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## Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first full week of October. Some of the events happening over the next two weeks at Evans includes:

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – World Teacher's Day

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

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – Start of the Super Reader Program

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

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm 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)

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> – School Photo Day

<u>World Teacher's Day (October 5<sup>th</sup>)</u> – As someone who is new to the school this year I want to give a "Shout Out" to the great teachers AND staff at Evans Elementary on World Teachers Day. I have been very impressed with the caring approach to working with children and quality of teaching at Evans in my time at this school. *Happy World Teachers Day*.

<u>Super Reader Program</u> – Our Super Reader Program will start on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Start reading every night and information will be sent home from the library shortly.

<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 plan is to send a link to parents at about 6pm in an email that will allow families to access the school's videos. We hope many of you will join us.* 

<u>Terry Fox Run</u> – This week students can continue to bring nickels, dimes, loonies, toonies or other types of monies to school that will be collected in the classroom and donated to the Terry Fox and COPS for Cancer Foundations. We will be having a Terry Fox run on October 8<sup>th</sup> for students (rain or shine) at 1:00pm. 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.

<u>Student Photo Day</u> – We 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.



<u>Free \$\$ for your Child's Future Education</u> - Future Bright is a FREE EFry program that helps parents and guardians access up to \$3,200 for their child's education through the Canada Learning Bond (CLB) and BC Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG). *This money is free for you to claim for your child and you don't have to contribute any money yourself*. Youth who have savings for their education are 50% more likely to attend post-secondary! <u>Information is attached.</u>

<u>Generation Health</u> - Generation Health is a FREE 10-week healthy lifestyle program for children and their families. We will be meeting (with safe social distancing protocols in place) once a week as of October 2020 at YMCA Chilliwack. This program covers various topics related to healthy living such as healthy eating, physical activity, goal setting, body image, self-esteem and more! Families who participate in this program will receive a FREE 6-month membership to the YMCA. This program requires prior registration and screening through these details: telephone 1-888-650-3141 or send an e-mail to <u>info@generationhealth.ca</u>. <u>Information is attached.</u>

(Repeat) Driveway at the Front of the School – Parents, we need your help!!! We are asking that parents use a <u>DROP and GO strategy for drop off</u> AND 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.

(Repeat) Student Behavior Form – 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.

(Repeat) 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!!!