Dear Parents/Guardians:

Tomorrow is Canada’s first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. At school today, many of us wore orange shirts to honor Residential School Survivors and those who were affected by Residential Schools. As author Monique Gray Smith writes in her book Speaking Our Truth, “the date was chosen because it is a time of year when children were taken from their homes to Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to remind students and staff about the policies that contribute to a respectful school community.” Thank you for taking time tomorrow to reflect on how your family may help and participate in a journey of reconciliation.

**FREE pears available after school today**

We will be distributing free pears from the BC Fruit and Veggie Program after school today. Please find us outside of the gym and bring a bag or basket for your fruit.

**Meet the Teacher Virtual Events**

**Classroom teachers are holding virtual “Meet the Teacher” events from October 4th to 7th. You may have already received a MS Teams invite to this meeting. Thank you for taking time to participate. Your interest in your child(ren)’s school experience makes a difference!**

**Mr. Croft music class “meet the teacher” on October 5th from 5:30 pm – 6 pm**

Please click the link below to join the live event presentation.

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2I3OWFhOGItZDk0Mi00YTU4LWFkNGUtMmU5NTE5MTQ0ZmQw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f7c5b01f-413e-4ee8-9788-ce578108cd30%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2239c05a8b-3646-4aab-9c8d-42361913cb1e%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a>

**Parking along Selwyn Rd.**

**Please do not park along the wrong side of Selwyn Rd. This makes it much more dangerous for pedestrians and drivers, especially on rainy days. Thanks, in advance, for your help.**

**Individual Photo Day is October 5th**

**Online Consent Forms**

*Have you completed the new Sooke School District consent form for your child(ren)?*

These consent forms allow your child(ren) to go on neighbourhood walks, access the Internet, etc. Thank you in advance for taking time to complete them.

Please go to our District website:

<https://consent.sd62.bc.ca/apps/OnlineConsent>to sign the student consents.

**Arrival / Dismissal Time**

A gentle reminder that you **cannot** get out of your car while you are in the drop off and pick up lane. Thank you for your understanding. Also, pedestrians, please use the cross walk and sidewalks not the parking lot at the front of the school.

**PAC News**

\*\*Reminder we cannot accommodate pickup of hot lunch items because of Covid-related visitor restrictions on the school property. Any cancellations after order cut off (one week prior) or any missed lunches due to absence are treated as a PAC donation (non-refundable) \*\*

Join the Facebook Group: [Millstream PAC Facebook Group](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/wBgaNssqf7TgSVt2hFKIPg**A/AAAAAQA*)

**Upcoming Hot Lunch Dates:**

* **Friday Oct. 15th** – Royal Bay Bakery (Orders close Friday Oct. 8th 10pm)
* **Friday Nov. 26th** – Sushi & Cobbs Bakery (Orders close Friday Nov. 19th 10pm)

**Ongoing Fundraisers:**

Donate to the PAC:  Click [DONATE](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/Nx76xOMBP65uqOI7FpmN4w**A/AAAAAQA*__;fn5-!!AqQTiOZlHyw!vl24TWpVndr40F8XUH-ZNrw8bmTAqmPfRiOezSQ6Xa01F3fatK19cPgh1d3XR9mx29SD$). Specify "Millstream PAC" in the Message Box. **Print Tax Receipt.**

PENINSULA CO-OP: Use Member #**13999**. Rebate goes to Millstream PAC. (~$4,000 last year!!)

MABEL'S LABELS: Click [HERE](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/feaL_UOpm8glhE19SdY3-Q**A/AAAAAQA***A__;fn5-) to order. PAC gets 20% commission.

COBS BREAD: Mention ‘Millstream Elementary’ when purchasing from Cobs Millstream. 5% commission on all sales.

GFL BOTTLE RETURN: Ask for your return refund to go to Millstream Elementary. [1045 Dunford Ave](https://urldefense.com/v3/__http:/track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/AtqaTnS_4Te6myzxatysqA**A/AAAAAQA*)

Thank you,

The Millstream Team