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Monday, September 30 Day 4	Rosh Hashanah (Significant Faith Day) Orange Shirt Day
Tuesday October 1 Day 5	Rosh Hashanah (Significant Faith Day)
Wednesday October 2 Day 1	Walk to School Wednesday 10:50am Student Council Meeting 1:20pm Garden Club (Celebration Salad day)
Thursday October 3 Day 2	
Friday October 4 Day 3	Bus Safety Presentations 11:05 Reading Club

Photo Gallery

Terry Fox Walk/Run



Information

Dance-A-Thon: We are looking forward to our second RHPS Dance-A-Thon! Brought to you by the Rick Hansen Parent Advisory Council. This amazing event will take place on October 31st and will be one of our main fundraisers for our school this year. This event will be a healthy, active and fun way to promote school spirit while also fundraising to support academic, literacy, arts and athletic programs at our school. More information will be sent home soon.

Hot Lunch and Milk Program: Our hot lunch and milk programs are now available on School CashOnline. Please pay attention to the purchase closing dates, as **no** late orders will be accepted. Please contact the office if support is needed with registering for SchoolCashOnline. Milk and Pizza will begin the week of October 8th and Greek lunches will begin October 28th. Thank you for your support.

Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters: The Orange Shirt Day movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters. Recognize the resiliency and bravery of Residential School Survivors by wearing an orange shirt.

Arts Program: We are excited to share information regarding the RHPS Arts program that acts as an enrichment to the curriculum for all students. Each grade will have the opportunity to see or participate in 7 different workshops or performances. **Please see the linked letter for more information.**

Student Council: At Rick Hansen PS we have a very active student council to help provide a place for student voice, promote school spirit and run events to help our school and local community. Fundraising funds from last year helped beautify the gardens at the front of the school and in the Kindergarten playground. We have a president and two vice-presidents as well as a publicity committee, a treasurer, secretaries and general council members. New this year to Student Council are class representatives. Each class will send a representative to a monthly full student council meeting. The class rep will share concerns and ideas and as well take back to class student council news. We very excited to have such active participation of our students in school life.

House Points: All RHPS students will be part of one of five houses and can earn house points by participating in spirit days. Student Council House Captains will promote participation and spirit. Students will soon find out their house (Lynx-yellow, Cougar-blue, Jaguar-red, Tiger-orange, Cheetah-green)

Birding Club: Birding Club is for students interested in learning about birds! We spend time outside looking for, and identifying birds using field guides.

When we are inside, we watch live feeder cameras and read stories and articles together. We are also recording sightings, observations, and questions in journals. Birding Club meets every Day 3 from 1:00 to 2:00 in the library (students bring their lunches and we eat together). The club is open for students in Grades 2-8. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Gibbs.

Upcoming Dates:

October 8th and 9th Yom Kippur
October 8th Community Connections
October 8th School Photo Day
October 14th Thanksgiving Day
October 15th Area Cross Country

Links

[Director's Letter about Potential Job Action](#)
[Arts Program Information Letter 2019-2020](#)
[Orange Shirt Day, September 30th, 2019](#)