***Teacher Report - Tues. Sept. 26***

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| Science* Grade 8 - review of scientific method, Cells (microscopes, organelles)
* Grade 7 - ecosystem, coding with Scratch

Upcoming: KB Reptiles - Friday, Oct 13  Laurel Creek Trips Oct 23 - Nov 1...will be looking for volunteersExtra Curricular:Science Council -council selected  [lunch and learn series]Science Club - starting soon (coding, design & build etc.) |
| MathGrade 7 - Portable 5 (investigating problem-solving strategies, ongoing number talks around the # of the day, analyzing graphs through the graph of the week, participating in UW’s problem of the week, exploring fractions--representing, adding & subtracting)Grade 7 -Portable 8 (week of inspirational math to build passion, excitement and interest in math! Worked on problem-solving strategies and communicating our thinking, math talks everyday and diving into prime, composite, factors & multiples)Math help everyday (but day 2) break B part two in portable 8.  |
| Phys-EdGrade 8 - Boys and Girls football, fitness testingGrade 7 - fitness testing, Boys football, girls field hockeyUpcoming - volleyballExtracurricularClass intramurals started last weekBoys football - 2 and 1 as of tonightGirls field hockey - lost first game Cross country team - competed in the Stanley Steamer, hosting a race on Oct 4th |
| Music - Band - 8s**Class:** Instrument sign out starts this week (if pink form is returned)**Grade 8 Band:** Rehearsals start this week, Day 5, Break A**Glee:** Rehearsals start this week, Day 4, Break B**Upcoming:** Band Ensemble meeting (date TBD); rehearsals usually after school once a week |
| Music - Strings - 8sEarly September: reviewing music literacy and performance skills developed last yearOct- focus on developing new skills and techniques on instruments. Will be learning new repertoire and performing in small ensembles in class. Extra Curricular: Orchestra rehearsals begin this week - open to all experienced string players. Chamber Ensemble: over 40 students auditioned  - ensemble will begin practicing next week |
| Visual Art - 7sSelect a piece of art to present to the class and describe “what it means to you”.Art club starting Wed after school |
| Language ArtsGr. 8 French Immersion English (Prendergast - 802 and 803) - first learning cycle focused on the idea of gratitude: We have been talking, reading, and writing about the benefits of gratitude and what we are grateful for;  developing oral communication skills through small group discussions; annotating a non-fiction text; writing assignment introduced this week where students will write about one of life’s little pleasures in order to describe it and entertain their audience |
| History/GeographyGr. 7 French Immersion students starting with History - goal is to see how the past affects the present; (Prendergast - 803 and 802) Gr. 8 French Immersion students will begin geography in October - focus on how students can best help create sustainable development |
| French 7: review of grade 6 french8: review grade 7 frenchImmersion:* Gr. 7 (Simmons) Review of purpose / audience / form in writing; grammar review - present tense; focus on speaking French in class and correcting common errors; encouraging students to select “just-right” books for them to read at home and at school
* Health - focus on Mental health and Well-Being for first learning cycle
* Gr. 8 (Prendergast) Started a read aloud in order to practice thinking strategies, reviewing expectations re: independent reading and talking about their rights as a reader, students have begun reading a book that they selected in class; diagnostic assessments completed; reviewing the present tense; variety of oral communication activities to get students back in the habit of speaking French and give them a chance to get to know their new classmates
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| Other Extra-curricular:Model United Nations - student run, staff supervised, Day 5, break AGardening Club - starting Monday, will meet Break A on Day 1 and Day 4Debate club - Friday after schoolUkulele club - Day 5, break B |