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Good Afternoon Manordale Families,

At Manordale, we are deeply committed to fostering an environment where **Truth and Reconciliation** is an active part of our learning journey.

Our school strives to ensure every child is taught the essential truths of Canadian history and understands their role in working toward genuine reconciliation. This week, September 22nd to 26th, we marked Truth and Reconciliation Week by classes engaging in meaningful learning about the Calls to Action and reinforcing the critical values of respect for everyone. We believe that building a foundation of equity and inclusivity requires open hearts and minds. While this week provided a focused opportunity to reflect on the importance of Truth and Reconciliation, our commitment to this vital work continues year-round.



Truth and Reconciliation Day- September 30 (Orange Shirt Day)

September 30th marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada, a vital opportunity for our school community to move forward with commitment and hope. This day, which coincides with **Orange Shirt Day**, is rooted in the brave and enduring spirit of Residential School Survivors and their families. It is a time to honor their strength and resilience, recognize the truths of the past, and commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation—not as a single event, but as a continuous journey. Wearing an orange shirt and focusing on the message that "Every Child Matters" emphasizes our collective responsibility to foster a learning environment where all



Indigenous students feel valued, safe, and empowered to thrive.

Our school views this work through an asset-based lens, recognizing the rich cultural heritage, deep knowledge, and profound strength that Indigenous peoples contribute to our school and community. On September 30th, and throughout the entire year, we seek to gain knowledge, listen with open hearts, and take meaningful actions toward building a more just and equitable future together.

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Gold Dustpan Award!



Congratulations to EF6, the lucky winner of this week's **Gold Dustpan Award**! Every week, our amazing afternoon and evening custodian, Ms. Nikki, carefully observes all the classrooms to decide who has kept their space the cleanest. As a special surprise, she leaves the Golden Dustpan in the winning classroom overnight on Thursday, so the students discover it as soon as they arrive on Friday morning!

Cross Country Running:

On October 7th, our Manordale Wolves in grades 2 through 6 will participate in the annual cross-country running meet! We extend a huge thank you to Ms. Chapman and Mme. Perrin for their dedication and hard work in organizing this event and supporting our amazing running team. We can't wait to cheer on our young athletes as they showcase their perseverance and sportsmanship. If you wish to volunteer, please ensure you have filled out the volunteer form as this is mandatory across all schools in OCDSB. Good luck to all the runners!

Hot Breakfast:

The very first **Hot Breakfast** at Manordale was a resounding success, serving a delightful morning meal to approximately **75 students**, perhaps even more as the count was lost in the excitement. Students were pleasantly surprised to find a hearty spread of eggs, bagels, fruit, cereal, and milk. The library transformed into a warm, buzzing hub of activity, with students sitting together, sharing laughter, and enjoying the yummy food. The incredible smells filling the school hallways were a testament to the effort put forth. A huge thank you is due to **Ms. Hollie and Ms. Erin** for cooking and serving, Mr. Alex for crucial support and clean-up, and all staff who assisted, including those on duty who opened doors to welcome students inside. Moving forward, a delicious, healthy Friday breakfast will be available in the library starting at **8:15** for all students who wish to attend, and the next special **HOT breakfast** event will be held on **October 31st**. Whether hot or cold, a yummy breakfast will be served!



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September 29 PD DAY! No School

A reminder there is no school September 29 as it is a PD day. All staff will be at school taking part in professional development:

Roots of Empathy coming to Manordale! A baby wolf.... Oh my!

This fall, our Grade R3/4 class will be part of the **Roots of Empathy** program, an initiative designed to build empathy in young people. The program centers around a baby and their parent who visit the classroom throughout the school year. Our students will observe the baby's growth and development, asking questions and learning about the baby's feelings- connection to zones of regulation! Through these interactions, students will begin to identify and understand emotions in others, as well as in themselves. We are excited to guide our R3/4 class on this journey to become more compassionate and caring individuals.



October 9- Meet the Educator

We're excited to invite you to our Meet the Educator Night on October 9 from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with your child's educators and learn more about our school community. From 4:00 PM to 5:20 PM, you are invited to visit classrooms and speak with staff. At 5:20 PM, we ask all families to join us in the gym for a brief presentation on "Everything Manordale." The evening will conclude at 6:00 PM.



