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September 17, 2026 – Weekly Update

Hello Macaulay families!

The first few days have gotten off to a wonderful start, and we hope the students have been sharing stories with you about the special moments of meeting new friends, reconnecting with familiar faces, and settling into the year.

We wish all of our students a school year filled with curiosity, discovery, meaningful connections, and joyful learning!

Please take a moment to read up on some important information that you might find useful.

Looking Ahead

PAC Meeting	September 16th	6:30 pm
Terry Fox	September 18th	1:45 pm
Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL	September 21 st	
Photo Day	September 22 nd	
Meet the Staff Night	September 22 nd	5:00 – 5:30 pm
PAC Social (cookies!)	September 22 nd	5:30 – 6:30 pm
PAC Pizza Lunch	September 25 th	
Spirit Day - Silly Sock Day	September 25 th	
Orange Shirt Day	September 29 th	More information to be shared next week.
Truth and Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL	September 30 th	

Information Items

Terry Fox Run

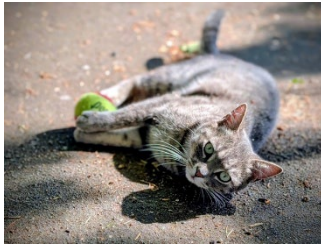
Our Terry Fox run is TOMORROW, Friday, September 18th in the afternoon (1:50 pm ish). We are collecting donations for the Terry Fox Foundation. Please bring your “twoonies” to your classroom teachers or to the office. If you would like to donate a larger amount, you can send/bring cash or a cheque (made out to Macaulay School) to the main office. Thank you for your generous contributions to this important cause.

Meet the Staff Night – Tuesday, September 22

We are excited to welcome families to our annual Meet the Staff Night on Tuesday, September 22. Families are invited to visit their child(ren)’s classrooms and learning spaces from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. to meet teachers and learn more about the school year ahead.

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Following classroom visits, our wonderful PAC will host a community gathering from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with cookies and an opportunity to connect with other Macaulay families.



Sniff the Cat Makes the News!

Our “resident” cat, Sniff, has hit celebrity status. Take a moment to watch his television debut! This clip also highlights one of our staff members and her artwork with contributions from many of our students!

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/vancouver/video/2026/09/09/sawatsky-sign-off-back-to-school/>

Some reminders...

As we start the new school year and have many new families that have joined our community, we want to share some friendly reminders with all of you.

● Student Verification

Please remember to check the [Parent Connect](#) portal to review and make any updates to the Student Verification form. This will ensure that we have correct contact information for parents and emergency contacts on file.

● Parent Volunteers

If you plan on volunteering this year, please make sure to complete the Criminal Record Check and Volunteer Driver Form, as required. More information can be found here:

<https://macaulay.sd61.bc.ca/home/volunteer-information/>

● Scent Free

Our school district is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for everyone. To help support students, staff, and visitors with scent sensitivities and allergies, we ask that people avoid wearing or using strongly scented products such as perfumes, colognes, scented lotions, sprays, and diffusers while at school sites.

● Bike Courtesy

If riding bikes to school, please make sure to dismount while you are on school grounds. We have a lot of young children running around and we want to ensure their safety (and yours!).

● Pets on School Grounds

Dogs are welcome for drop-off and pick-up but must remain leashed and outside the school grounds during school hours. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe!

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- **Pick up and Drop Off**

Please do not park on the yellow lines. Vehicles stopped in these zones make it difficult for others to safely turn in from Wychbury. The pull-through is not a parking zone. Drivers must always remain in their vehicles to help keep traffic moving smoothly and ensure everyone's safety. If you are parked in these areas, you will kindly be reminded of the "no-park zone" and asked to move your car. Your assistance and understanding are most appreciated!

- **Food Support**

More information is coming soon. Please look for an email from our Vice Principal, Jordana Beattie, in the coming days.

- **Medical (Allergies, Conditions)**

Please inform the school if your child has any medical conditions, we should be aware of. This may include food allergies or intolerances (anaphylaxis or non-life-threatening), medical conditions requiring attention and monitoring (such as diabetes or seizures), or if your child needs to take medication during the school day.

- **PAC Pizza Lunch**

MacPAC Fun Lunch offers pre-ordered lunches for purchase, delivered to the school monthly. Kids enjoy a special lunch, families get a break from packing lunches, and any profits benefit PAC activities. To sign up and order, visit: <https://macaulay.hotlunches.net/admin/> For questions, please contact: macaulaypac.hotlunches@gmail.com

- **Attendance**

If your child will be absent or late, please notify us via our attendance email: macaulayattendance@sd61.bc.ca . Alternatively, you can call us on our main line, 250-385-3441 and leave a message. If you are late arriving at school, please have your child come to the office to sign in.

- **Visiting the School**

All visitors to the school are required to sign in at the office and wear a visitor pass while they are in the school. This includes dropping off items to your child's classroom. The visitor sign-in and passes are in the front office.

- **Process for Resolution of Concerns**

From time to time a concern may arise in our educational community. To help resolve these issues, the Greater Victoria School District uses a [complaint process for resolution of concerns](#) to ensure that an individual's concern will be given respectful attention while upholding the integrity of the educational system. This process uses clear procedures for the communication and resolution of any concern held by a member of our education community.

More information on the next page



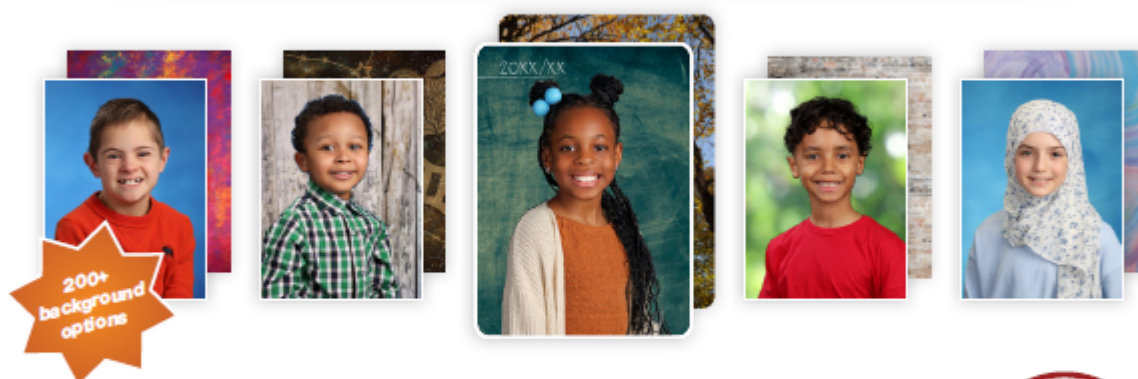
GET READY FOR PHOTO DAY!

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