



September 27/2026

Ey Swayel Prince Charles Families:

As we approach the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, we take time to reflect on the history and lasting impacts of Canada's residential school system. From the late 1800s until the final school closed in 1996, more than 150,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children were removed from their families and communities and placed in residential schools, where many experienced the loss of language, culture, family connections, and, in too many cases, abuse and neglect. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is a day for all Canadians to learn about this history, reflect on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and consider how we can contribute to a more respectful, inclusive, and reconciled future. This Tuesday, we will be recognizing Orange Shirt Day. All Royals are invited to wear an orange shirt.

A huge shout out to all of our Royals for their incredible efforts in support of the Terry Fox Foundation! Thanks to the generosity, determination, and community spirit of our students, families, and staff, we were able to raise an amazing **\$1,380.75**.

On another note, I would like to share that Mrs. Alison Haist has accepted a teaching position at Auguston Traditional Elementary School, and Mrs. Julie Ann Simpson has accepted a Child & Youth Care Worker position at Clearbrook Elementary School. While we are sad to see them leave the Prince Charles community, we are excited for these new opportunities in their careers. Both Alison and Julie Ann have made meaningful contributions to our school, and we are grateful for the care and support they have provided to our students and families.

Warm regards,

Mr. Paul Allanson
Principal of Prince Charles Elementary School

Here are some things for you to know as we head into **Week #4 at Prince Charles Elementary**:

1. **National Truth and Reconciliation Day:** Wednesday, September 30th (All schools are closed).
2. **The PC PAC Presents the Halloween Costume Swap:** 🎃 👻 Help us give gently used costumes a second life while supporting our Playground Project!

Students who donate a costume will receive a coupon for 1 free costume to choose from at the swap (limit 1 coupon per student).

- Donations: September 28 & 29
- Costume Sale: October 6 & 7
- 2:30–3:30 PM
- Room 51

All proceeds from the costume sale will go towards our Playground Project!

Clean out those closets, find a new-to-you costume, and help us get one step closer to our new playground! 🎃 🎡

3. **Wet Coast Weather:** As we embrace the "Wet Coast Weather", it's essential to ensure our children are dressed appropriately for the changing conditions. Here are a few important reminders:

Dress in Layers: Please dress your children in layers to keep them warm and dry. Waterproof jackets, boots, hats and umbrellas are highly recommended.

Spare Change of Clothes: Accidents happen, and children may get wet or muddy during outdoor activities. Please pack a spare change of clothes in their backpacks, including socks and underwear.

Label Everything: To avoid lost items, please label all clothing and personal items with your child's name.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students comfortable and ready for all weather conditions.

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

Tuesday, September 29th
Tuesday, October 6th

5. **Emergency Drills:** The safety and well-being of our students and staff remain our highest priority at Prince Charles Elementary. Throughout the school year, we regularly practice a variety of emergency drills to help ensure that everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency. These drills provide students

and staff with the knowledge, confidence, and routines needed to respond safely and calmly.

The following drills are practiced during the school year:

Drop, Cover and Hold: Used in the event of earthquake, explosion or any other event that shakes the school.

Shelter in Place: Used as a short-term measure to protect students and staff from potential dangers outside the school (eg. Police incident in the neighborhood, weather related emergencies, or wildlife on school grounds).

Lockdown: Used to isolate students and staff from an active threat of violence within a school district building or immediately outside.

Evacuate: Used to move people out of the school when a hazard exists inside. May include floods, potential fire or a bomb threat.

6. **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!

7. **Upcoming Dates:**

September/October	
Sept. 29 - Tuesday	Orange Shirt Day
Sept 30 - Wednesday	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
Oct. 1 - Thursday	Virtue Assembly Compassion

Oct. 8 - Thursday	Hot Lunch – Fuel Catering
Oct. 9 Monday	Thanksgiving (Schools are closed)

8. Information from the PAC:

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

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.

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

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




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