



# Terry Fox School—November 2009

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## A Message From The Principal

The start of the 2009-2010 school year has been fabulous at Terry Fox. Students are actively pursuing their studies and taking advantage of the great learning and extra curricular programs being offered at the school. We had Fred Fox, brother of Terry Fox, visit us, we participated in the launch of Heroes Across Canada program, held another excellent Terry Fox Run and will be holding a school dance for the first time in a very long time. Our school soccer, volleyball and cross country teams have represented Terry Fox well in competition. Your student has already had multiple opportunities to explore their learning through off-site activities. These are all highlights of the great work being accomplished by students, staff and the community of Terry Fox.

I have appreciated the increased participation in our School Council. The School

Council Executive has been elected, and I thank these folks for the contribution of their time and expertise in supporting the continual development of school programming at Terry Fox. The School Council becomes stronger with increased membership and can always use the support of members at large. Our next meeting is November 26, 2009 at 6:30 in the school library. Please come out and support our collective work at the school.

As we all deal with concerns in regard to H1N1, our school population continues to be healthy. We monitor our student and staff absenteeism daily and have seen slight increases but within the usual range of the regular flu season. Thank you for using good discretion around keeping students at home should they be feeling ill.

This message accompanies your student's report card. It is important to celebrate the suc-

cesses that are identified. It is important to sit with your student(s) and develop a plan for future growth. We encourage folks to discuss your student's progress with teaching staff on Parent/Teacher Interviews November 19 and November 20.

It is our hope that you and your family feel supported and positive in the learning and development activities offered through programming at Terry Fox School. It is important to stay up to date on events at school through accessing our web site or contacting the school. Should you have any compliments, concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the office staff or administration.

Thank you,  
Mr. Don Barbor

## Important Dates:

- November 13 Report Cards Go Home
- November 19 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences-4:30 pm-7:30 pm
- November 20 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences-9:00 am-12:30 pm
- December 9 Winter Concert (details to be posted on our website)
- December 18 Last Day of Classes
- December 21 Winter Break-School Closed to January 6
- January 7 First Day of Classes (Day 1)
- January 15 Last Day of Term 2
- January 18 Organizational Day-No School
- January 28 Report Cards Go Home
- January 29 Professional Development Day-No School

## CTS/Fine Arts Program

- December 9-Winter Concert (7:00 pm)
- December 14,15,16-Drama Presentation Auditions



**Don't FORGET!** Please return signed report card envelopes to your teacher.

Please check our website for information from the Calgary Board of Education.

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## Grade 10 Information

Lester B. Pearson—Dec. 1

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme Information Meeting-6:30 pm

Jack James—Dec. 2

- Parent Information Meeting—6:30 pm

James Fowler—Dec. 14

- James Fowler Tour (Day)-Gr 9s
- James Fowler Parent Information Evening-6:00pm-8:00pm

Crescent Heights—Jan. 28

- Parent Information Evening—6:30 pm

Crescent Heights—Feb. 3

- Advanced Placement (AP) Parent Information Evening—6:30 pm

For more details about these dates, please check our website and/or the high school websites

## Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee

All grade 7 and 8 students at Fox this year will be participating in the Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee. On Wednesday November, 18 the students will be completing the **written spelling bee** during Literacy and Development

class. The top two spellers from each L&D class will then compete in the **verbal spelling bee** taking place November 24-26 in the library. The winner of the verbal spelling bee will have the opportunity to represent Terry Fox in the

Calgary Herald Regional Spelling Bee at the University of Calgary in March. For more information and spelling study guides check out the website [www.canspell.com](http://www.canspell.com).

## Terry Fox School Teams UP 4 Healthy Learners

Terry Fox School is excited to be a part of the CBE's *Teaming UP 4 Healthy Learners* Programme. This is a comprehensive programme geared to impact all students in the areas of physical activity, healthy eating, and positive social behaviours.

To date, we have removed unhealthy choices from the

vending machines and cafeteria menu, and introduced much healthier eating choices that students can purchase at school. Our school chef, Mr. Lionel Groves, will also be working with the Atco Blue Kitchen chefs to create and test 8 new healthy menu items that will be introduced throughout the school year. Moroccan chicken

is slated for November!

If you are interested in working with the Teaming UP Team, or possibly volunteer some of your time at the cafeteria, we would be interested in hearing from you; just call the school and ask for Mr. Martin.



## Terry Fox Fundraiser

The students of Terry Fox will be kicking off our Annual Magazine Fundraiser on November 16. It will run until November 30. Please check the flyer included in your student's report card envelope for all the exciting details. The funds raised will go to help pay for guest speakers and presenters for our student conference, Citizens In Action Day on March 5.

## Help Feed Hungry Kids In Calgary's Schools

Terry Fox School is participating in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary's 2009 Bernard Callebaut Chocolate Santa Raffle. By participating you will help raise \$10,000 for the Food and Nutrition in

Schools (FANS) Program. Buy a Ticket for \$2 and you could win a 3 foot high, 25 pound autographed *BERNARD CALLEBAUT SANTA* valued at \$825. Only 5000 tickets are printed!

Raffle tickets will be sold at Parent Teacher Interviews. Bring your \$2: Good Luck! Draw will be made December 16, 2009.

## Science Olympics

Terry Fox was proud to have three teams competing in the *Science Olympics* at the *Calgary Telus World of Science* on Saturday November 7, 2009. Our students did extremely well and were awesome ambassadors of Terry Fox. They designed and con-

structed impressive solar powered cookers and had a great showcase of their hard work at the *Science Olympics* competition. *Team Lightning* and *Team Blazing Heat* got their solar powered cookers to reach temperatures of over 60°C! Our *Terrific Caloric's* Team

took home the *Most Ingenious Design Award* for their construction of a solar powered cooker. Participants are already looking forward to next year's challenge. Thank you to Ms. Simpson for being a great coach! Well done Fox!



"Once Upon a Time"...  
Yearbooks are  
available to be ordered for  
\$20 each.



### Homework Help

Homework help is available after school Monday to Thursday until 4:00 pm in the Library.

Terry Fox Drama Program presents **Lights Out**, an under the bed play. We will be holding auditions for this fun and quirky show December 14, 15, and 16, 2009 after school in the drama room. All students from all grades are welcome to audition. Performances will be held on March 24 and 25, 2010.



"The country is full of good coaches. What it takes to win is a bunch of interested players."

Don Coryell