



King Traditional
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Parent Memo

September 18 to October 18

Dear Families,

My name is Tyler Horner, and I'm honored to serve as Principal of King Traditional School. As we begin a new school year, I'm excited about the learning, growth, and community we'll build together.

Each month, I'll send out a memo with important dates and school updates, also available in Punjabi to support clear communication. You'll also receive regular updates from your child's teacher and our office team. For quick access to contact info, schedules, and more, please visit our school website.

This year marks a special milestone: the 30th anniversary of King Traditional! It's a time to celebrate our journey and look ahead to the future. I invite you to be part of this next chapter by staying engaged, sharing your ideas, and helping us write the next chapter of our story....together!

Family involvement is a cornerstone of our school. "Parents as Partners" is a phrase you will hear a lot at our school because it is one of our 10 Traditional Tenets (foundations of our model). Your presence, whether through a wave at drop-off, a chat with a teacher, attending PAC meetings or volunteering, makes a real difference! The more we work together, the better the educational opportunities we can provide for our children.

Thank you for your continued support. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Tyler Horner

Principal, King Traditional School

Building a Caring Community at King Traditional: Learning about VIRTUES

At King Traditional, we believe that creating a positive and respectful learning environment starts with intentional teaching. Our staff work thoughtfully to help students understand what it means to be kind, responsible, and respectful members of our school community. Through stories,





discussions, and classroom activities, we guide students in learning how to treat others with care and navigate challenges with empathy and maturity.

Each month, we highlight a school-wide virtue to help focus our learning and celebrate growth. This month, our spotlight is on **Respect**. Students will explore what respect looks like in everyday interactions at school, at home, and in the wider community. We will be celebrating their efforts and growth at our upcoming Student of the Month assembly in early October.

Families play a vital role in this journey. You can support this learning at home by talking with your child about what it means to show respect through words, actions, and attitudes. Together, we can help our students grow into thoughtful and caring individuals.

Meet the Teacher Night: A Wonderful Start to the School Year

We're thrilled to share that this year's *Meet the Teacher Night* was a great success! On Wednesday, September 10th, our school was buzzing with energy as families gathered to connect with our dedicated staff, explore classrooms, and begin building the strong partnerships that help our students thrive. It was heartwarming to see so many parents and guardians taking the time to meet the educators who will be guiding their children this year. These early connections lay the foundation for a supportive and collaborative school experience.

The courtyard was a lively hub of conversation, with coffee, tea, and snacks creating a welcoming atmosphere for families to mingle. Our PAC members were on hand to share ways to get involved in the school community, and many of you expressed interest in volunteering, supporting events, and staying connected throughout the year. Your enthusiasm and engagement are what make our school such a special place.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening so meaningful. Whether you were finding your child's classroom for the first time or reconnecting with familiar faces, your involvement sends a powerful message to our students: that they are surrounded by a team that believes in them. We're excited for all that this school year holds and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Book Fair Volunteers needed!

Each year, we hold several book fairs where students can come into our library, choose from a selection of new books and literacy-based items, and make purchases if they are interested in something. These book fairs help our school raise funds which in turn go back into our library in the form of investing in brand new books for our students.





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In order for these books fairs to be successful, we need parent volunteers to help run them! Everything from book fair set up and take down, to sharing shifts helping to restock and take funds, requires parent support.

If you are interested in helping us, you can follow the link below to our sign up page. Simply choose a shift or two to help out with by adding your name. Please note that all volunteer positions (this opportunity and every other opportunity that comes up this year) require parents to have a completed criminal record check through the district. Want to get this process started? It is as easy as coming to our office to chat!

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/3C3DR

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

What to do if your child becomes sick:

From time to time we all get sick. It happens! At King Traditional, we have health protocols in place to ensure that we can keep our students as safe and healthy as possible. This means, it's important to know what to do if your child becomes sick on a school day.

Your child's health and safety are our top priority. If your child becomes ill at school during the school day, here's what happens:

- We'll contact you right away to let you know.
- Your child will be placed in a supervised space (like the medical room) while they rest. This is to prevent the possible spread of germs to others.
- If your child doesn't improve, we'll reach out and arrange a pick up. **Sick children cannot stay at school** because we want to keep all their classmates healthy.
- We will keep an eye on your little one! We ensure they're safely supervised until you or an emergency contact arrives to take them home.
- No medication is given at school unless there's a pre-arranged medical plan.

