



John de Graff School

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Principal's Report for PAC Tuesday, September 26, 2023

1. Thank You

Thanks to our families for getting their children ready for a new school year and communicating with us about any needs and plans necessary. We currently have 24 classes of students, and 562 students in total attending John de Graff School!

2. New Classroom and Staff Room

We are pleased to have our new classroom and staffroom ready for use! There are a few finishing touches still in progress. RETSD Maintenance Department did a great job. We also have had some additional work done:

- New PA System
- Extra coat hooks
- Our basketball hoop (outdoors) fixed.
- Kindergarten fenced in and the bench fixed.

3. Run Club

Tomorrow our Grades 3, 4 and 5 Run Club is going to the RETSD Cross Country meet. We have 222 students going to this activity at Bird's Hill Park.

4. Open House

Our Open House is Thursday, October 5, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All families are welcome.

5. Patrols

Patrols (Grade 5 students) are doing street and bus patrolling. They work in teams, with support from teachers. They are doing a great job and are leaders in our school.

6. Truth and Reconciliation Week

This is Truth and Reconciliation Week, as September 30 marks the annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are recognizing this day on Friday, September 29. Students are learning about honouring Orange Shirt Day and the intent of the day. The Survivor's Flag – at the entrance to the school represents thoughts, emotions, experiences and hopes expressed by survivors who have shared their truths about residential schools. The flag affirms commitment to the remembrance of lives lost through and lives affected by residential schools.

RETSD has provided our teachers with many ideas and resources to work on with students to learn about the ideas and importance of truth and reconciliation.

Every Child Matters

7. PAC Meeting

Thanks to everyone joining our PAC Meeting. Your support is appreciated.



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8. Lunch Program

Thanks to our Lunch Program Staff and Susanne Kilbrei for a smooth start to our lunch hours. Registrations have been emailed to all families and we have started to get information and lunch payments sent in. We have asked to have everyone respond by October 10, 2023.

9. Newsletters

Our September 2023 Newsletter will be going home this week.

10. Earth Rangers

On October 17, 2023 morning Earth Rangers will be putting on a show for all students.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Fair, Principal