



BEARS FAMILY BULLETIN

September 14-25026

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SCIANEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paa'čiid'at̓h (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEL (Malahat) Nation, and the Lək̓ʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

Monday 14	- Breakfast Program starts – 8am in the Multipurpose Room – all are welcome - Flourish Lunch Program starts (see below for details to sign up)	Monday 21	Indigenous Learning Day for staff (school not in session)
Tuesday 15		Tuesday 22	
Wednesday 16		Wednesday 23	
Thursday 17	Meet the Teacher & Family Connects 5-7pm (see details below)	Thursday 24	
Friday 18	- Terry Fox Run - Welcome Back BBQ for students and staff	Friday 25	Grade 7's to Aylard Farm

Upcoming Dates:

September:

24 – PAC meeting 7pm in library

29 - Photo Day

30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (school not in session)

October:

12 – Thanksgiving Holiday

15 – Great Shake out Earthquake drill

19 – Photo Retake Day

23 – Provincial Pro D day (school not in session)

29 – PAC meeting 7pm in library

Save the Date!

November 14 – Winter Market 10am-2pm

Translate this page:

<https://translate.google.com>

DISTRICT OR COMMUNITY NEWS:

Family Smart Resources – see link to register for events:

[Monthly Events - FamilySmart](#)

Dear Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

Welcome to the new school year! Whether your child is just starting in Middle School, or this is their final year of Middle School, we are excited for another year and working together with our school community. It was wonderful to have the halls and classes alive with students this week. We continued with our first full day tradition which saw each class being welcomed into our school with drumming. To learn about the gift of our school's name see our website: [School Welcome Videos](#)

While the new school year is exciting for many, we know it can also feel overwhelming for some. If your child is feeling nervous, please reach out to us. While we are not making class changes, we are all here to support our students and help make the transition a positive one for everyone.

We have lots of exciting events coming up. Of note, we are hosting our **Meet the Teacher and Family Connects** on **Thursday, Sept. 17 from 5-7pm**. You'll want to come to this fun and informative event – enjoy pizza by donation being offered by our PAC, inflatables for students, and we will have community organizations that support families on hand. And of course, meet your child's teacher and see their classroom.

- 5:00 - Meet myself and our Vice-Principals on the outdoor stairs at the school entrance (inside stairs if inclement weather)
- 5:10-6:30 - Get some pizza, play on inflatables, meet staff, check out community organizations
- 6:30-7:00 – Visit teachers in classrooms

SCHOOL NEWS:

New Website! - We are excited to let you know that all SD62 schools have a new website format which makes it easier to navigate for information. Check it out here: [Centre Mountain Lellum School](#)

Breakfast Program – Starts tomorrow! It is available every morning from 8:00-8:35 in the Multipurpose Room, and is open to all students.

Flourish Hot Lunch Program: Starts tomorrow for those students already signed up! We're delighted to be able to offer the delicious Flourish Food Society Hot Lunch program at our school again this year. If your family would benefit from this free lunch for your child, please email Vice Principal, Ms. Mistal at mmistal@sd62.bc.ca

School Supplies – We have backpacks and school supplies (donated by Telus) please come by the office if your child needs a backpack with school supplies.

Terry Fox Run – Centre Mountain Lellum Middle is getting ready for the 2026 Terry Fox School Run on Friday, Sept. 18! We're super excited to take part in this annual tradition that supports cancer research while building school spirit. Please support our student's fundraising efforts and donate today at:

<https://schools.terryfox.ca/139324> Or, if you can, bring a Toonie (\$2) for Terry in support of Cancer research.

To learn more about Terry Fox, check out: [Terry Fox Foundation](#)

Welcome Back BBQ for students – thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with BBQ. We'll be cooking up Over 700 hamburgers for all our students on Friday, Sept. 18. No lunch required!

PAC – We have an active PAC and welcome people to join to help. The meetings will be the last Thursday of each month in the school library at 7pm. Information can be found on our school website here: [Parent Advisory Council](#). PAC is looking for volunteers for the Meet the Teacher evening selling pizza. If you can help, please contact:

centremountainlellumpac@gmail.com We also encourage you to join the Centre Mountain Lellum PAC Facebook page for up-to-date info.

Drop off and pick up – With over 1200 students between our school and Pexsisen, our lower pick-up loop becomes very

congested at pick up time. Please adhere to signage. Please only use the lower drop off circle to drop off and pick up your child. The upper parking lot is for buses and staff parking only. **Please do not park in the lower parking lot or leave your car unattended in the loop.** All students being picked up should be waiting for their ride on the sidewalk at the loop area. We thank you for your patience. A suggestion for a more stress-free experience- meet your child at the bottom of the hill in the gravel parking lot or come at 2:48 after the rush.

Personal Digital Devices at school – as you may know, the Ministry of Education issued a ministerial order that restricts the use of personal digital devices at school. Please see our school district website for more information here: [Personal Digital Devices at School | Sooke School District](#) (note this also includes earbuds) For us at Centre Mountain Lellum, it means a continuation of our expectation that students' cell phones must be turned off and locked in their locker for the entirety of the school day. Please help us with this – if you need to contact your child during the day please call the office. If your child needs to contact you during the day, they are welcome to use the student office phone.

Closed Campus – Centre Mountain Lellum is a closed campus, which means students are not allowed to sign-out during the day to leave to get lunch or for other reasons, unless it involves the parent, guardian or designate. Families can sign their child out for appointments, etc. at the office. Thank you for respecting this rule – we take student safety very seriously and are responsible for students' whereabouts during the school day.