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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hopefully, your son/daughter has had a very positive start to the school year. We have been extremely impressed with the start up and look forward to a wonderful year with great students. We have a few items that need your attention with respect to our start – up procedures and we'd appreciate it if you could deal with them right away.

1. Student Information Verification Form – this is an important document that is needed to update our records on an annual basis. We would appreciate your prompt attention to this. We are respecting privacy issues and have sent this home in a labeled envelope and hope you can return it to the school in the same envelope. Please see the attached letter from the Superintendent that speaks to the importance of this form.
2. Fruit and Vegetable Program – we are pleased to be able to continue with the popular B.C. School Fruit and Vegetable program this year that provides the entire school with a nutritional snack every couple of weeks throughout the year. The product is supplied to us washed and ready to use. Please see the attached letter regarding this that is a “reverse consent” form. If there is reason for your son/daughter to not participate in this opportunity, please fill it out and return it to the school office right away.
3. Student Fees – we very much appreciate the many parents that have already taken care of the \$25 student fee for the year. These funds are needed to continue with some of the supports and activities we provide at the school. This is also the time for students to pay \$40 for the Yearbook. It is important to pre-order the yearbook to avoid disappointment in the spring. Both fees are to be paid to the Accounts Clerk (Alannah MacIntyre) in the Main Office as soon as possible.
4. Emergency Preparedness – the recent earthquake on Friday, Sept. 9th has proven to be a healthy reminder to us of the importance of our drills and the need for us to improve our preparedness level. Our students and staff reacted very well to the event last week, despite not having had a practice drill to that point. The school followed the appropriate steps during and after the quake and the experience pointed out a number of areas we need to pay attention to. This was discussed at the recent P.A.C. meeting and some parents are forming an interest group to help the school coordinate a plan to address the identified needs – both equipment and process.
5. Threat Assessment Notice – please read through the final attachment (on the reverse of this newsletter) that is a communication from the School District.