

# September News – Valley Elementary School

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## Staffing News

Please join us in welcoming the following to our school:

Mrs. Laura Jollymore – Grade One Teacher

Ms. Sarah Carrigan – Grade One/Two Teacher

Ms. Kasi Humber – Grade 4 Core French

Mrs. Jackie Chambers – Guidance Counselor

Ms. Hanna Hart – Lead Early Childhood Educator, Pre-Primary

Ms. Anamaria Bacalu – Early Childhood Educator

Mrs. Julia Collins -Custodian returning

## From the office:

Welcome and welcome back Mustang family!

It was truly wonderful to see all the smiling eyes as we greeted students coming into the building.

Thank you for preparing your children so well for the return to school. They are doing a great job of wearing masks and distancing. We are

continuing to follow the Public Health guidelines for schools. We will continue to spend time learning outside in our outdoor classrooms.

Homeroom Teachers have sent communication plans to families. We will be posting their Communication Plans as well as those of specialists on our webpage.

Changes you will see this year; the Pre-Primary program has expanded to 2 classes, a new front entrance, a new roof, new office and meeting spaces created inside, spaces inside and new playground equipment is being installed at the front of the school.

Lots of exciting things happening at VES!

## Health Protocols

Parents are required to screen students daily before they come to school. The Daily Checklist can be found on our website: [ves.ccrce.ca/our school/parent notices](http://ves.ccrce.ca/our-school/parent-notice). A copy can be set home upon request.

If a student has a chronic condition that results in coughing, runny nose, etc. please contact the teacher or office and monitor children for new or worsening symptoms.

## Important Upcoming Dates

**September 24<sup>th</sup> – Terry Fox**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> – PD/Inservice – NO SCHOOL**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm - Home & School**

**September 30<sup>th</sup> – Truth & Reconciliation Day – NO SCHOOL**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – Treaty Day Observance – STUDENTS PRESENT**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thanks giving – NO SCHOOL**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Provincial Conference Day – NO SCHOOL**

**The Year -AT-A-Glance calendar is also available on our website.**

## Social Media

We can be found on **Twitter:**

[valleyelementary@valley\\_elem\\_sc](mailto:valleyelementary@valley_elem_sc) and

**Facebook:** Valley Elementary School. These are used as a quick means to share information.

Member comments are read sporadically as time permits. The FB Group is closed. To join the group a membership question must be answered.



### F.Y.I

1. The drop-off loop at the front of the school is for quick drop-offs only.
2. Effective Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> students will start their day outside on the playground 8:05 – 8:18.
2. To avoid congestion at arrival and dismissal times, please send your child on the bus if they are eligible.
3. We are not able to heat student lunches brought from home.
4. Please label your child's jackets and other belongings with their name.

### Cafeteria

This year students will be eating lunch back in our cafeteria. A menu is sent home monthly (also available on our website: [ves.ccrce.ca/cafeteria](https://ves.ccrce.ca/cafeteria) menu.) You can order daily, weekly, or purchase a pre-paid sheet of tickets.

Please send all money and orders with a clearly labeled envelope or baggie. Include your child's name, class and meal selection on **EACH** ticket. The tickets are separated by order date and placed in a pocket for that particular day. It is important they all be labeled with your child's name. The kitchen does not have the extra time to fill out weekly/monthly tickets for the students. Thank you 😊  
Unfortunately, we are not able to heat student lunches.

### Terry Fox

**On September 24th we will have a school wide Terry Fox Walk. Students are invited to wear yellow and/or red and bring a donation for cancer research.**

### Schools Cash Online

We are very excited to announce the launch of SchoolCash Online, an online payment system that allows families to pay for student fees and school items. This new system will be used by all CCRCE schools and will be available to families very soon. Families will be receiving a message from CCRCE with further explanation about this system. SchoolCash Online is our preferred method of payment moving forward for items such as school supplies, fees, fundraiser fees, etc. The exception is payments to Cobequid Catering Society for school lunches. Cobequid Catering Society is a separate entity therefore families will **not** be able to use SchoolCash online to pay for student lunches.

### Join the Valley Youth Band!

The Valley Youth Band program is available to students in Grades 3 and 4 at Valley Elementary School. An Open House event is planned for Sunday, September 26th from 2:30 - 3:30 at the H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall in Bible Hill where students can try out the various instruments. For further information on the program, or to register, please send an email to [rmyouthband@outlook.com](mailto:rmyouthband@outlook.com) or call/text 902-956-2708.

### Student Absences

Please inform us of any absences for you child by contacting the school. If this absence is related to illness, you are asked to advise the school of the symptoms your child is experiencing. Due to Covid-19 monitoring in schools the school is asked to report this information to Public Health daily.

### Hand Hygiene

Classrooms are equipped with hand sanitizer for student use. Students will be using hand sanitizer each time they come into their classroom. They may use sanitizer from home. Please keep in mind that any sanitizer brought from home must be consistent with CCRCE scent etiquette. We are also encouraging hand washing as much as possible.