

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT– SEPT 2025

Recent Events:

1. Staffing Update & School Population
 - a. First off, staff who recently moved on:
 - i. Nadia Reza – Got a permanent position at Chaffey Burke
 - b. I'm happy to announce the following staff members who will be joining our team this year. First off, some returning superstars:
 - i. Eli Wilkinson (Educational Assistant) – Yep, Eli is back with us again...but as of October, he will be joining the TTOC list, so we only have 1 more week!!
 - ii. Katherine Chan (Office Support Clerk on Wed/Thurs) – We thought we'd lost Katherine to some bumping, but alas, we get to keep her
 - iii. Katherine Morris (Educational Assistant) – We thought we had lost her, but in August, we found out she's back with us in a permanent position!
 - iv. Sarina Perneel (Educational Assistant) – Sarina has returned from supporting the District Alt Program...great to have her back
 - c. Some new faces as well:
 - i. Carmen Alayo-Casas (Educational Assistant) – replacing Ms. I until at least Spring Break joining us from a district position
 - ii. Gabbie McEwan (Counsellor) – joining us 2 days/week (Tuesday & Friday). Gabbie also works at Stride.
 - iii. Liz Staub (Educational Assistant) – joining us from UHE
 - iv. Maya Sohrabi (Educational Assistant) – joining us from Forest Grove
 - v. William Chaster (Librarian + Gym NIS) – currently working 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday)
 - d. Population is currently at around 300 with no overflow yet from Cameron and likely not much in the next while.
2. We also have EA Practicum students starting in October and likely some Student Teachers as well later in the year.
3. Thank you parents!
 - a. BIG thanks to volunteers for Terry Fox Run last Friday...and for supporting our fundraising goals. We've already surpassed our goal so Mr. Gurney will not be alone on the painting canvas 😊
4. Student Leadership
 - a. We have over 60 grade 5 – 7's signed up for Leadership to take on initiatives and events to support community building at our school.
5. Cross Country is underway
 - a. We have approximately 60 students in Cross Country (grades 4 – 7) and their first meet is Thursday, Oct. 1st.
 - b. Huge thanks to Ms. Smith and Mr. Stoffberg for coaching & giving their time

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Upcoming Events:

1. Goal-Setting Conferences (Wed., Sept. 23rd 2:00 – 6:00pm; Thurs., Sept. 24th 3:00 – 5:00 pm)
2. Pro D Day (Friday, Sept. 25th)
3. Orange Shirt Day (Tuesday, Sept. 29th)
 - a. Recognition of the harms caused by Residential Schools and to learn from previous mistakes
 - b. We will be joined by Frances Carlickis, who is an Elder, community leader, and prominent advocate for Indigenous healing and reconciliation in Canada. She is from the Tahltan and Kaska First Nations of northern British Columbia. Carlickis is a second-generation Residential School survivor. She will with us all morning speaking to grade grouping under a message of HOPE

Possible Projects:

- Water Fountain and Refill Station on Top Floor = \$2700 + tax approximately
- 2 trees out back = Grants
- Mural on gym wall = Grants