

October 30 – November 3, 2023

Monday Oct 30	Tuesday Oct 31	Wednesday Nov 1	Thursday Nov 2	Friday Nov 3
	<i>Halloween</i>	<i>Collaboration day (late start 9:50am)</i> <i>Graduation Assessment</i> <i>Take Your Kids to Work Day</i>		
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SEMESTER 1 LEARNING UPDATES

Semester 1 Learning Updates (Interims) were sent home yesterday (October 26th) via email. The format of the Learning Update has changed. Please check your email and take time to discuss the Learning Update with your child. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher via email.

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

Grade 9 students wishing to participate must complete the permission form (pick one from the office or download from the school website). Grade 9 students who do not want to participate will have to attend school since it is a regular school day. Nov. 1st is Collaboration Day with a late start of 9:50am.

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

Next week we will have our next Graduation Assessment sitting. All students in grade 10 have been registered to write the Graduation Literacy Assessment 10 (GLA 10), as well as any students who need the assessment for graduation, or have chosen to rewrite.

Please carefully check the schedule for the date /time/ location for your assessment – this is now posted outside the office. Students must arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. Bring your Go card (or photo ID), pens / pencils and calculator. Students have three hours to write the assessment. Sample Assessments can be found <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment> If you have any questions about an assessment, please contact Ms. Poon in the office ASAP.

“TRICK OR TREAT” OTHERS WITH RESPECT

Halloween should and needs to be fun; however, we need to be aware that celebrating Halloween needs to be fun for all. Halloween offers an opportunity to have meaningful conversations about costume choices with colleagues and students and requires consideration. It is important to keep in mind that we need to be sensitive to groups that have been marginalized through mimicry and cultural appropriation during Halloween and other ‘dress up’ events. A few things to keep in mind:

It’s good to keep in mind that the following are NOT Costumes:

- **RACE** (*black face/brown face*)
- **CULTURE** (*Indigenous regalia/dreadlocks*)
- **RELIGIOUS FAITH** (*religious figures/gods/saints/gurus/hijab*)
- **GENDER** (*gender switching for humour or to mock*)
- **TRAUMA** (*hangman’s noose/weapons*)

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 26: Semester 1 Interims (emailed to parents)
- Oct 31: Halloween
- Nov. 1: Collaboration Day (late start 9:50am)
- Nov. 1: Take Your Kids to Work Day
- Nov. 1: Graduation assessments (until Nov. 3)
- Nov. 4: Daylight Savings end (adjust your clocks)

FAMILY ERASE SESSIONS FOR SAFE, CARING AND RESPECTFUL DIGITAL COMMUNITIES

Three free virtual *erase* learning sessions for families will be held on November 8, 28, and 30, focusing on establishing safe, caring, and respectful digital communities. These sessions are best suited for families and youth aged 10 and above. Families may register at this link: [erase family sessions november 2023.pdf](#). Please contact erase@gov.bc.ca with any questions or for more information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POETRY CONTEST

Boyd is having a poetry contest. Submissions must reflect the theme of Remembrance Day, honouring and remembering the sacrifices made by military veterans during the war. Two poems will be chosen to be read during the Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th. **Submissions are due by November 1st to Ms. Fallah either by email (mfallah@sd38.bc.ca) or in person in room 126.**

BACK TO SCHOOL WELLNESS KIT

Back-to-school transition can be a stressful time for students and their parents/guardians or caregivers. The B.C. Children’s Hospital has released a [back-to-school wellness toolkit](#) to help support families. This toolkit support families with practical guidance and resources to support their child or youth as they adjust to the school routine and change in their environment.

ATHLETIC SPIRIT WEAR

ATTENTION TROJANS! Athletic spirit wear is coming to Boyd. Order your one-of-a-kind hoodies, t-shirts, and sweats. All sizes are available. Place your orders at lunch all next week in the lounge. Your purchases will be charged to your school account.

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