

# UFA NewsFlash – September 20, 2019

## Important Information for the Week of September 23 - 27

### Tuesday, September 24

- Family Night – 7:00 p.m. beginning in the Auditorium – All are welcome to come out to meet with our teachers and find out the teaching and learning taking place in classes. Parents who have a child in our Special Education Program are invited to arrive for a special session at 6:15 p.m. in the Media Room (Rm. 122) prior to the plenary beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 26– Assembly Day Schedule

- Grade Reps Assembly

### Friday, September 27– **Friday's For Future Walkout**

- As many of you may be aware, there is a student walkout being planned for Friday, September 27 at Queen's Park. Inspired by Greta Thunberg, youth from across the world have joined the *Fridays for Future* movement and are participating in climate strikes and demonstrations. It is our understanding that UFA student's intend to participate and will leave the school around 10 a.m. Student's with Parent Permission will be marked as excused, students that leave without parental permission will be marked absent. Our staff will refrain from covering new material, scheduling test etc. on Friday. Student's that do remain in school will continue to follow their regular timetable and have the benefit of their teachers being available for extra help, review etc. We will take the opportunity – over the course of the week to review safe practices that student's should follow. We hope that you will also take the opportunity of discussing safe practices with your child as well.

### Friday, September 27– **Grub Day postponed till Oct 18th**

- In deference to the Walkout the Student Council has postponed. More information will follow in Oct.
- **Proceeds for the Oct 18th Grub Day will be donated to the Orange Shirt Day organization.**

## Other Important Information

### Breakaway Tours

It has come to the school's attention that a group of students (UFA and other schools) have planned a trip to Montreal in February with a tour company called Breakaway tours. **Please be advised that this is NOT a UFA (or TDSB) school sanctioned trip.** If you require further clarification – don't hesitate to call the school.

### Orange Shirt Day

“Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission (SJM) residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada, in the spring of 2013. It grew out of *Phyllis' story* of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity

to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. The Sept 27<sup>th</sup> date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It also gives teachers time to plan events that will include children, as we want to ensure that we are passing the story and learning on to the next generations. Orange Shirt Day is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.”  
(<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>)

**Discontinued Uniform Items** – please note that we have a few of the following items on clearance:

\$ 10.00 each:

Russell 7” shorts Xsmall – 2 pairs

Russell 7” shorts Small – 7 pairs

Russell 7” shorts Large – 11 pairs

Russell 7” shorts XLarge – 3 pairs

\$20.00 each:

Gildan Trackpants (no pockets) – Large – 4

Gildan Trackpants (no pockets) – XLarge – 14

If you wish to purchase an item – the student’s should see Estela in the Office as soon as possible.