



Learning Alternatives Programs
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Learning Alternatives Families,

With ten days of in-class learning now behind us, I wanted to take a minute and provide families with an update. Both our school sites, John Barsby and Woodlands, have been filled with care, compassion and kindness. I would like to thank parents, students and staff for helping create a safe learning environment for all.

Thank you for helping make sure that registration packages were completed in detail. These packages will help guide graduation planning, course selections and the best way to support each Learning Alternatives student. If you have any questions or concerns about the registration packages, please reach out to your child's cohort teacher.

With almost all registrations now completed, students are engaged in some innovative learning projects. If you have not yet heard from your child's cohort teacher, please let me know. All students are registered in two classes and working towards completing them by the end of Quarter 1. Quarter 1 comes to an end on November 13, 2020. If a student is not able to complete their courses by the end of Quarter 1, they are able to continue working on them during Quarter 2. This flexibility is what makes our school so great.

Last year our school PAC helped support many rich learning opportunities for our students. This year we hope to do the same, but because we are still unable to have parents inside the school sites, our first meeting will take place online, through Microsoft Teams. If you would be interested in attending this meeting, please let me know and I will email you the link. Please know that there is no commitment required it's just a chance to discuss how PAC funds will be distributed.

Some upcoming school events are:

Wednesday, September 30 Orange Shirt Day

Monday, October 5 Woodlands Site Photo Day (11:00am start)

Tuesday, October 6 Woodlands Site Terry Fox Run (12:00pm start)

Wednesday, October 7 John Barsby Site Terry Fox Run (12:15pm start)

Friday, October 9 Non Instructional Day (District Wide Professional Development Day)

Lastly, our school's Terry Fox fundraising page is doing great. I issued a few fundraising challenges to our students and staff. I have said that students can select my run outfit if we raise over \$250, give me a haircut if we raise over \$500 and I will get a Terry Fox tattoo if we raise over \$1000. It is looking like I will be getting a new running outfit, haircut (of what I have left) and new tattoo. If you wish to donate, here's the link:



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Please know that there's nothing I will not do to help support our students, staff and families. I am here to answer any questions or concerns and will always lead with love.

Sincerely,

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