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## Dear Parents,

Hard to believe we are at the end of September and the beginning of October this week. Some of the events happening over the next two weeks at Evans includes:

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Kick-off Cops for Cancer & Terry Fox Fundraising Events

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Start of "Gotcha" Draws at Evans this week

Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - Orange Shirt Day

Oct 1st - Start of our Virtues with a focus on "Friendliness"

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Aboriginal Language Program for Students

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Virtual School Wide Assembly #2 (on Teams)

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Parent – Teacher Event (Video)

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox Run (Student only due to COVID)

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Bus Training Day

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed for students and staff)

<u>Driveway at the Front of the School</u> – Parents, we need your help !!! We are asking that parents use a <u>DROP and GO strategy for drop off</u> <u>AND</u> a <u>remain with your vehicles approach for pick-ups</u> if you are using the front driveway of the school. Car that are left unattended are causing some unsafe situations on our front driveway. Staff will be on supervision out front to help children get safely to where they need to be. Thanks for your help with this.

<u>Daily Health Checks</u> – There has been some confusion over daily health checks as a result of some recent stories in the media. In short while the media has reported that some jurisdictions have changed their Health Checks to eliminate some conditions <u>the Chilliwack School District health check protocols (Fraser Health & CDC) have not changed</u>. <u>I've linked our current daily health check information here</u> for parents. This page also provides information on what to do should your child exhibit any of these symptoms or need to be sent home from school due illness (with these symptoms).

<u>Student Behavior Form</u> – Our school staff believe in working with children to promote positive behaviors at all times. As a school, we understand that from time to time students will and do make mistakes. This year our school will be using a "Student Behavior Form" as a way to communicate more minor behavior issues with parents. Should you receive one of these forms from your child, we would ask that you review it with them, sign it and have them return it to the school. Should you have further questions about an incident please do not hesitate to give the school a phone call.

Cops for Cancer & Terry Fox Fundraising Events - Once again this year we will be participating in the Terry Fox & COPS for Cancer fundraising drive. Starting this Monday (Sept 28<sup>th</sup>) we are inviting students to bring loonies, toonies or other types of monies to school that will be collected in the classroom and donated to these charities. We will be having a Terry Fox run on October 8<sup>th</sup> for students (rain or shine). Unfortunately this event is only for students in the school this year due to COVID - 19 restrictions. Students will run at different times in their cohort groups.

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<u>Orange Shirt Day</u> - We will be participating in activities such as an assembly and a short walk on Orange Shirt Day on October 30<sup>th</sup> to recognize and honour people impacted by residential schools. We encourage students to wear orange on this day.

<u>Virtual Parent-Teacher Event</u> – In most years it has been the tradition of the school to hold a parent-teacher event where staff could connect with children and their families. With COVID-19 happening this year we have been unable to have this happen. As such we are looking at putting together a virtual parent-teacher event with online video's that will let you look into your child's classroom. Our hope is to have this ready to go by Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We will send further details home in the next little while as to how parents can access video's posted by classes.

<u>Student Photo Day</u> – We have been in touch with the photographer and will have our student photo day on the morning of October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will send information home on picture packages available in the next little while. While we can do individual pictures this year we are unable to take class photos at this time.

A Request From Our Library – Have any library books at home from last year that were forgotten about ? We need your help!! We are hoping parents can have a look at home for any library books that may not have been return last school year and return them to the school as soon as possible. We want to make sure that all our students this year have great books to read!!!

Our doors are open while our doors are closed !! - Despite Evans Elementary being a closed campus at this time due to COVID-19, teachers and staff want you to feel welcome at the school and informed about what is happening with your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's teacher should you have questions about what is happening at the school or with your child's class. Staff will be more than happy to return a phone call, send an email or communicate in a manner and time where they can connect with you.

Even though at this time we need to keep the school doors closed to parents, you, your family and your child are important to us and you are always welcome at Evans school!!