



September 20/2026

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

Short weeks always seem to be busy weeks at Prince Charles! We have a number of exciting events and activities happening this week.

Our Kindergarten students will begin their first full day of Kindergarten tomorrow. This is an exciting milestone, and we look forward to welcoming our youngest Royals for a full day of learning, exploration, and fun.

On Wednesday, September 23, we will be hosting our Welcome Back BBQ from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to visit the school, meet their child's teacher, and see their classroom. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., our PAC will be serving hot dogs out back. Hot dogs will be available by donation. In addition, the PAC is still looking for a few more volunteers to help out on Wednesday. We hope to see many families there as we celebrate the start of another great year together.

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, September 24, at 1:30 p.m. Families are welcome to join us and cheer on our Royals as they participate in this important event. We are proud to continue Terry Fox's legacy of hope and perseverance while raising funds for cancer research.

Finally, a reminder that Friday is a Professional Development Day. There will be no school for students as staff engage in professional learning to support student success.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting week ahead at Prince Charles Elementary!

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #3 at Prince Charles Elementary**:

1. **Grade 4/5 Cross Country**: Cross Country Races will be happening after school at Bateman Park on:

Tuesday, September 22nd

Tuesday, September 29th
Tuesday, October 6th

2. **Welcome Back BBQ:** On Wednesday, September 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., we invite all Prince Charles families to join us for our Welcome Back BBQ. This special evening provides an opportunity for families to visit their child's classroom, meet their teacher, and reconnect with our school community as we begin another exciting year of learning.

At 6:00 p.m., our PAC will be serving complimentary hamburgers for all families. We are grateful for the continued support of our PAC and look forward to coming together to celebrate the start of a wonderful school year.

3. **Terry Fox Run:** On Thursday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m. (note the new start time), Prince Charles Elementary will be taking part in our annual Terry Fox Run. This special event provides an opportunity for our students to come together as a school community to honour Terry Fox's incredible legacy of courage, determination, and hope.

Families are warmly invited to join us and cheer on our Royals as they run around our back field in support of this important cause. Your encouragement helps make the event even more meaningful for our students.

As a school, we have set a fundraising goal of **\$1,000** for the Terry Fox Foundation. Currently we have raised **\$400 dollars**. Every donation, no matter the amount, helps support vital cancer research and carries forward Terry's dream of a world without cancer.

You can donate here or bring A Toonie for Terry to your Classroom Teacher:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/PrinceCharlesElementaryAbbotsford>

4. **Dropping Off/Picking Up Children:**

The school side of McKee Road is a combination of bike lanes and two-hour parking. To ensure the safety of your children, please adhere to posted road signs. We encourage families to use our drive-through drop off located at the top of the parking lot. Simply pull up to the top and allow one of our "Highlighters" to escort your child from the car to the school safely. We have found that this reduces congestion and inconvenience for families in the morning and

afternoon. ***Please do not drop your child off at any locations in our parking lot.***

Please note where our parent parking lots are located and what areas are designated as No Parking Zones and Staff Parking.

A friendly reminder that schools are idle-free zones. Please turn off your vehicle engine when waiting for student drop-off & pick-up in our parking lots. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

5. **PC Swag:** Show your Prince Charles Elementary spirit with our school swag! Families and students can order a variety of items, including hoodies, zip-up hoodies, t-shirts, crewneck sweaters, toques, and hats.

Best of all, 10% of every purchase is returned directly to Prince Charles Elementary to support our school community.

To browse and place an order, please visit:

[Prince Charles Elementary Apparel Store](#)

Orders are typically ready within approximately two weeks. Once your order arrives, Ms. Smith will contact families directly with pickup information.

Thank you for supporting Prince Charles Elementary. We can't wait to see our students and families showing their Royal pride in their PC gear!

6. **Upcoming Dates:**

September	
Sept 21 - Monday	First Full Day for Kindergarten
Sept 23 – Wednesday	Welcome Back BBQ! (5:00 – 7:00)
Sept 24 – Thursday	Terry Fox Run
Sept 25 – Friday	Non-Instructional Day #1
Sept. 29 - Tuesday	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 - Wednesday	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

7. **Information from the PAC:**

Next PAC Meeting is: Monday, October 19th @ 7:00 in the library.

Prince Charles Elementary

Welcome Back BBQ

Wednesday, Sept 23

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Help make our Welcome Back BBQ a success!
We're looking for volunteers for the following:

-  **BBQer**
2 x volunteers | 4:30 – 7:00 pm
-  **Hot Dog Prep**
2 x volunteers | 5:00 – 7:00 pm
-  **Food Runners**
3 x volunteers | 5:45 – 7:00 pm

 **Thank you** 
for your support!

Playground Project Fundraiser!

 Prince Charles Elementary School



HELP MAKE OUR DREAM A REALITY!

We are aiming to raise \$100,000 to create this vision.

Our plans include:

- Installing a rope climbing structure in the upper field playground.
- Adding two small spinning play structures.
- Replacing the old wooden monkey bars with metal climbing bars and a small climbing wall.



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Do you want to make a tax-deductible donation to support this cause?

1. Visit www.playgroundinfo.ca/donations-0 or scan the QR code.
2. Click "Donate Today".
3. Enter your donation amount.
4. Select "Prince Charles Elementary" from the "Fund Destination" drop-down menu.
5. In the message box, type "Playground Fund!" You will receive a tax receipt for your donation.

