

GROW Newsletter – September 26th to 30th



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Orange Shirt Day!

This Friday September 30th is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The K – 7 students have been provided a package of materials that examine Orange Shirt Day.

You may not know, but Orange Shirt Day started in Williams Lake in 2013, and has now spread across Canada as part of our understanding and action plan to right the wrongs of what occurred during the time that First Nations Students were placed in Residential Schools. However, the greater theme is Hope and Orange Shirt Day represents that Every Child Matters and deserves to be treated with respect and caring as they grow into adults. To that end, the GROW Centre will have an Online (via Teams) Orange Short Day Presentation on Thursday September 29th at 11:00 am. This will be an event that students link into, and it will be for all ages from Kindergarten to Adult Learner.

The content covered will be:

1. Introductions
2. What is Orange Shirt Day?
3. Reading of the Book – “I Hope”
4. Why Everyone is Important!

5. Phyllis Webstad - Watching of a Video on Orange Shirt Day and why it is important for Canada
6. What Activity can you do for September 30th?
7. Conclusion

Please check the GROW Website for the Meeting Link (the link will also be sent to all students via their email accounts).

Changes to Opening Hours

Friday September 30th is National Orange Shirt Day. Therefore, GROW will be closed to students on Friday September 30th.

District Cross Country Run for Students in Grade 3 to 7

The School District hosts a cross-country run each year for all schools within SD#27. The event this year takes place on Friday, October 7th @ 11:00 am in Williams Lake.

The race is open to all grade 3 - 7 students in our program (8 year old to 12 year old girls and boys).

We are able to have up to 10 runners in each age group, so please sign up soon so that we know how many runners we will have for each category (we also have GROW Jerseys for student to wear during the event)!

Please let Ms. Tomlinson (via email) know if you would like to Participate by September 30th. Finally, we have more information on this event on the GROW Website, so please check our website.

PAC Meeting Minutes

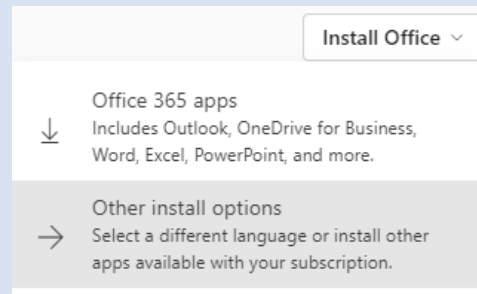
Wednesday September 14th the GROW PAC Meeting occurred at the Scout Island Event. Attended by nine PAC Members, plans were made for PAC Events for the year and the expenditure of funds. Thank you to the PAC Executive and all who attended! The PAC has a page on our website, and the minutes of this meeting are posted on this website:

[Parent Advisory Committee \(sd27.bc.ca\)](http://sd27.bc.ca)

As always, all parents are encouraged to attend and participate in our PAC (the next meeting will be in October).

How Do I Download My Free Version of Office 365?

Every student gets a free version of Office 365 that they can install on five different devices that they own. To do this, login to Office 365 (**Find It Fast** at the top of the www.sd27.bc.ca website), choose "Install Office" on the top right-hand corner and then "Office 365 Apps." Follow the prompts to download the free version of Office 365.



How Do I Get an Email Address?

All students in School District No. 27 receive an email address to communicate with their teacher. All email addresses follow the convention of: firstname.lastname@sd27.bc.ca. For example, the address could be: joe.who@sd27.bc.ca

To access your email, choose **Find It Fast** at the top of the www.sd27.bc.ca web page and choose Office 365. If you do not know your password, please contact your teacher.

Web Site

The GROW Program has its own website where you can get information on our school. The website is found at: <https://www.sd27/bc.ca/grow>

Highlights include:

- Registration Information
- Program Information
- School Information such as Learning Plans
- Important Calendar Events

Please check the website often as changes will be added frequently on important information you need to know.