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October 3, 2023

Dear Killarney Families:

It's been a great start-up to the year! Sports teams are in full swing as are theatre and choir. Clubs are beginning as well with a clubs day occurring this Friday. I hope your child takes the opportunity to engage in an activity that they love or something new that they are willing to try and will bring them greater connection to the school. Life is always offering us the opportunity to begin anew, begin today, and leave regret behind. This is true for us parents as well.

Here are some basic things we can all do to live a happy(ier) life – encourage your child:

- Get a full night's sleep
- Make space for exercise
- Set long-term goals, with daily aims
- Have a growth mindset
- Prioritize relationships

Chris Parker

Principal

2023-2024

COUNSELLORS & ADMINISTRATORS

Principal: Mr. C. Parker

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Nakada (gr. 8)

Vice Principal: Mr. B. Soong (gr. 10/12)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Underwood (gr. 9/11)

Counsellors

Grade 8: Mr. L. Nerling

Grade 9: Ms. T. Romano

Grade 10: Ms. S. Glyniany

Grade 11: Ms. A. Sum/Mr. R. Ferguson

Grade 12: Mr. H. Clark



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Semester One Timeline

- September 6, 2023 – January 31, 2024
- October 13th – Interim Report (comment and work habit for all grades except for grade 12's who will also have a mark)
- November 20th – Mid-semester Report
- November 23rd – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- February 8th – Final Semester Report

Flexible Instruction Time (FIT)

We are currently looking at a model and software used in other VSB schools that will allow student to self-select where they will choose to be during FIT time. This would mean a change from the current model that has students stay with their class and would allow the students to realize the idea of choosing and self-regulating “where, when, and how their learning takes place.”

Start times for school and classes – please see School Calendar on our website

FIT time occurs 4 x per week. On Mondays and Fridays the day begins with FIT that runs from 8:40-9:20 am.

Collaborative time occurs once/month and classes begin at 10:00 am on these days. The next one is Monday, Oct 16.

Be Early and On Time. Being 10 minutes early allows a student to get prepared and ready to start their day in a calm manner. This is a great habit for success. Being late disadvantages the individual and disrupts the learning environment of the entire class.

Student Illness

As we head into cold, flu, and now Covid season, it is important to have your child remain at home if they are ill. Work with your child to get a friend or two in each class that can update them on the work they have missed. You can also contact the teacher for longer absences.

Masks

Wearing a mask in school is a personal choice. Staff and students should feel comfortable to wear a mask as Killarney is a mask-friendly school.

Adolescents Online

Thank you for your interest in the presentation “Adolescents Online at Killarney” that took place last Wednesday, Sept. 27th, 2023 in the Killarney Auditorium. Close to 200 students and parents attended to hear Dr. Shapka from UBC, Mr. Schleyer from VSB Safer Schools and Mr. Soong from Killarney present on current research and observations. If you missed it, the slide deck from the presentation is available through this link:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/killarney/ci/p/67077>

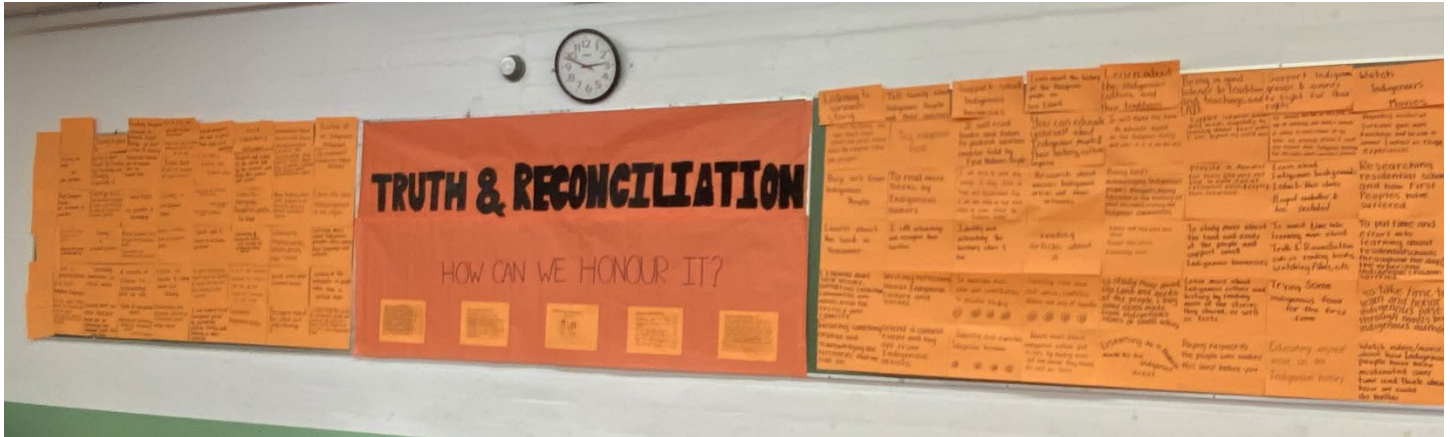
Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30, 2023

On Thursday, September 28th during FIT, Killarney students were given the opportunity of participating in an activity, created by the Leadership class, that allowed them to explore actions they could take to honour truth and reconciliation for our Indigenous peoples. The Leadership group used the ideas expressed by our students to create a “Wall of Action” that is proudly displayed in the cafeteria. This display acts as a positive reminder of the actions we can take to make Canada the egalitarian place we think it should be.



On Friday, September 29th, many Killarney students wore orange shirts to acknowledge Orange Shirt Day. Our Indigenous Education Enhancement Worker, Bonnie Wendt, organized a wonderful exhibition of Indigenous dance for our students, and then followed that up with the treat of fresh Bannock (thanks to Mr. Parker for making this happen). The leadership class then held some lunchtime Inuit games for the entertainment of the gathered students.

