

September 5th, 2023

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope that you had a fabulous summer and are ready to embark on another fun school year. The first days of school always bring a lot of emotion to parents and students. Students will no doubt feel anxious to be back in school, but our goal is to restore their sense of safety as they look forward to the daily routines of learning once again. Students are always excited about returning to school to meet old and new friends, and to get to know their new teacher. From the walk into school to the call for dismissal, the opening days set the tone for a successful school year. The following newsletter is a snapshot of a much more detailed newsletter, available online at <https://cheam.sd33.bc.ca/newsletters>.

Classroom Organization

To ensure our projections from June match the reality now, we will require a few days to confirm our class organization. Until our student enrolment numbers are confirmed, students will remain in their tentative class placements. It is anticipated that students will be assigned to their permanent classroom grouping by the end of this week. We thank parents in advance for their patience and understanding as we confirm our student enrolment numbers.

First Week Plan

➤ Tuesday, Sept. 5th (8:19 am-10:15 am)

Ask your child which classroom they were dismissed from today. That will be their starting point for tomorrow.

➤ Wednesday, Sept. 6th (8:19 am-2:15 pm)

Upon arrival, Grades 1-5 students will report to their designated areas, as communicated yesterday. If your child is unsure where to report, they are to meet on the blacktop where they will be redirected by a staff member.

The process will be the same for Thursday and Friday.

We expect to be able to finalize classes on Friday. The students will be notified before they leave at the end of the day. You will also receive a brief email from your child's teacher, confirming which classroom they will be in this year.

Bell Schedule (8:19 am-2:15 pm)

8:00 am-----	Supervision Begins
8:15 am-----	Warning Bell
8:19-10:20 am-----	Classes in session
10:20-10:35 am-----	Recess
10:35 am-12:15 pm----	Classes in session
12:15-1:00 pm-----	Lunch
1:00-2:15 pm-----	Classes in session
2:15 pm-----	Dismissal
2:15-2:30 pm-----	Supervision after school

School Supplies

In the interest of uniformity and efficiency, our teachers have all asked that you allow them to purchase everything your child needs.

Maintaining an organized classroom is such an important aspect of setting a positive educational environment. Even small details, such as using colour-coded folders and having a decent pencil ready to go, can make the difference between a smooth day and rough transitions for our students.

The list below shows you what we will be charging for each class. The costs reflect the general amount needed to cover the most common consumable items.

- ☐ Kindergarten-Grade Two: \$50.00
- ☐ Grade Three-Five: \$60.00

Please wait until classes are set before sending in your payment. Cash only, please.

Terry Fox National School Run

Our school will once again be having our Terry Fox Run down the road at Leary Integrated Arts and Technology Elementary/Walden Park. Our goal is to continue to promote awareness of this Canadian hero and for our school community to embrace the worthy cause of donating to cancer research. And if we can raise \$2500.00, Mr. Gardner is offering to do 'something special'. Students can submit suggestions at the office.

- **School Run:** Friday, September 22nd (12:30 pm-1:30 pm). Families are invited to join us in running for cancer research. Students will be bussed.
- **School Fundraising Campaign:** Beginning now and until the end of September, we will be raising money for the Terry Fox Foundation.
 - **There are three ways that you can participate in the fundraiser:**
 - i. Collect pledges. Forms can be downloaded from <https://www.terryfox.org/schoolrun/students/> (scroll down the page for full details). Complete and send back to school by Tuesday, October 3rd. Our school code is BC1104.
 - ii. Send money to school with your child up until Tuesday, October 3rd (small coins, big coins, paper money, or cheques, payable to the **Terry Fox Foundation**).
 - iii. Pledge <https://terryfoxschoolrun.org/> (Click 'Donate to a School' and search *Cheam Elementary*).