



# École Quarterway

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## **Hello Quarterway Families,**

September was a very busy month! We welcomed many new students and families into our school community. We had our Photo Day, our Open House, the PAC's Welcome Back BBQ, our Terry Fox Walk with help from Constable Rose and Constable Vaughan and the school was a sea of orange Monday for Orange Shirt Day. Mme Pauline, our Aboriginal Assistant helped students understand the significance of this day. Our cross-country runners and football teams are active thanks to coaches and teacher sponsors. Our grade 6 crossing guards have been busy training the new grade 5 crossing guards and the students' council are busy doing Monday morning announcements, Friday afternoon cougar draws, acting as kindergarten helpers at recess, and planning special events like the October Halloween Parade and the grade 5, 6, 7 dance. Grade 6s and 7s have completed their first fundraiser, the Quarterway clothing orders (thank you for your support) and parents have hot lunches planned for October and beyond.

Our teachers, education assistants and our school support teams are in full gear as they help your child deepen and broaden their learning experiences. This newsletter outlines some of the important events planned for this month starting with a school-wide assembly Tuesday, October 8.

## **FSA - Foundational Skills Assessments for GRADES 4 and 7, October 1 – November 4**

This month we begin our Foundational Skills Assessments in Grades 4 and 7. These are provincially mandated, teacher-designed assessments of mathematics, reading and writing. All Grade 4 and 7 students participate in these assessments as they give us information on how our students are doing. We give these field-tested formative assessments at the start of the year so teachers and parents have immediate feedback on how students are doing. Principals have permission to excuse students who are: a) on modified programs and are not able to do grade level work; b) have limited English language skills and would not understand the assessment; or c) if there are extenuating circumstances such as a traumatic family situation that is preventing the student from doing any meaningful schoolwork at this time. For more information, please see the letter that was sent home the second week of school.

## **The Competencies Conferences, October 21 – 24**

Once again, we are using the School Appointments system to organise our competency conferences. Information about how to schedule your appointments and the link for doing so will be on the school website Friday afternoon. The Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled over four days: October 21 is **early** dismissal as usual at **1:37 PM**. October 22, 23 & 24 students will be dismissed **early** at **1:17 p.m.** Please note the EARLY DISMISSAL times from Monday, October 21 to Thursday, October 24 and that Friday October 25 is a Professional Development Day where students do not attend. Thank you for ensuring your child is picked up promptly for these four days of Parent-Teacher competencies conferences. Conferences are 15 minutes long and are held in your child's classroom. Please try to be outside the classroom five minutes before your interview time. If you have more than one child at EQ, you can schedule consecutive conferences for your convenience. Parents can arrange additional appointments at any time with the teacher throughout the year.

## **PAC: Christmas food fundraiser and Playground Meeting**

Our PAC is organising a Christmas food fundraiser. From October 25 until November 15<sup>th</sup>, parents will be able to place orders, and the delivery date will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The PAC playground meeting is this Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 in the library.

For weekly updates on events happening in our school, please continue to check the home page and calendar on our school website. There is also a page for PAC and for parent information on the website. Let us know if we have missed anything!

Sincerely, Mme Kaké and Mme Karina