

Principal's report for
September 27, 2022 PAC meeting

What's going on?

- We have welcomed 10 new students to Holly this year. Our current enrolment is at 340. This includes 2 International students.
- We were able to get to know students better during the first week of school as they worked in grade groups. Placement of students into their classes began on Sept. 9th.
- Please encourage all families to go onto Parent Connect, update their forms and be ready for viewing report cards in December!
- Cross Country running club has begun! Students are running each Tuesday and Thursday morning. Thanks to Ms. von Shulmann for organizing this activity. Mike Macabe is our Cross Country coach. Ms. Keller and Ms. Wood are also helping to supervise students. There is the possibility of a mini meet here at Holly with other Ladner schools on October 11th. PAC funds will be used to purchase mini pumpkins which will be given to participants. Sunshine Hills Elementary is hosting a bigger meet on October 26th and our team has been invited to attend.
- Our Terry Fox run was on Sept. 16th. We all enjoyed the dance warm-up let by students in Div. 2.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended. Thank you for your participation in your child's education. Teachers will reach out to all parents who were not able to attend last week via email or telephone. This was considered an Informal Reporting opportunity.
- Our staff had a great day of learning last week during the Pro. D day. The focus was on the science of reading and on writing development.
- This ties in nicely with our school goal around Literacy development. More information will come about this school improvement goal.
- FSAs (Foundation Skills Assessments) are beginning soon for students in grades 4 and 7. Information has been sent home by email.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 28 - Individual Photo day
29 - Orange shirt day at Holly
30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- Oct. 5 - World Teacher's Day
10 - Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
13 - Earthquake drill with full student release in the afternoon (around 2:00pm)
18 - PAC General meeting @7:00 pm in the Library
21 - Professional Dev. Day (no classes)
31 - Halloween celebrations in classrooms. Costume parade will be in the afternoon (around 2:00pm).
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day assembly @10:45.
11 - Remembrance Day stat (no school)
19 - Holly Family Christmas market in Gym
- Dec. 2 - PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast
7 - First Term report cards available on-line for parents
8 - Early dismissal (2pm) for informal P/T conferences
16 - final day before Winter Break (regular dismissal time)