



CARIBOO ADVENTIST ACADEMY

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Principal's Message: October 2, 2020

Here we are, starting out October!

What a successful start to the school year and reaching the milestone of a new month should be a success that our students, staff, and families should all take pride in celebrating. We had a busy, but great, week, highlighted by Orange Shirt Day, with a whole host of elementary and high school students wearing orange shirts and stickers as our students continue to grow through the education of reconciliation. Last week Miss Carey put on a high school assembly in which the students began planning for Orange Shirt Day and it made the day a really meaningful experience, seeing the initiative taken by the students—from creating posters to promote awareness, to creating stickers/buttons for students who did not have an orange shirt. It was really encouraging to see our students be so involved.

As October is now here, and flus and colds increase in prominence. We have appreciated the vigilance of daily pre-screening from all of our families. Please keep checking the specific list of symptoms shown on our “Daily Health Check” flow chart, as we recognize that common flu or cold symptoms that discourage students from coming to school may not be included in the COVID-19 symptoms. If the symptoms fall outside of the specified COVID-19 Daily Health Check symptoms, you do not need to worry. If students are too sick to come to school, they should not come to school, but if they are recovering and only showing residual symptoms, they are not required to stay away for any predetermined amount of time.

Lastly, I would like to take a moment to highlight some individual staff members. Our teachers have worked exceptionally hard to make this year get off to a great start and rightfully receive a lot of credit, but there are so many people that have spent the past month working day-in-day-out to ensure that our first month of school was successful. Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Schick have seen their EA duties evolve because of our cohort system and have taken on their extra responsibilities seamlessly, doing just incredible work. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Silveira have had to deal with the extra pressures of completing most of their daily tasks with interaction by proxy—something they have made look so easy, even though I know that is not the case. Mr. Gray continues to work with our high school students to ensure the right protocols are in place for them to continue to receive work experience credits, and Mr. and Mrs. Prest are here working tirelessly when everyone is at home, ensuring the school remains a clean, safe environment for our students and staff. Without all of these dedicated people, I can honestly say that our first month would not have been remotely the success that I feel it has been. So, if you see them around, pass on your gratitude—I will be.

Thank you all again for an excellent first month of school. Enjoy the weekend!

Mr. Cody Mills

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