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September 2025



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Oct. 6–10 – Spirit Week

Oct. 6 – Spirit Week – Field Day 2–3.30pm

Oct. 7 – Spirit Week – Community Yard Sale Fundraiser

Oct. 8 – Spirit Week – Coffee Morning & School photos

Oct. 9 – Spirit Week – ‘Tastes Like Home’ Food Fest 3–5pm

Oct. 10 – Spirit Week – Bowling Fundraiser at Avon Lanes

Oct. 13–17 – Thanksgiving Break – School Closed

Oct. 24 – Teacher Work Day – School Closed

Oct. 31 – Halloween

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – School Closed

TBD – Annual Fundraiser at Lightfoot & Wolfville

Where did September go?

*By Mr James Weekes
Head of School*

I will keep my note brief this week as there is so much to share in our newsletter! I am so impressed by how the students, teachers, Board members, and parents have hit the ground running this year. We have had a fun and busy start to the academic year with much to celebrate already.

There are some great events happening locally for Truth & Reconciliation Day, I hope our community members can take a moment to go and learn!

Sincerely,
Mr James



Did you know?

*This year is the 45th
anniversary of the
Terry Fox Run.*

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run brings our school community together every year to honour Terry's courage and perseverance. Community members run or walk to support cancer research, keeping Terry's dream of a future without cancer alive. Our fundraising total has not yet been calculated, but we do know that one student raised \$1,100 in their neighbourhood alone!



Orange Shirt Day – Monday, Sept. 29

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – Tuesday, Sept. 30



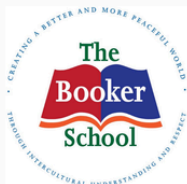
The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Tuesday, September 30th. To mark this important day, we're inviting students to wear orange on **Monday, September 29th** for Orange Shirt Day.

Wearing orange is a simple way for children and families to show kindness, remember the children who went to residential schools, and learn together about the importance of caring for one another.

If you would like to explore more or find places that support Indigenous makers and organizations, please visit the Orange Shirt Society's website.

Please note, school is closed on Tuesday September 30.

Program of Inquiry – A look at our year!



2025-2026 PROGRAM OF INQUIRY



	Who We Are	Where We Are in Place and Time	How We Express Ourselves	How the World Works	How We Organize Ourselves	Sharing the Planet
Pre-Primary	Understanding our uniqueness supports our personal growth.	Pre-Primary students complete four Units of Inquiry.	Children express their understanding of the world around them through play.	Patterns and cycles in the natural world influence living things.	Pre-Primary students complete four Units of Inquiry.	Living things have certain needs in order to grow and stay healthy.
Primary	Families are important in shaping who we are and who we become.	Primary students complete five Units of Inquiry.	Children express their understanding of the world around them through play.	Humans use the five senses to learn about their world.	Members of a community work together towards a common goal.	Insects have an impact on our environment.
Grade One	Relationships are influenced by learning about other people's perspectives and communicating our own.	Uncovering the earth helps us learn about our past.	Writing allows people to express ideas and tell stories. (Year-long)	Observing and measuring weather helps people understand its patterns and make predictions.	The foods we eat go through processes before reaching our homes.	People's actions impact natural environments.
Grade Two/Three	Appreciating, respecting, and nurturing our multiculturalism helps us to understand who we are and our common humanity.	Our surroundings determine the types of homes we live in.	Authors use different genres to express ideas and communicate meaning.	Human curiosity develops an understanding of the Earth's place within the universe.	Maps can help us to navigate and understand our world.	Animals and humans are interconnected.
Grade Four	To meet human needs, societies have determined children's rights and responsibilities.	Communities are established and shaped by risk-takers.	Discovery and self expression are enhanced through time in nature.	The design of buildings and structures depends upon the environment and available materials.	Economic activity relies on systems of production, exchange and consumption of goods and services.	Choices we make impact Earth's resources
Grade Five	Understanding the similarities and differences between religions can support international-mindedness.	Injustices and inequalities often give rise to changes in society.	Art can be used as a vehicle of change. (Exhibition)	Exploring physical and chemical changes of matter allows us to understand our world.	Humans develop systems to organise and govern themselves.	Human activity influences global climate & environment. (Exhibition)

TBS Spirit Week – October 6–10

Celebrate our very first Spirit Week with the whole community!

