

# ELLISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



OCT 1 Cross-country Race #2  
OCT 1 Gr. 4 & 7 FSAs begin  
OCT 3 Div. 17 to 3 Sisters Garden  
OCT 3 Div. 14 McKergow Meadows  
OCT 5 World Teachers' Day  
OCT 7 Div. 7 & 8 to Creekside Park  
OCT 8 Cross-Country Race #3  
OCT 13 Thanksgiving (no school)  
OCT 15 Photo Day (individual photos)  
OCT 20 Diwali  
OCT 20 Div. 14 & 15 to Kingfisher  
OCT 20 PAC Meeting 6:00pm  
OCT 21 Div. 9, 11, 12 O Keefe Ranch  
OCT 22/23 Early Dismissal (11:30am) for Fall Conferences  
OCT 24 Provincial Pro-d Day (no school)  
OCT 31 Div. 6, 7 & 8 Halloween Walk to Creekside Retirement

**SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES:** Please pay on [MyEd](#)

**PAC: HOT LUNCH & POPCORN DAYS** have started! To order, please visit: <https://ellisonvernon.hotlunches.net/admin/>

If you need to make changes, if your child is absent, or if you have questions about your hotlunch order, etc. please email [ellisonpac@gmail.com](mailto:ellisonpac@gmail.com)

## FALL CONFERENCES

The goal of **Communicating Student Learning** is to strengthen communication between home and school so that it is effective and timely and:

- Parents/Caregivers are well informed about their child's progress
- Parents/Caregivers are involved as partners in a dialogue about their child's progress and the best ways to support and improve learning
- Students are provided with information that is meaningful to them and helps them to improve their own learning

**Information about Appointment Booking will be emailed to you soon!**

THANK YOU to Grizzly Curb & Concrete for their generous donation to support outdoor learning experiences for our students!



**the TERRY FOX RUN**  
for cancer research



Thank you for helping us fundraise almost **\$900** this year!

**SD22 HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES**  
Please see attached guidelines around Halloween Costumes.

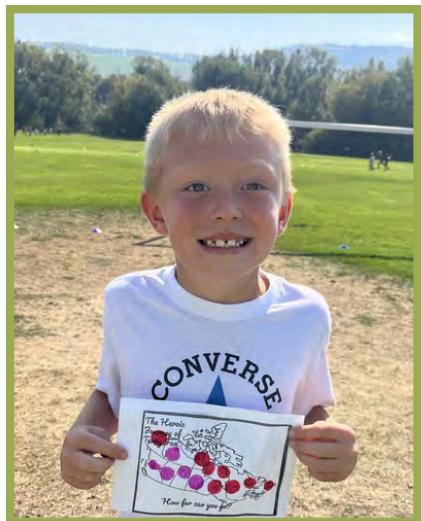
**SAFE ARRIVAL**  
Please call or email the office to let us know if your child will be away for any reason.



Thank you for a  
fantastic start to the  
school year!



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### Resources to support you and your child

 **Register for free training**  
Tips to protect children and youth online

 **Have a conversation**  
Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

#### What kind of information can I find on [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca)?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
  - Diversity and inclusion
  - Mental health and substance use
  - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school



#### What is the Report It Tool?

**Report It** is an **anonymous online tool for students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at [erase.gov.bc.ca](https://erase.gov.bc.ca).

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.





## HALLOWEEN COSTUME GUIDELINES

**School District No. 22 (Vernon) reminds students to keep it fun, not offensive.**

Halloween is just around the corner and many schools throughout SD22 (Vernon) will be hosting activities, costume parades and extra-curricular events.

It is also an opportune time to remind parents and students about inappropriate costume wear and that sometimes, even with good intent, or without even fully realizing it, people wear costumes that can make others feel upset, insulted, or humiliated.

While the District does not have an official policy regarding Halloween costumes, we do need everyone be respectful and ensure costumes remain fun while not promoting sexism, racism, or appropriating culture.

Here are some guidelines to consider when selecting costumes that will be worn at school:

- Students need to be identifiable and visible to ensure safety.
- Costumes that are provocative, revealing, sexual in nature or employ questionable props will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Costumes that depict violence, alcohol or drugs are not appropriate. Fake weapons cannot not be brought to school.
- Costumes that could be offensive or perpetuate a stereotype of someone's culture, gender, heritage, or religion are not permitted. A resource to help better clarify this concern is the [#IAmNotACostume Campaign](#) which can be found at:  
<http://www.lspirg.org/costumes>

Another important reminder for older students that attend schools with younger grades, it is everyone's responsibility to create a safe environment for all students and to set a good example and think about how costume choice may impact others in the building.

With so many creative minds at work, there are a limitless number of costumes that don't offend, so why not pick one of those this year!

Happy Halloween and safe trick-or-treating.