**SEPT 26, 2022 SCHOOL NEWS**

Welcome to our new school year! We are so excited to have 277 students at Prospect Lake School. We welcome our kindergarten and new families. Please join us for our community events to meet other families. We are looking forward to having more of these events this year. We have new staff members who join us this year. Welcome to Ms. Webster and Mrs. Wires -French as a Second Language teachers, Mr. Jung -Music teacher, Ms. Unger –learning commons lab tech, Ms. Hess- English Language Learner teacher, Ms. Alton, Ms. Bouchard, Mr. Goodyear – Educational Assistants.

**NEW WEBSITE** The schools in Saanich have new websites. Formerly the messages that were sent out to families via a subscription will no longer apply. Our website can be found here <https://prospectlake.saanichschools.ca/> Families are encouraged to check the website for updates.

**START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FORMS** Thank you for taking the time to complete the beginning of school forms and for promptly returning them to your child’s teacher

**SAFE ARRIVAL** **PROCEDURES** If your child will be late or absent, please contact the attendance email or phone message line by 8:50. Please include your child's name, teacher, division, reason and the date(s) that the child will be absent or late. [**prospectlake\_attendance@saanichschools.ca**](mailto:prospectlake_attendance@saanichschools.ca) -or- (250) 727-9993

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES** The school supports families so that student have access to all programs and events. Please contact the Principal, Ms. Ko at [ako@saanichschools.ca](mailto:ako@saanichschools.ca) if your family would benefit from financial support for and not limited to field trips, hot lunch days and food. This information can be kept confidential.

**RECENT SCHOOL EVENTS**

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Sept 13**

Our Prospect Lake Community of Staff and Students had their first whole school assembly. Students were commended for their excellent manners entering the gym and learning about our big audience signal **VEEB** (**V**oices quiet, **E**ars listening**, E**yes watching and **B**ody still).

Thank you to grade 5 student Mateo who talked about what he values at Prospect Lake and helping Ms. Ko with the presentation on safety on the playground and our school code of conduct “Take care of ourselves”, “Take care of each other” and “Take care of this place”. Declan and James shared information about Terry Fox and our first school event, the Terry Fox run. Our next assembly will be on Oct 4.

**TERRY FOX RUN Sept 16**

We had an enthusiastic afternoon of running to raise awareness for cancer research and to raise funds in the name of Terry Fox and his marathon of hope. We have the link for on line fundraising available until Oct 1 <https://schools.terryfox.ca/11966>. Thank you, Ms. Gregory and grade 4/5 volunteers for the warm up, Ms. Lail, Mrs. Russell and the PAWS squad for setting up the course of Canada’s provinces and to Mr. Stewart for the music.

**SAFETY DRILLS**

We had our first fire drill last week. As this was our first safety drill of the year, students were carefully guided through the steps for the drill. Students learned to stay calm and look to an adult for instructions such as leaving the school quickly and quietly and walking to our assembly area.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CORN ROAST**

We are looking forward to connecting with our families WEDNESDAY Sept 28. You can say hello to teachers in the classroom at 5:00-5:30 followed by a corn roast at 5:30-6:30 (classrooms will not be open at this time) and staff will be outside to serve corn. Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner. Parking is available at the Prospect Lake Community Hall.

**NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILATION**

Prospect Lake staff joined their SD 63 colleagues on Ministry Prod day Sept 24 to participate and learn about the important topic of Truth and Reconciliation and supporting all learners. We had wonderful guest speakers and sessions with our own SD63 staff and former students.

**Sept 29** Prospect Lake School will participate in Orange Shirt day. We encourage staff and students to wear orange on this day. Here is some background on this day. <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/about-us.html>

**Sept 30** This day is intended to educate and remind Canadians about the history of residential schools, honour the victims and celebrate the survivors. Here are a couple of community opportunities that families can participate in:

* Xe Xe Smun' Eem - Victoria Orange Shirt Day Ceremony: Every Child Matters on Friday, September 30 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Centennial Square <https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/news-events/events/events-list/community-events/xe-xe-smun-eem-victoria-orange-shirt-day-every-child-matters-ceremony-2.html>
* South Island Pow Wow at Royal Athletic park at 10: 00am <https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>

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| **STAFF 2022/23** |  |  |
| PRINCIPAL | MS. A. KO |  |
| VICE PRINCIPAL | MS. S. LAIL |  |
| ADMIN ASSISTANT | MRS. G. BLACKWELL |  |
| DIV 1 | MRS. A. CLOSE | GR 4/5 |
| DIV 2 | MR. R. STEWART | GR4/5 |
| DIV 3 | MRS. A. RUSSELL | GR 4/5 |
| DIV 4 | MRS. R. TATE | GR 4/5 |
| DIV 5 | MRS. H. BOSSENCE | GR 3/4 |
| DIV 6 | MRS. K SINATS | GR 3 |
| DIV 7 | MRS. L. RIDDELL | GR 3 |
| DIV8 | MS. S. LAIL | GR 2 |
| DIV 9 | MS. T. ASCHROFT | GR 2 |
| DIV 10 | MS. A. GREGORY | GR 1 |
| DIV 11 | MRS. C. HRYRNK-FOREMAN | GR1 |
| DIV 12 | MRS. L. HARWARD | K |
| DIV 13 | MRS. R. GLADWIN | K |
| INTEGRATION SUPPORT TEACHER  TEACHER LIBRARIAN | MRS. M BOURDON | K-5 |
| INTEGRATION SUPPORT TEACHER | MS. J DEJONG | K-5 |
| INTEGRATION SUPPORT TEACHER | MRS. P. EBERWEIN | K-5 |
| FSL | MS. R. WEBSTER | INTERMEDIATE |
| FSL | MRS. A. WIRES | PRIMARY |
| MUSIC | MR. J. JUNG | K-5 |

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| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. T. DOUCET |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. U. PERRY |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MRS. S. SUNDBY |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MRS. R. CARTWRIGHT |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. B BUCHNER |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MRS. M MANGIOLA |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. C GILLIES |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. C SMITH |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. H. ALTON |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MS. R. BOUCHARD |
| EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT | MR. J. GOODYEAR |
| LEARNING COMMONS LAB TECH | MS. D UNGER |
| LEARNING COMMONS LAB TECH | MS. C. GAUDET |
| CUSTODIAN | MS. D EDWARDS |
| CUSTODIAN | MR. J MUIR |

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| **DISTRICT ITINERENT STAFF** |  |
| SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST | MS. C MALI |
| SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST | MS. M MCAULAY |
| COUNSELOR | MRS. M FEDRIGO |
| ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHER | MS. E. HESS |

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| **UPCOMING DATES** |  |
| SEPT 27 | PAC MEETING 7 PM |
| SEPT 28 | 5-5:30 MEET TEACHER 5:30-6:30 CORN ROAST |
| SEPT 29 | ORANGE SHIRT DAY |
| SEPT 30 | NATIONAL TRUTH AND RECONCILATIONDAY  – SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION |
| OCT 7 | HOT LUNCH |
| OCT 20 | HOT LUNCH |
| OCT 21 | PROVINCIAL NID- SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION |
| OCT 28 | HOOT AND HOWL – AT \*BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL\* |
| NOV 1,2,3 | EARLY DISMISSAL 1:40 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES |
| NOV 11 | REMEMBRANCE DAY- STAT HOLIDAY |
| DEC 19-JAN 2 | WINTER BREAK |