The Booker School is kicking off a brand-new tradition – our first-ever Spirit Week! From October 6–10, the whole school community is invited to join the fun, including:

Monday – Field Day – Students may wear their favourite sports-related outfit and participate in some athletic, mixed-age activities!

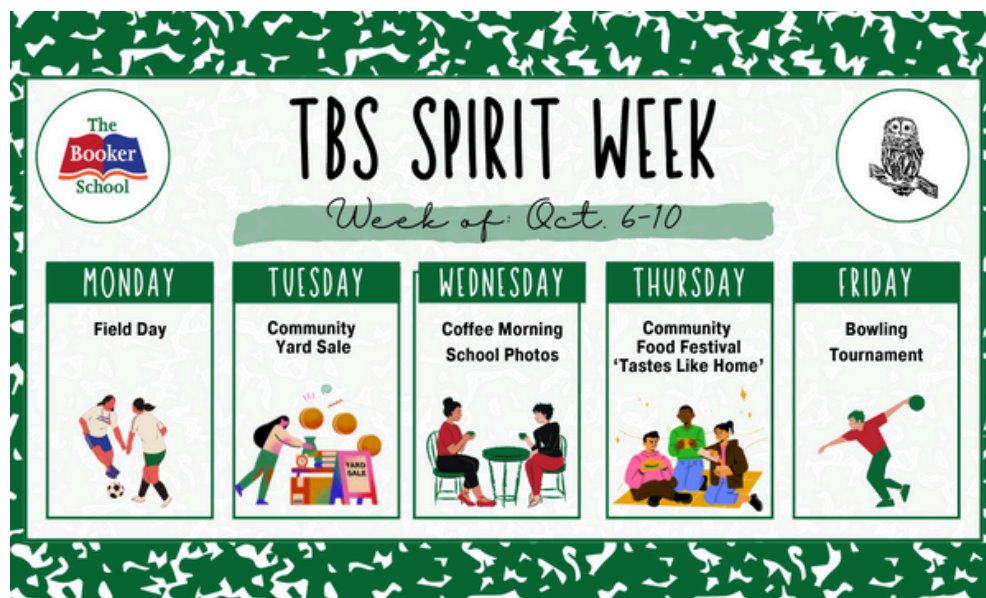
Tuesday – Yard Sale – Donate and shop for end of season and winter items. We also encourage you to donate any old Halloween costumes so they can continue to be enjoyed this Halloween.

Wednesday – Coffee Morning – Meet up for coffee at The Port Pub.

Thursday – Tastes Like Home Food Festival – Share your faves and try something new! Students are welcome to wear clothes that they feel represent their cultural heritage and identity.

Friday – Bowling Tournament – Get a team and theme together and bowl your heart out! All proceeds go towards the school's Annual Booker Fund.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, and we're also excited to launch The Booker Fund, supporting programming for our learners. Please join us for a week of energy, pride, and school spirit!



Administrative Business

A few of our events require volunteers and/or participant sign-up. Please see below:

To volunteer for the **Community Yard Sale**, click [here](#).

To **volunteer or host a table** at our **Tastes Like Home Food Festival** (and provide bite-size samples of a food you'd like to share with the community), click [here](#).

To participate in the **Bowling Tournament** (and order pizza), click [here](#).



TBS SPIRIT WEEK

FIELD DAY

MONDAY, OCT. 6

2:00-3:00 - STUDENT SPORTS & GAMES
3:00-4:00 - FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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TBS Spirit Week - Wednesday, October 8

Coffee Morning

Meet for coffee and a chat at The Port Pub!

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School Photos

Please ensure that students are dressed in school uniform.

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TBS SPIRIT WEEK

TASTES LIKE HOME FOOD FEST

TRY NEW FOODS & OLD FAVOURITES!

Thursday, Oct. 9
3:00-5:00 p.m.

Scan for more information and to contribute or volunteer

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TBS SPIRIT WEEK

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Join us for a seasonal yard sale in support of The Booker Fund!

Tuesday October 7
3:00-5:00 p.m.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

Donations of end-of-season, Halloween, and winter items will be collected on Tuesday morning between 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your support!

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER

The Booker School



BOOKER BOWLING

SCAN TO SIGN UP

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE BOOKER FUND!

OCTOBER 10 2025
3:00-5:00 P.M.

Avon Valley Lanes (100 Centennial Drive Windsor)

Please note the school will close at 2:30. There will be no ASP.