Mr. McGuire would like to thank Killarney's staff and students for participating in the activity, and Leadership students JC, Denise, Emily, and Yvonne for creating the lesson and spearheading the activities.



World Teacher Appreciation Day

October 5th is World Teacher Appreciation Day. Thank you to Killarney's dedicated, professional teaching staff who are providing outstanding learning opportunities for our students!

School Photos and Retakes

Student photos were taken on September 13th. This free photo is used for student identification cards and appears in the yearbook. Photo packages for purchase are also available on the [Artona](#) website. Retakes of photos will be on the morning of October 11th.

Grad Photos

Grade 12's can book an appointment for grad photos at Artona Studios. The photo sessions for Killarney grads will be taking place from November 7 to 13, 2023.

<https://artona.com/schools/KILL/programs/graduation>

Shakeout BC Earthquake Drill

The school will practice its emergency readiness plan for an earthquake on October 19th as part of the province-wide Shakeout BC drill.

Yearbook 2023-2024

Each year the school produces an outstanding, award-winning yearbook which documents the life of the school for the year. The deadline to purchase the 2023-2024 book at a discounted early-bird price of \$45 is October 31st. After this date, the price rises to \$55. So, save some money and order your book now!



Clubs

Clubs Day will be Friday, October 6th during 4th block. Students will be brought down to the cafeteria by grade for an opportunity to see what clubs are offered at Killarney.

Killarney clubs are up and running for the year. So far, we have the following clubs in operation:

Club Name	Teacher Sponsor
Killarney Dance Club (KDC)	Ms. Godwin (A228/A318/A302)
Killarney Mainstage Production Family	Mr. Rocchetta (C106), Ms. Mattock (C105), Ms. Tuson (C104)
Operation Smile Club	Ms. Vuu (A215)
SPCA CLUB	Ms. Ferraro (A201)
Killarney Book Club	Ms. Dermott (A236)
Anime Club	Mr. Falardeau (B112)
VC Packages Club	Mr. Bui (A204)
BC Children's Hospital Club	Mr. Bui (A204)
Robotics	Ms. Ali (A332)
Programming	Ms. Ali (A332)
Cybersecurity	Ms. Ali (A332)
eSports Club	Ms. Ali (A332)
Filipino Cultural Club	Ms. Binanitan (D109)
Killarney Pride Club	Mr. McGuire (B114) and Ms. Tuson (C104)
Killarney Band Executive	Ms. Toth (A129)
Ceramics Club	Ms. Holdaway (A313)
Killarney Anti-Bullying Club	Ms. Nejad (A310)
Cougar's STEM Outreach Club	Ms. Lau (A306)
Girls for Business	Ms. Kokan (D112)
The World Vision Club	Ms. Cimino (D123)
GRAD COMMITTEE	Ms. Nejad (A310)

University Fair at Killarney

All grade 12 students are welcome to attend the BC-based post-secondary institution that's going to open up the right doors in your future. Get all the information you need—from admissions and programs, to deadlines, financial aid and housing—to take the next steps forward. For more information, please visit

<https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/>.

When: Friday, October 27 (9am to 11am)

Where: Killarney Secondary School Cafeteria

Killarney Athletics- Fall Season

Bantam Girls Volleyball has completed tryouts and team has been selected. The team has lots of energy and is excited to begin playing games. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Ms. Veness-Kehler and Mr. Jones.



Juvenile Girls Volleyball team is ready to begin competition. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached by Mr. Westereng.

Senior Girls Volleyball team is a young and inexperienced group of grade 10, 11 and 12 students with a lot of enthusiasm. The team has moved up to the top Tier this year. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6pm. Team is coached by Ms. Emily Hoang.

Junior Boys Volleyball team has completed their tryouts and will begin league play at the beginning of October. Game days are Monday and Wednesday after school. The boys had an exciting first match against Windermere. Team is coached by Ms Genesse Pagusan.

Senior Boys Volleyball team game days are Monday and Wednesday after school. They lost in a very close 3 set match, but look to rebound with a victory next week. The team is coached by Mr. Koo.

Cross Country team is preparing for their upcoming season and is hosting a meet on Wednesday October 4th. Team is coached by Mr. Solmes.

Juvenile Boys Soccer This the first time in a few years we have entered a team in the Juvenile Boys League. The team is a mixture of talented grade 8 and 9 boys. The games are Monday and Wednesday at 345pm. Team is coached by Mr. Danny Petkovic.

Senior Boys Soccer team is competing in the top Tier and has started the season with impressive wins against Britannia and Gladstone. Game days are Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Team is coached again this year by Mr. Denny Hui.

Schedules for all Teams can be found at www.vanouterschoolsports.ca

Good Luck to all Teams!!

Killarney Parents Advisory Council (KPAC)

Hello Parents!

We are excited to be organizing some events this school year. KPAC will be planning some fun activities and fundraisers and can't wait to share.

Keep your eyes posted to the announcements for more updates!

On behalf of the KPAC,

Monica Jut - Chair
Killarney Parent Advisory Council

October Days with Changes to the Schedule

- Monday, October 9th – Thanksgiving
- Monday, October 16th – AM Collaborative Day, late start for students
- Friday, October 20th - Provincial Professional Development Day. On this day specialty teaching associations put on workshops that will be attended or viewed by many Killarney staff. School will not be in session for students.

Contact the School

Please contact the teacher, the counsellor, or the grade administrator if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress with learning.



Killarney Cougar News

October 2023
