



BEARS BULLETIN FOR PARENTS

Sept 9-20, 2024

Monday 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast program starts 8:15am (goes every day) Ultimate Frisbee practice 2:45-3:45 	Monday 16	
Tuesday 10		Tuesday 17	
Wednesday 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 aside soccer practice 2:45-3:45 Cross Country practice 2:45-3:45 	Wednesday 18	
Thursday 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch Rugby Practice 2:45-3:45 	Thursday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Teacher & Community Connects, 5-7pm
Friday 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terry Fox Run Welcome Back BBQ for students 	Friday 20	

Upcoming Dates:

September:

23 - Pro-D Day - No school

26 - Photo Day

27 - Orange Shirt Day

30 - Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School

October:

2 - Tour de Rock

3 - PAC Meeting 7:00pm

14 - Thanksgiving Holiday

25 - Pro-D Day - No school

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Dear Centre Mountain Families,

Welcome to a new school year! It is an honour and privilege to be the Principal of this incredible school community. It was so wonderful to welcome new and returning students to school and hear the halls come alive. We had a wonderful first week and are excited to see your children. We continued with our first full day tradition which saw each class being welcomed into our school with drumming by two elders from our community. To learn about the gift of our school's name see here: [school naming video](#)

While the new school year is exciting for most, it can also feel overwhelming for some. If your child is feeling nervous, please reach out to us. While we are not making class changes, we are all here to support our students and help make the transition a positive one for everyone.

We have lots of exciting events coming up. Of note, we are hosting our **Meet the Teacher and Community Connects on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 5-7pm**. You'll want to come to this fun event - enjoy pizza by donation being offered by our PAC, and inflatables on the turf field for students. As well, we will have community organizations that support families, and of course, meet your child's teacher and see their classroom.

- 5:00 - Meet myself and our Vice-Principals on the outdoor stairs at the school entrance (inside stairs if inclement weather)
- 5:10-6:30 - Get some pizza, play on inflatables, meet community organizations
- 6:30-7:00 - Visit teachers in classrooms

SCHOOL NEWS:

- **Terry Fox Run** - Centre Mountain Lellum Middle is getting ready for the 2024 Terry Fox School Run on Friday, Sept. 13! We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/CentreMountainLellumMiddle>

Or, if you can, bring a **Toonie (\$2) for Terry** in support of Cancer research.

To learn more about Terry Fox, check out this link: <https://terryfox.org/>

- **Welcome Back BBQ for students** – thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with BBQ. We'll be cooking up hamburgers for all our students on Friday, Sept. 13
- **Breakfast Program** – every morning from 8:15-8:35 and open to all students
- **School Supplies** – come by the office if you need a backpack or school supplies
- **PAC** – We have an active PAC and welcome people to join to help out. The meetings will be the 1st Thursday of each month in the school library.
- **Drop off and pick up** – please only use the lower drop off circle to drop off and pick up your child. The upper parking lot is for buses and staff parking only. Please do not park in the lower parking lot or leave your car unattended in the loop. All students being picked up should be waiting for their parents at the loop area. We thank you for your patience. A suggestion for a more stress-free experience – drop off your student at the bottom of the hill in the gravel parking lot or come a bit early to avoid the rush.
- **Personal Digital Devices at school** – as you may have already heard, the BC Ministry of Education issued a ministerial order that restricts the use of personal digital devices at school. Please see our school district website for more information here: <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/personal-digital-devices> For us at Centre Mountain Lellum, it means a continuation of our rule that students' cell phones must be turned off and locked in their locker for the entirety of the school day. Please help us with this – if you need to contact your child during the day please call the office. If your child needs to contact you during the day, they are welcome to use the office phone.
- **Closed Campus** – Centre Mountain Lellum is a closed campus, which means students are not allowed to sign-out during the day to leave to get lunch or for other reasons, unless it involves the parent, guardian or designate. Parents can sign their child out for an appointments, etc. at the office. Thank you for respecting this rule – we take student safety very seriously and are responsible for students' whereabouts during the school day.

DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Family Smart Resources – see link to register for events: <https://familysmart.ca/monthly-events/>
- Westshore Wolves is inviting all Elementary and Middle school students of the Sooke School District to attend a game for FREE, as long as they are accompanied by a paying adult (note 1 paying adult per 3 kids). They will be offering these events 4 times throughout the season. Wednesday September 18, Wednesday November 27, Wednesday January 15, Wednesday February 12. See attachment for details.