Please note, that to help prevent the spread of illness related germs and keep our students healthy, students who throw-up must stay home for **24 hours** and **until symptoms have resolved**.

Other ways to help us keep your children safe: To help us respond quickly and safely: please keep your emergency contact info up to date, inform us of any medical conditions (e.g., allergies, asthma, diabetes) and if special medical arrangements need to be made for chronic health, please make sure your child's Medical Planning Form is current.





As always, if you need to book an absence, please feel free to use the **safe arrival tool** to communicate with us or simply call our office and we can take it from there! Thank you for your understanding in advance for your understanding. As we enter flu season, following these steps is as important as ever to the prevention of spreading sickness in our school.

Terry Fox Fundraising:

This week marks the start of our cancer research fundraising. To make this initiative more fun, we are running an exciting fundraiser with our staff and students. Here is how it works:

- **for ever dollar** students donate, they will get **1 vote** for a teacher.
- the teacher with the most votes will be splattered in paint while the whole school cheers them on!
- the class that raises the most donations will be the class that gets to splatter the teacher in paint (while the rest of the school watches and cheers them on!)

Here are photos of the last 3 staff members to be voted for:



We can't wait to see who it will be this time! Donations can be made by bringing cash into the school or by donating online through the schoolcashonline website. Please note that an option to donate will appear on schoolcashonline but this is not mandatory! It is voluntary to donate. **You do not need to make an online payment unless you would like to support cancer research.** All funds this year are split between the Terry Fox Cancer Research Foundation, and Cops for Cancer Tour.

Drop off and Pick Up Expectations:

As an attachment to this weeks parent memo, please find the 'Drop Off Procedures' document.



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This document has instructions regarding ways to ensure our students are kept safe during drop off/pick up time. Student safety is very important to us at King Traditional Elementary School so please carefully read this document! If we follow the rules together, we can help ensure that everyone stays safe. Please read this procedure document. That said, the biggest thing to remember is to drive slowly and carefully, always use sidewalks and crosswalks, and **never enter the bus lane** by either vehicle or walking. Lastly, the long drop off lane in the front of our campus is for temporary drop off and pick up stopping. Please do not park there and exit your vehicle. You are welcome to park in our parent parking lot located at the end of the drop off lane if you wish to leave the vehicle. This prevents a back up, and cars not being able to turn onto our property from the busy road.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC): The Parent Advisory Council or **PAC** is a very important parent group that helps ensure our children's experiences here at King are extra special. If you have a child at our school, you are a member of our PAC automatically! The PAC meet once a month or so, and parents **JUST LIKE YOU** talk about such things as arranging fundraising and planning extra special opportunities for students and parents. These could range from things such as organizing movie nights for families and literacy picnics to supporting activities like Garden Club, Bhangra Club, rock climbing, roller blading and much more! We wouldn't be able to provide all of these amazing opportunities (and more) without parents like you being willing to participate in our PAC. Any parent can attend our PAC meetings and contribute. That said, there are some special positions that are assigned to parents for a period of time (such as PAC president, secretary, treasurer, fundraising chair, hot lunch organizer and more!). There are many jobs that you can sign up for, or you can simply attend and be a part of the conversation.

Currently, we are looking for a parent who might like to serve as the PAC treasurer. If you might be interested in joining our PAC and/or even helping with a specific role, please attend one of our PAC meetings!

Speaking of PAC...here is their first Fundraiser:

The PAC is excited to launch our first fundraiser of the year, the Community Values Coupon Book, which will sell for \$35 per book. The fundraiser runs from September 24th until October 8th. This is a good way to help the school fundraise, and there are some special prizes for students to earn. There are lots of great coupons for restaurants, shops and other fun places! Please don't go door to door to sell, you should only sell to people you know. Further information and packages will be sent home with students on Sept 24th. If you have any questions, please email kingtraditionalpac@gmail.com.

Coming up:





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- September 23 @6pm: Our first PAC meeting this year
- September 24: Photo day at school
- September 25: Toonie (\$2) for Terry Run (Cancer research fundraiser)
- September 26: Orange Shirt Day
- September 26: Fire drill at 10am
- September 29: Non Instructional Day
- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 3: Student of the Month Assembly for the virtue of Respect
- October 8: Lockdown emergency practice drill at 1:30
- October 10: Tentative day we will splatter a Teacher with paint as part of the Terry Fox fundraising initiative (depends who gets chosen).
- October 13: Thanksgiving
- October 16: Earthquake emergency practice drill at 10am
- October 16: PAC meeting number 2

