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### Dear Parents/Guardians of students with an Inclusive Learning Plan (ILP),

Our teachers, Learning Coaches, and Educational Assistants are working tirelessly to observe and initiate planning for strategies and support for each child. The formal ILP strategies are in place beginning the 2nd week of October. Before that time, we want to capture your voice in helping us to understand your child's short and long-term needs and goals. We will send home an ILP Parent Perspective survey this week to gather information about your child as an individual and a learner. Once we have your thoughts, we will formalize the ILP strategies. A paper draft ILP document will be sent home in October for your review of the strategies. It is important to remember that ILPs are working documents, meaning that they can change as needed, and evolve to suit the needs and changing realities of students. This allows us to collaborate and communicate with you beyond set dates for ILPs and have ongoing discussions about student needs, updated diagnosis, medical changes, or relevant student information. After the strategies are in place, teachers will contact you in October/November to meet with you regarding your child's ILP. Please know that we are always planning for and supporting your child if they require it, regardless of the date of paperwork completion.

If you are NEW to Meadow Ridge and/or your child has a new diagnosis that we may not be aware of, we invite you to contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to ensure we have the information we need to plan and support your child accordingly.

Additionally, we sent home an **FSD Medical Form** with every child in the school. If your child has any medical needs, we would like to ask that Form 316-1 is returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Finally, we want you to know how much we VALUE your voice. We ask those of you with students requiring individualized supports (requiring an ILP) to **complete the MRS Parent Perspective Survey**. This survey will help us learn more about your child and his or her needs in order to support and program for them effectively. We will close the survey on **September 28<sup>th</sup>** and distribute the information to the

Inclusive Learning team as well as your child's homeroom teacher. We thank you in advance for sharing your expertise with us!  
 Link to Inclusive Education Parent Perspective Survey:

[Link to Inclusive Education Parent Perspective Survey](#)

Thank you so much for your continued partnership in education.

#### Meadow Ridge Learning Support Team

Karen DeMaere – K to 4 Learning Coach  
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 Rebecca Forchuk - Principal

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**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We are committed to reciprocal relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. On this day we wear orange shirts to draw awareness to the experiences of Indigenous peoples and strive for healing and understanding.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Alberta is considered an Optional Holiday according to Alberta Employment Standards. It is up to each individual School Jurisdiction to determine how this day is accommodated within their annual school year calendars. As the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation falls on a Saturday this year, Foothills School Division school communities will commemorate its importance with our students on the school operational days prior to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

As life-long learners, there are meaningful ways we can celebrate Indigenous peoples and contribute to the process of reconciliation:

- o **Educate Yourself:** Take time to learn about various First Nations, Métis, and Inuit histories, cultures, and traditions. Understanding perspectives is crucial for fostering empathy and respect.
- o **Read Indigenous Literature:** Explore works by Indigenous authors to gain insights into their unique perspectives and experiences. This can lead to deeper understanding and appreciation.
- o **Listen and Seek to Understand:** Listen to testimonies of residential school survivors and their loved ones and engage in conversations with Indigenous peoples and communities.
- o **Amplify:** Amplify their voices to create awareness about their struggles and triumphs.
- o **Support Indigenous Businesses:** Discover and support Indigenous-owned businesses, artists, and artisans.
- o **Participate in Cultural Events:** Attend Indigenous events, workshops, and gatherings to learn more about their rich traditions and celebrate their contributions to Canadian society.
- o **Discover Foothills School Division's Truth & Reconciliation for Learner Success Toolkit:** which includes resources for students, educators, and community members to deepen their understanding of Rich Cultural Traditions, Historical and Contemporary Truths, Intergenerational Trauma, Advancing Reconciliation, and more.

Remember, every effort, no matter how small, contributes to building a more inclusive and just society. Let's use this day as an opportunity to reflect, learn, and take meaningful steps towards reconciliation.

## SPORTFACTOR

**Our Fall Grizzly Gear online store is now open.  
Please use the link below to place your order.**

[\*\*FALL GRIZZLY GEAR LINK\*\*](#)

Please include your child's name on the order as that will help with sorting. We will send the orders home with your child(ren) if the order is not too large. Otherwise, we'll contact you to pick up. If you do not want us to send the order home with your child, please let the office know by replying to this email.

The deadline date to order is **11:59 pm on Thursday, September 28th** and they will be delivered to the school 4 to 5 weeks after the closing date.

Please note, orders are done directly through Sportfactor and they do not accept returns as orders are custom made. Please refer to the sizing charts on the site. If you need assistance with ordering, you can find the 'Need Help' button at the bottom of the webpage.

The next opportunity to order clothing will be in the Spring as we run just the two online stores during the school year.

**SEPTEMBER**

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 MAKING HOT LUNCH SERVICE  
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**MRS TERRY FOX RUN: OCTOBER 6TH**

**Bring in Toonies for Terry OR Fivers for Fox**

- Place donations in the ATM box in your classroom.
- Money will be collected by your leadership rep on Mondays
- Colour and dedicate a shoe for every \$2 donated and put those up in the hallway

- The class that raises the most money wins a prize!
- The student in each division that raises the most money wins a prize too!



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