Made by Charlie (G6)

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Grade 4-8 Camping Trip

Fun was had at Klahanie Campground!

Last Friday September 19, Grade 4-8 students took off down the valley to Klahanie Kamping in Aylesford. We are grateful to our hosts for donating this wonderful site for us to experience.

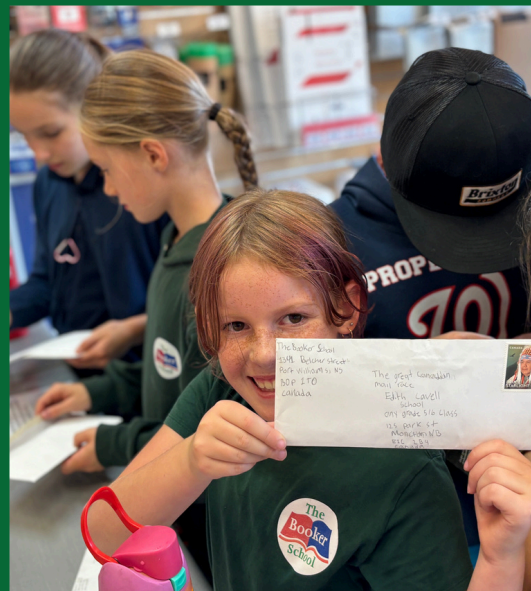
The first camp of the school year is all about team building and making connections between new and returning students and staff. We are so proud of our students who faced anxiety head-on with their first stay-away. Our experienced and older students demonstrated incredible leadership throughout the trip. Our students cooked, cleaned and passed intense scrutiny in the 'tent inspections'. We are looking forward to our next camps in the Spring!



The Great Canadian Mail Race

By Ms. Katherine

Last week, the Grade 5 class was excited to receive a letter from a school in Williams Lake, BC, inviting us to join The Great Canadian Mail Race! Each student picked a school in any province/territory they wanted and wrote letters to grade 5/6 classrooms all across Canada. Now we wait to see which school will reply first. This activity was a fun way to practice letter-writing skills, practice Canadian geography, and even experience sending a real letter in the mail.



A Trip to The Station Food Hub

By Ms. Temma and the Grade 7&8 Class



In an exploration of the Statement of Inquiry "Individual and societal choices in food production and consumption have local and global impacts on sustainability," the Grade 7/8 class visited The Station Food Hub just outside of Windsor. Here are some excerpts from their reflections on the field trip:

"Today, the grade seven and eight class visited The Station Food Hub and learned how they take farmers' produce that couldn't be sold, and process it so it can be. This is one of many ways they make themselves sustainable. By buying the seconds produce, the farmers make money for their produce that otherwise would have been thrown away, and as [Founder] Rebecca [Tran] said, "it's a win-win situation" ...because, the farmers get paid, but then the TSFH can sell their product for a profit, and with the money they can keep running and expand to different foods...Overall, The Station Food Hub is one of the most sustainable companies that I have ever seen or been to. They just have so many amazing ways to keep the earth clean and stable." (Max, Grade 8)

"Even though there are many sustainable development goals that The Station Food Hub strives to accomplish, the most important one for them is 'Zero hunger'. Because they are a food based corporation it comes to no surprise that "Zero hunger" is their main drive, although in the presentation they made it clear that 'Responsible consumption and production' and 'Clean water and sanitation' are important to them too." (Ember, Grade 8)

"The Station Food Hub is an organization that focuses on local food, helping the environment by reducing food miles and making more sustainable food in Nova Scotia...The Station Food Hub is a growing organization but it is still hugely impacting food production in Nova Scotia and is showing a really good example for other businesses and will hopefully inspire other places to do the same thing." (Asa, Grade 8)



Clubs

Lego Robotics

Lego Robotics has started strongly with a group of ten keen individuals. Our Grade 8s with experience in the program are taking on a leadership role and are determining the structure of some of the sessions!



Running Club

Port Williams Elementary School hosted the first cross-country meet of the season. Our students from G3-5 did extremely well and our runners from G6-8 came to support!





Volunteering & the Parent Participation Program

Our school community thrives when families get involved! Volunteering is a great way to meet others and support the experiences that make our school special. Whether you can help in the classroom, at events, or by sharing a skill, every contribution makes a difference. If you can give some time this year, we'd love to hear from you.

Parent Participation Program

If you would like to sign up for our Parent Participation Program, please email:

jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com

Tuition Payments for 2025-26



Don't forget to send in your October payments at the beginning of the month. Please send etransfers to:

treasurer@bookerschool.com

Please note that we can also take Visa payments in the office with a 3% charge.



Fundraising

A Very Muddy Thank-You to the Rogers Family!

Very meaningful gifts can come from a family's hands, hearts, and generosity. The Rogers family recently donated not only the materials but also their time and expertise to design and build a brand-new mud kitchen for our youngest learners. It was a family effort, with the whole family pitching in!

Katrena, Logan, Annie, and Ethan turned a great idea into a beautiful new outdoor learning space. They shared, "We are happy to donate and do our part. The last year has been an amazing experience for us all. Thank you all for welcoming us within this community."

Ms. Liz shared that the school's youngest students "enjoy working like in a bakery, using flat pieces of wood or boards to take 'orders' for the kitchen. They frequently serve brownies, cakes, cupcakes, and cookies, creatively incorporating various plants and natural materials from the surroundings to add decorative details to their baked goods." This kind of messy play is more than fun - it helps children build social skills, stretch their imaginations, and practice problem-solving in a hands-on way.

Thank you so much to the Rogers family for your time and thoughtfulness. The mud kitchen has quickly become a playground hot spot!



Ways you can support TBS

Donate Time: Events, field trips, committees

Donate Supplies: Classroom and outdoor supplies

Donate Funds: [Support us on CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org)



The Booker Fund

This year, we have been rolling out a new fundraising initiative called The Booker Fund. The Booker Fund is the backbone of The Booker School's fundraising program. This annual fund provides vital support that allows us to hire the best teachers, give them the resources they need, offer financial assistance to amazing students, and give our students the chance to go beyond. Most of our donors choose to make unrestricted gifts, allowing the school the greatest flexibility to deploy funds where they are most needed. Some of our donors prefer to direct their gifts specifically to financial assistance to ensure that the school can offer sustainable support to families who enrich our community in every way.

2025-2026 Goals

In the 2025-2026 school year we aim to raise \$50,000 and hope that 100% of our families will join in this effort. A gift of any size makes a difference to how we can help our students flourish this year.

The Booker School is a charitable organization and gifts to the Booker Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law. Make your gift today!

Ways to Donate

You can easily donate and receive a tax receipt through Canada Helps by using this [link](#).

We also accept cheques and e-transfer. Cheques can be made out to The Booker School and e-transfers can be sent to treasurer@bookerschool.com.

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Get your kid's labels with our logo on them!



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HOW TO ORDER:

1. Head over to campaigns.mabelslabels.com
2. Search for our organization
The Bookers School (Port Williams)
3. Click Shop Now, and Logo Label Pack will be one of the first options



Scholastic Canada Book Clubs

School Code: RC791340

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YOU!**



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TBS Awarded CPCF Grant

Awarded over \$4000 towards TBS's Structured Literacy program!

We're thrilled to share that The Bookers School has been awarded a *Canada Post Community Foundation* grant to strengthen our Structured Literacy Program! This funding will help us add items such as decodable books and online tools to support every student's growth in reading, writing, and comprehension.

This grant is an exciting boost to our mission of providing an exceptional, evidence-based literacy program and empowering students with the skills they need to thrive.



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Uniforms

Uniforms & Consignment

Clothes with The Booker School uniform colours are available from retailers such as Old Navy, Gap, and Children's Place. We are currently looking into Canadian suppliers for our logoed clothing. We also have gently used pieces at school on a "take what you need, give what you can" basis. Please contact the office to arrange a time to browse. This program is part of the Parent Participation Program, and we'd love a volunteer to help manage it. If you'd like to take this on, please email jamie.ohanlon@bookerschool.com.

Best Wishes to Ms. Melissa!

We want to take this opportunity to wish Ms. Melissa W. and her family all the best as they prepare for their exciting delivery! We can't wait to meet the youngest member of the Booker community!



We're also excited for a new chapter with another Ms. Melissa! Next week, Ms. Melissa D. will take over as the Grade 4 teacher, and we know the class is going to have an incredible year!



Back to School

Here's a bit of what we got up to in September!



Forms



An important part of The Booker School experience is having opportunities to explore our local community. We also benefit greatly from the volunteer efforts of our friends and family. The forms below enable us to provide safe programming for all students. Please fill them out at your earliest convenience.

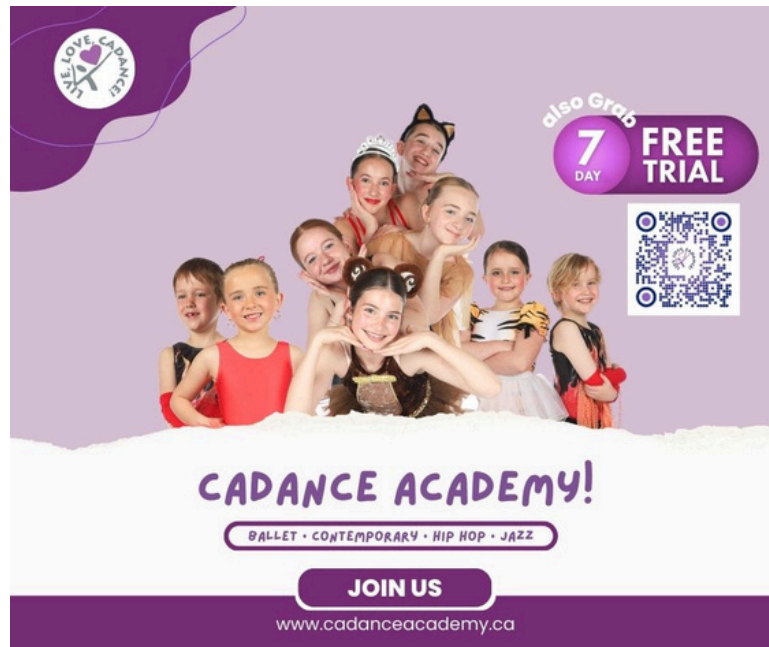
8.5 Activity Waiver

9.5a Volunteer Driver

Please note that The Booker School will now hold volunteer record checks for two years. If you submitted these documents in 2024-25, you do not need to do so this year.



Community Corner



Cadance offers a wide range of classes in Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop, and more! Our classes are structured to teach skill mastery in a fun environment where children can grow in confidence, strength and ability. Learn more and sign-up for your Free 7 Day Pass [here](https://www.cadanceacademy.ca).

KIDS TRY IT!
FREE INTRO TO
CURLING SESSION

A FUN INTRODUCTION
TO CURLING FOR KIDS.
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.
EQUIPMENT NEEDED: CLEAN INDOOR SHOES
AND A HELMET.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: BROOMS & SLIDERS.



OCTOBER 18th, 1 – 4pm
Ages 6 – 18



**WOLFVILLE
CURLING CLUB**

22 Elm Avenue



2025-2026 Master Calendar

The Booker School Master Calendar 2025-2026

Week	TBS 2025-26	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	Whole School Events
							1	2	School Closed
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Teacher Work Day
	August	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Event
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>Tentative Dates are italicised</i>
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Labour Day Sep 1 - Classes begin Sep 2
2		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Hopes & Dreams Conferences
3	September	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
4		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Adventure Week - Sep 28 Orange Shirt Day
5		29	30	1	2	3	4	5	Truth & Reconciliation Sep 30
6		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	October	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Thanksgiving Break
7		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Teacher Work Day Oct 24 - School Closed
8		27	28	29	30	31	1	2	
9		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Remembrance Day Observation Nov 11
11	November	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
12		24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Annual Scholarship Fundraiser
13		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
14		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	December	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Teacher Work Day Dec 19 - School closed
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	December Break
		29	30	31	1	2	3	4	Teacher Work Day Jan 5 - School closed
16		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
17	January	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Conf. Three Way Conferences Jan 12-23
18		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
19		26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
20		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
21		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Teacher Work Day - Feb 13 - School Closed
22	February	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Heritage Day Feb 16
23		23	24	25	26	27	28	1	
24		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Grade 4-8 Musical Production
	March	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	March Break
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
25		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
26		30	31	1	2	3	4	5	Easter Weekend April 3-6
27		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
28	April	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
29		20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
30		27	28	29	30	1	2	3	TWD & Student-Led Conference day
31		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
32		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
33	May	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Victoria Day May 18 & Teacher Work Day May 19
34		25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
35		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Port Williams Days
36		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Adventure Week
37	June	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	End of Year Assembly Jun 19
38		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Teacher Work Days - School Closed
	July	29	30						

