



PARENT / STUDENT EDITION

Update

Sept. – Oct.
30 - 4
2024

MONDAY Sept. 30

Federal Truth and Reconciliation Day – Schools Closed to Students

TUESDAY Oct. 1

WEDNESDAY Oct. 2

THURSDAY Oct. 3

- Cross Country – 3:00

FRIDAY Oct. 4

- Terry Fox Run after lunch
- Hotdog Hot Lunch: Visit [Munchalunch](#) to create an account, order and pay. Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, Oct. 2 at midnight.



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Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 30	Federal Truth and Reconciliation Day – Schools Closed
Oct. 4	Terry Fox Run
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving – Schools Closed
Oct. 17	Parent/Student Conferences
Oct. 18	Early dismissal – Students dismissed at 11:20
Oct. 24	Photo Retakes
Oct. 25	Professional Day – School Closed for Students

Bell Schedule:

8:15	Warning Bell
8:20	Morning class begins
9:50 – 10:05	Recess
12:05 – 12:50	Lunch
2:18	Dismissal

MunchaLunch – Hot Lunch Ordering Program:

The dedicated PAC at Unsworth will be holding hot lunches at school. If you would like to order lunch for your child(ren), please visit this [Munchalunch link](#) to set up your account, order and pay. Profits made from hot lunches benefit all the students in the school and act as a fantastic fundraising opportunity! The next hot lunch is Friday, Oct. 4. **The deadline for ordering and payment is Wednesday, Oct. 2 at midnight.**



Student Cell Phone Use:

Students are not permitted to use personal cell phones during the school day (8:20-2:18). If students need to contact home, they can ask an adult for support to do so.

Students may only use their phone during the day if the teacher invites them to use it for an educational purpose in the classroom.

No photos or video are to be taken using a cell phone during the day.

If a student is found using their phone during the school day, staff may confiscate it until the end of the day and then return it to the student. Repeated offenses may mean a plan is developed to help support the student with their phone use choices.

Christmas Performance 2024- Update for Families:

Hello Unsworth Families, we are Mrs. Litshauer (Mon, Tues) and Mrs. Solomon (Wed, Thurs, Friday), the new music teachers here at Unsworth Elementary School. We have enjoyed starting the school year and all that comes with moving to a new school (i.e. new students, staff, routines, expectations etc.) over the last few weeks.

This week we have had a lot of inquiries about what the Christmas Program at Unsworth will look like this year and after discussions with the teaching staff, it has been decided that we will be doing a more traditional Christmas concert program this year instead of a Christmas play. The concert will feature each grade group singing and/or playing instruments to popular holiday selections for parents to come and watch.

The reasoning behind the change is because the students need time to adjust to having two new music teachers and the music teachers need time to establish relationships with the entire school community. Preparation for a Christmas play starts well in advance of the performance, and we need time to settle in before taking on such a large project. Mrs. Solomon has started a choir program and will also be looking into starting an Indigenous drumming circle as well as. All these factors take time to develop and grow.

With the understanding that the current grade 5 classes were expecting to have the opportunity to try acting in the school play, we have proposed that a spring play be considered to give everyone a chance to adjust to the changes indicated above. We encourage the grade 5 students to continue work hard in music lessons, dedicating themselves to doing their best in all music activities over the course of Term 1. Final decisions about the spring play option will be made in January.

Thank you for your understanding and support over these changes to what has been done before at Unsworth and know that we are deeply dedicated to continuing to build the performing arts opportunities at Unsworth.

Sincerely,

Lauren Solomon and Chelsea Litshauer

Parking Lot:

The parking lot is incredibly busy with buses, students and cars. If you drop off or pick up your child, please familiarize yourself with how the parking lot works. **There is no exiting or leaving your vehicle unattended in any of the lanes.** This stops the flow in the parking lot and paralyzes it. We need your cooperation to keep this a safe place.

Students don't always look before crossing the parking lot. Please ensure you are driving safely and following the posted signs in the parking lot.

Thank you for helping keep Unsworth a safe place.