In addition to meeting our school staff, **several community organizations will have tables set up to share information about the programs and resources available right here in the Manordale community.** Our Multicultural Liaison Officer (MLO),

Wejdan Osman, will also be there to meet with families. We can't wait

to see you at this very special event.

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October 2- Custodial Staff Appreciation Day!

We are incredibly fortunate to have Mr. Alex, our Chief Custodian, as an indispensable member of our school family. Simply put, Mr. Alex doesn't just keep our building clean—he keeps our entire school community running smoothly and efficiently. He constantly goes above and beyond, ensuring a safe, welcoming, and functional environment for everyone. Throughout the day, his visibility is a comforting constant; he's always there, ready to assist with any issue, big or small, and tackle unexpected challenges with a calm and ready attitude. Our students, in particular, are inspired by his dedication and tireless work ethic, seeing a magnificent human being whose quiet service makes a huge difference.

Mr. Alex is a true treasure whose commitment is evident in every corner of our thriving school.



We also want to shine a spotlight on Ms. Nikki, our dedicated Evening Custodian, who plays a vital role in making sure our school is spotless and prepared for the next day of learning. Ms. Nikki works tirelessly after hours, ensuring that when we all arrive in the morning, the school is clean, safe, and ready to welcome us. She is also the wonderful person who determines the recipient of the coveted Gold Dustpan Award, recognizing classrooms that show outstanding responsibility and neatness. Beyond her essential work, Ms. Nikki is known for her warm presence; she is constantly smiling and is easily one of the most approachable people on our staff, always taking time for a quick, friendly interaction before her shift begins.



Terry Fox Run Event- October 10 This year, the Terry Fox Run will take place on October 10 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., organized by Ms. McCauley. Our school's participation is a powerful way for our students to show their commitment to helping others and understanding Terry Fox's incredible legacy. Every dollar raised goes directly towards cancer research, bringing us one step closer to a cure. If you wish to donate online, please find the link [here](#). Thank you in advance.



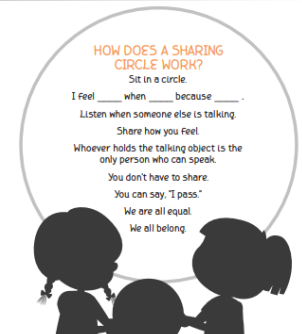
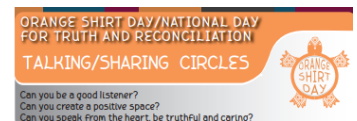
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Inclusionary Hub!- [Youtube Book \(Phyllis Webstad\)](#)



Sharing Circles/ Talking Circles:

Inspired by the wisdom of Indigenous teachings, Manordale has adopted sharing circles as a component of our restorative practices. We have learned the powerful method for healing and conflict resolution that the Circle provides, aligning our work with the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation. Sharing circles are now a common feature in many classrooms and an essential tool used by the office to support students during disagreements, alongside the existing PAWS framework.



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Manordale Wolves School Code of Conduct:



We are currently working on updating our school's Code of Conduct for students and families, in accordance with the OCDSB's [Policy P.125 SCO](#). This document is essential in fostering a safe, supportive, and respectful learning environment for everyone at Manordale. We strongly believe that the Code of Conduct should reflect the values of our entire community, which is why we are actively seeking family input to help shape this important document.

We remind all students and families that Manordale is a place of respect in all actions, whether said aloud or written. Please be mindful of how you communicate, and if any issue arises, families are encouraged to reach out to the school office so we may support a resolution that aligns with the School Code of Conduct.

If you wish to contribute your ideas to the creation of this document, including poster (the one to the left is a work in progress), please feel free to send us an email or pop into the main office at your convenience. We look forward to hearing

your suggestions!

Reminder: School Council is October 20



Manordale Family School Council will meet *virtually and in person* on October 20. In person, cupcakes will be available! Please join us and be a voice for our amazing students. Hope to see you virtually or in person October 20! **We are still in need of a secretary on council**, so if interested, please contact me at lisa.langill@ocdsb.ca or reach out to Co-Chairs, Natasha Mott or Erin Davison.