asking your cooperation in respecting these allergies. Please do not send in snacks or lunches that contain these food items.

