



Millstream Week Ahead September 23 - 27

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School	Please send in a rock with your child	Cut-Off Day for Ordering Popcorn	Terry Fox Run Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Staff 5:00 - 6:30 pm	Wear your Orange Shirt T&R Assembly and Walk

No School Monday

A reminder that there is no school for students on Monday as this is the District School Planning Day. Millstream staff held their Planning Day in August as did many schools across the District.

Rocks Needed for Tuesday

Our Na'tsa'maht classroom program assistant, Nitzana, will begin painting rocks with students next week. Students will paint their rock orange in recognition of EVERY CHILD MATTER for Truth & Reconciliation Day. Once the paint dries, they will be able to write messages of hope, love, togetherness, kindness, inclusion, etc... to represent their thoughts of the importance of EVERY CHILD MATTERS. We are asking each child to bring in their own rock for this activity. The rocks should be about palm size of a smaller student please.

Terry Fox

Millstream Elementary is getting ready for the 2024 Terry Fox School Run! We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. We will be doing our run on Thursday September 26th. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/MillstreamElementary> #terryfoxschoolrun #nomatterwhat @theterryfoxfoundation

Meet the Staff Night and Welcome Back BBQ

A reminder that our PAC organized BBQ is from 5:00 - 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 26th. Bring your own picnic blankets or camping chairs to enjoy your family meal on the back field and playground. Doors open at 6:00 pm for a chance to see your child(ren)'s new classroom(s) and meet their teacher(s). Please remember that this is not a time to ask the teacher specific questions about your child. If you need to have this type of conversation with the teacher, please arrange a separate time to connect privately. The Open House will conclude at 6:30 pm. Please note that **NO FOOD** will be allowed in the building during the Open House. We are looking forward to seeing many families and students!

National Truth & Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day

Students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt to school on Friday for National Truth & Reconciliation Day. We will be holding a school-wide assembly in the morning and then leaving the gym together to take a walk out to the main road to share with our community that we believe EVERY CHILD MATTERS! Please make sure your child's consent forms are all up to date so that they can participate (link is below).

Attendance

When your child is away or is going to be late, please let us know by emailing the Millstream Attendance Email at millstream@sd62.bc.ca with your child's name and teacher's name. Please cc the email to your child's teacher so that they are aware as well. You can find all the teacher email addresses on our Millstream website at <http://millstream.web.sd62.bc.ca>. **This email address is going to be used solely for attendance purposes only this year.** It is important that families email us as soon as possible so that we make sure to have this information before the day starts. **Please do NOT use this email address for any other communication.** This is a change from last year to help us expedite our attendance process every day. If you require support from the school, please either send an email directly to the person you feel can best answer your questions or to Alisha in the office at ashea@sd62.bc.ca.

STEAM Wishlist of Item Needed Please

Robin, our Librarian, provides opportunities for classes to participate in some STEAM learning at some point throughout the year. STEAM allows students to use their hard and soft skills to solve scientific, technological, engineering and mathematical problems. It is a fabulous way for students to work collaboratively using their critical and creative thinking and problem solving skills to face a challenge presented to them. In order for this magic to happen, the students will need some supplies for their

exploration and learning. Please see the attached document with a list of items that contribute to this program. If you have some of these things at home that you are no longer using or would like to purchase a few items from the dollar store to donate, Robin and the students would be extremely grateful. Please drop off any donations to the office and let us know that it is for the STEAM projects. Thank you in advance for your support of these wonderful learning opportunities for our students!

Buddy Bench

The 50/50 raffle was a wonderful success! We're extremely grateful for the Millstream community (and wider Langford community) who pulled together in order to support our students! The total jackpot reached \$2,033! That means someone won \$1,016!!! But more importantly - we reached our goal and will be able to purchase our first Buddy Bench! Thank you to every person who purchased a ticket. You're helping to support the mental health and social development of children right here in our community.

Lizards

We have several students who are enjoying watching and catching the little lizards around the school playground. We have been messaging to students that it is ok if they are very gentle with the lizards and they release them quickly. No lizards can be kept beyond each recess time. Lately, some students are becoming rough with the lizards and treating them poorly. We are hoping that all families who have children who enjoy catching lizards could take a few minutes over the weekend to talk about kindness and expectations around catching and holding them. No hurting them, throwing them or holding them by their tails. Thank you for your support helping us to be kind to our little lizards.

Contact Information

Please check your contact details in the Parent Portal. This is instead of us sending home the typical verification sheet for you to check. We are trying to go paperless. **If you have any updates or changes that need to be made, please email Alisha at ashea@sd62.bc.ca** to provide us with those details. It is imperative that all families have accurate information on file as well as a pick-up plan for their child(ren) in case of inclement weather or an emergency.

Student Pick-Up

If you pull into the pick-up drive-thru area in front of the school, please make sure that you **do not leave your vehicle**. This area is for a very quick pull-through to pick up

your child(ren) and then continue on. Please make sure that your child(ren) know(s) to be out front of the school very quickly after the bell so that traffic is not being held up and can keep flowing smoothly. **If you are unable to pull into the pick-up area, please drive around the block and try again. Do NOT stop in the road.** We cannot have any cars sitting still in the road blocking traffic. Police will be out more often as we get used to our pick-up routine again.

Garbage and Recycling Bins

Please **DO NOT** park in front of our garbage and recycling bins **at any time**. Our waste management company will not pick-up our garbage and recycling if there are vehicles in the way. There is a **Tow Away Sign posted on the fence**. Please expect this to be enforced if it becomes a problem for us to have our bins emptied. Thank you so much for helping us with this!

Visitors

If you are coming into the school for any reason, please come through the front doors only and **check in at the office** first, even if you have an appointment with a staff member. It is really important that we know who is in the building at all times so that we can keep all of our students and staff safe.

Consent Portal for Parents/Guardians

Please visit the online consent portal at <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca> to provide and/or review consents for your child(ren).

Consents include:

- Indigenous Self-Identification
- General Consent for local/walking field trips
- Google Apps for Education (G Suite)
- Internet Access
- Media release
- KEV School Cash Online

MyEd BC Family Portal:

Instructions for logging on and navigation the portal can be found [here](#). If you are new to the district, you will have received an email with a temporary password to activate your MyEd BC Family Portal. Please activate your account as soon as possible as the password will expire on September 30th. You will need this access to view your child(ren)s report cards.

KEV Cash Online Steps to Complete to Sign-Up

1. Complete the Online Consent Form by copying and pasting the following link into your web browser <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca/apps/OnlineConsent>. Once you have completed the Online consent form for Cash Online it will take 24-48 hours before you can move to Step # 3 and attach your student(s) to your account.
2. Register for a School Cash Online account
<https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents/school-fees>
3. Attach your students at School Cash Online. When attaching your students to your account you will need their PEN number.

Dates to Remember

September 30 - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - No School

October 3 - Picture Day

October 4 - Popcorn Day

October 14 - Thanksgiving - No School

October 18 - PAC Hot Lunch

October 22 - Picture Retake Day

October 24 - PAC Fall Dance

October 25 - Non-Instructional Day - No School