

WELCOME BACK

SEPTEMBER NEWS



Have a Great Year!

Welcome back Aspen students and welcome new students! We're last year's Grade 7 class, and while we've moved on to new adventures, we wanted to leave behind a message for all of you starting a brand new school year.

First of all—welcome back! Whether you're excited, nervous, or a little of both, just know that this school is full of people who care and experiences that will shape your year in amazing ways.

We're going to miss a lot about Aspen Park. From the Yeti, to the kind and caring staff, the Spring BBQ, the Holiday Activities, Staff vs. Student games, Beach Day and most especially the year end grade 7 trip to Camp Homewood.

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Terry Fox

As you know, every September we celebrate the life and achievements of Terry Fox by participating in a run, and raising money to support cancer research.

On April 12th 1980, after being diagnosed with cancer, Terry embarked on a run across Canada to raise money for Cancer Research. The start of his run saw him dipping his artificial leg into the Atlantic

Ocean. Terry was forced to stop his journey on September 1st, after having run 5,373KM, because his cancer came back. Though Terry did not complete his run, by participating in the run each year, over 850 million dollars has been raised for cancer research.

Our run this year will take place on September 19th at 1 pm.

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Here's our advice to have a successful year at Aspen:

- Share your ideas.
- Join a club or sports team to meet different people.
- Find a balance between having fun and getting your work done.

You've got a great year ahead. Make the most of it. And who knows? Maybe next year, you'll be the ones leaving a message for the next group of students. Have an awesome year!
—The Former Grade 7s

Hackergals

Hackergals is a program for grade 6 and 7 girls that Ms. Mathew will be running starting in October. It will take place over the lunch hour once a week, every other week.. Students will work through coding modules and then in the spring will get the chance to take part in an all day Hackathon where you are given a theme and have to create something based on it.

Reading Links Challenge

Late Fall the Vancouver Island Regional Library asks schools in the Comox Valley if they would like to participate in the annual Reading Links Challenge.

Students, in Grades 4 and 5, form teams of a maximum of 6 students and work together to read 6 different novels. In the early Spring if a school has more than one team, the teams compete against each other and the winners goes to the district challenge.

The winning district challenge team moves on to the islands.

Minecraft Club

Minecraft club will start in either January or February, once Mrs. Dawson has announced this years build theme. Students from grades 4-7 will be invited to participate during lunchtime to prepare their submission to the district challenge.

Choir

Make sure you listen to announcements to find out when Ms. Cooper is going to start Choir practices this year!

Battle of the Books

This is the grade 6/7 version of the Reading Links Challenge. District teacher librarians will choose 6 novels which students, in groups of 6 or less, will read and then compete against other school teams and then eventually other district teams.

Chess Club

From November through April, Ms. Roberts runs a chess club for students in grade 4 and above. You must already know how to play chess to attend.

Journalism Club

Are you in Grade 5-7? Are you good with Canva? Do you like to write? Join Ms. Mathew in the Journalism club where each month we will produce a school newspaper just like this.

Sports Activities

- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball