

# THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

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## BCSD September Newsletter

September 25, 2025

Dear Families/Guardians,

Hope the newsletter finds you well and that you enjoy reading it. We're excited to see our students back in the classrooms, ready to explore, create, and grow together. This year promises new opportunities, fun activities, and memorable experiences for everyone, and we can't wait to share all the learning adventures ahead.

### Smooth Start to Classes

We're happy to share that class schedules are running smoothly, and students are settling into their routines. Thank you for your support in helping students arrive on time and ready to learn each day!

### Deaf Awareness Month

September is Deaf Awareness Month, a time to celebrate ASL, Deaf culture, history, and achievements. Students participated in activities to learn more about the Deaf community and the importance of accessibility and inclusion.



### International Week of the Deaf People (IWDP)

International Week of the Deaf People took place from September 22–26. This annual event promotes global advocacy for sign languages and the rights of Deaf individuals, aiming to bring communities together, celebrate linguistic diversity, and preserve cultural heritage worldwide.

As part of our celebration, we held a special flag-raising ceremony last Monday, September 22 outside by the flagpole. Deaf elders were invited as panelists, and students gained valuable insights from their experiences and perspectives.

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Following the week, BCSD students led activities including wearing Deaf/ASL-themed shirts, participating in an ASL Scavenger Hunt, and watching an ASL movie featuring Deaf characters and actors, all designed to celebrate ASL as a language, Deaf culture, history, and identity pride.

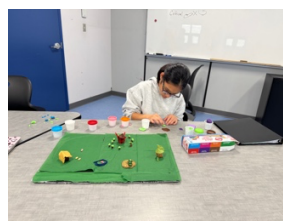


### Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run took place on September 23. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about Terry's inspiring story while raising awareness for cancer research. Everyone enjoyed walking together under beautiful weather.

### Social Studies Class Project

Grade 8 students created manorial systems, designing villages and assigning roles to lords and peasants. This hands-on project helped them experience medieval life and work together creatively.



Grade 9 students prepared an ASL news report on the French Revolution, highlighting key events and figures. Through this project, they brought history to life and demonstrated their understanding of this pivotal time period.



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**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The school will be closed on Tuesday, September 30, to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange shirts on Monday, September 29 to honor the day.

**IEP Meetings**

IEP meetings will take place October 20–31. You will receive an email from Madison, LSS, with instructions regarding the survey and how to sign up for your meeting. This will replace the traditional “Meet the Parent Night.”

**BCSD Website**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new school website. Visit us at <https://bcdeafschool.burnabyschools.ca> to find the latest news, updates, and resources for students, families, and staff.

**Here are some important dates for you to be aware for the month of October:**

October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Re-Take Photo Day
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Arrow Event (attached)
October 20-23	IEP meetings
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-Day (school closed)
October 27-31 <sup>st</sup>	IEP meetings

We are looking forward to an amazing year together!

Sincerely,



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