

**PROSPECT LAKE ELEMENTARY WEEKLY INFORMATION UPDATE MONDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 26**

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 28 Fire Drill
- Sept. 29 Fire Expo for grades 4&5
- Sept. 30 Hot Lunch Day
- Sept. 30 Terry Fox Run (starts at 1:00 pm)
- Oct. 4,5&6 Early Dismissal @ 1:48
- Oct. 7 Individual Photo Day
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Oct. 15 Bottle Drive at the school for Grade 5 – 10 am to 2 pm
- Oct. 17 Earthquake Drill
- Oct. 18 PAC meeting @ 6:45 pm
- Oct. 19 Coffee Morning for parents in MPR @ 8:45
- Oct. 21 Non-Instructional Day (no students)
- Oct. 25 Lock Down Drill
- Oct. 26 Fire Drill
- Oct. 27 & 28 Halloween Safety Sessions With Saanich Police
- Oct. 28 Halloween Dance – details to follow
- Oct. 31 Black & Orange Day & Pumpkin Run @ 1:00
- Nov. 3 GoldStream School Field Trip
- Nov. 7 Photo Re-takes
- Nov. 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:00 am
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Nov. 14 Non-Instructional Day (no students)

Please also keep an eye on the [school calendar](#) on our website for other important notices.

**Terry Fox Event**

Prospect Lake Elementary families and friends are invited to join us for our Terry Fox Run. It will take place from 1:00 to 1:30 on Friday, September 30<sup>h</sup>. The children will begin with a warm up in the gym at 12:45 then move onto Adam Kerr Field. There they will run or walk around the perimeter of the field for twenty five minutes. Our motto this year is, Let's Make a Change for Cancer. We are going to collect change (coins) during the week leading up to the run and challenge our school community to raise as much money as possible.

- Monday, the 26, please send nickels
- Tuesday, the 27, please send dimes
- Wednesday, the 28, please send quarters
- Thursday, the 29, please send loonies
- Friday, the 30, please send toonies

These coins can be sent to school with your child, or placed in a container that is located on a table in the central foyer of the school.

**Early Dismissal Days**

October 4, 5 and 6 will be early dismissal days to allow time for parent teacher meetings. Students will be dismissed at 1:48pm each day. Buses will be available at 1:55 and they will be on their regular routes.

### **After School Supervision**

Prospect staff will supervise children, on the playground, after school until 3:08. Please do not let your children go to the Nature Playground during this time unless they are accompanied and supervised by an adult. A bell will ring to indicate the end of school supervision and, at that time, any children who do not have an adult supervising them will move to the office. There they will be supervised by staff until they are picked up.

### **Life Threatening Allergies At School**

At Prospect we have nine children who have anaphylactic (life threatening) allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. It is the school's responsibility to take the threat to these children seriously and to ensure that we have as safe an environment as possible. **To that end we strongly urge all parents in the school not to include nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter, in your children's lunch or snacks.** A mistake on our part has the potential for fatal consequences.

#### ***In The Classroom***

To help maintain an allergy safe environment we have established and reinforce rules such as students not being allowed to share food with each other. In addition to Allergy Alert posters being placed prominently outside classrooms where students have allergies, a letter is sent home informing families that a serious allergy exists in their child's class and all staff are aware of which children have allergies and are trained in how to respond if an allergic reaction should occur.

#### ***Special Days***

Special days like birthdays, Halloween, Valentines, Easter and end-of-the-year parties are examples of celebrations with friends and food. However, since there are students in our school with life-threatening food allergies these students are especially at risk during these times. You can help to keep allergic students safe by celebrating with stickers, games or prizes instead of food. However, accepting "class treats" such as cupcakes from parents, for all of the students in a class, is an individual teacher's decision. **Therefore, it is essential that you contact your child's teacher prior to bringing food of any kind to the classroom. And please do not bring any type of food treats, to be distributed on the playground.**

#### ***Halloween***

Finally, for children in all of our classes, we ask that you do not send any Halloween candies or other edible treats to school for children to share with others prior to, or after Halloween.