SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy September, Summit Scorchers!

What a wonderful start to the school year! A warm welcome to all of our new students, families, and staff—we are so happy to have you as part of our Summit community. It has been wonderful to see our students settling in, making connections, and getting excited about the year ahead.

We have lots happening this month, including our Terry Fox Run, activities recognizing Truth and Reconciliation, and our Teachers, Earth Rangers, Tims & Parents morning. We hope you'll join us for coffee, conversation, and community on September 22!

A few important reminders:

- Please review our cell phone policy with your child to help support a safe and focused learning environment.
- Please remember to be Bear Aware as we head into fall.

At Summit, we live our SCORCH values:
S – We are Safe
C – We Care
O – We Own It
R – We Respect
CH – We Champion Others

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, connection, and growth for all of our Summit Scorchers!

Warm regards,
Jennifer Boyle
Principal, Summit Elementary

Important Events

Sept 15	Dot Day
Sept 16	Full Day for Kindergarteners
Sept 18	Terry Fox Run -Toonies
Sept 21	Professional Development Day
Sept 22	Teachers, TIms & Parents
Sept 22	Fruit and Veggie Day
Sept 22	K School Bus Safety
Sept 23	Photo Day
Sept 23	Cross Country Run Mac Park
Sept 25	Fire Drill Practice
Sept 28	Orange Shirt Day Gathering
Sept 29	Earth Rangers Assembly 1:30
Sept 30	National Day of Truth and
Sept 30	Reconciliation (No School)
Oct 1	Cross Country Run Eagle Pt.
Oct 2	Frisbee Rob
Oct 12	Thanksgiving -No School

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Summit School Staff

Ms. Jennifer Boyle	Principal
Ms. Danielle Royce	Teacher K
Ms. Libby Bujas	Teacher K/1
Ms. Kendra Petchnick	Teacher 1/2
Ms. Tera Angstadt	Teacher 1/2
Ms. Farran Lyons (Fri)	Teacher 1/2
Ms. Rena Murdoch	Teacher 2/3
Ms. Jacqueline Ellis	Teacher 3
Ms. Kelsey Hine (Wed)	Grade 3 Teacher
Ms. Janice Yakura	Teacher 3/4
Ms. Hanna Spencer	Teacher 4
Ms. Natasha Gliege	Teacher 4/5
Ms. Kelsey Hine (Th-Fri)	Teacher 4/5
Mr. Glen Bowden	Teacher 5/6
Mr. Geoff Luehr	Teacher 6/7
Ms. Jessica Baker	Teacher 6/7
Ms. Amber Dixon	Teacher 6/7
Ms. Farran Lyons	Prep/Primary Teacher
Mr. David Lam	Prep/Library Teacher
Mrs. Melissa Seibel	Learning Assistance
Ms. Alysson Marcus(Nov)	Learning Assistance
Ms. Debi Hamson (Sep/Oct)	Learning Assistance
Ms. Alex Polson	Aboriginal Education Worker
Ms. Nicole Sun	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. Marnie Paulson	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. Tracy Bucholtz	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. Becky Baerg	Certified Education Assistant
Ms. Marianne Feist	Secretary
Mr. Jeff Murphy	Custodian
Ms. Tanya Dick	Custodian
Ms. Rebecca Hill	Custodian



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A big welcome to Summit...

MS. NATASHA GLIEGE

Our new 4/5 Teacher



MS. KELSEY HINE

Teaching grade 2 and 4/5



MS. ALEX POLSON

Our new Indigenous Education Worker



MS. FARRAN LYONS

Our new Primary PE Prep and Grade 1/2



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A big welcome...



A special welcome to all of our new families and students

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SAFETY FIRST

When you're walking to and from school, it's important to use the designated crosswalks. These are the safest places to cross the street. Remember to always stop and look both ways before you step off the curb. Make sure there are no cars coming and that the road is clear. Safety first!



OFFICE REMINDER

Our Summit Forms Package will come home on Monday. Please review, sign, and return the forms as soon as possible.

A friendly reminder that students arriving late or leaving early must sign in or out at the office. Thank you for helping your child arrive on time each day and start their day ready to learn!

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE GUIDELINES

Please take a moment to review the Personal Digitial Devices and Guidelines by clicking here. During instructional time (all school hours and learning environments, including field trips and while on the bus) student use of a personal digital device is not permitted. This includes cell phones, smart watches, laptops, and any other device that can access the Internet. Students are encouraged not to bring personal electronic devices to school.

INSIDE SHOES AND WATER BOTTLE

As the weather continues to change, please make sure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities. It's also important for students to have a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. To help keep our classrooms clean and dry, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that stay inside only. This will help us maintain a cleaner and safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!

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TERRY FOX RUN

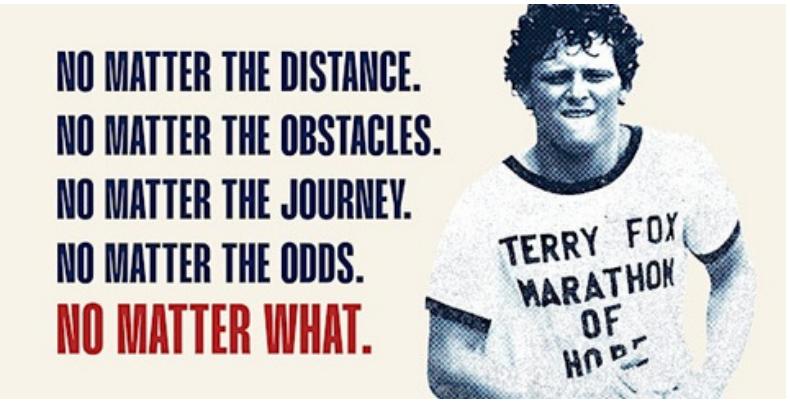
The official date for our Terry Fox Run is Friday, September 18th. The pathway for the run goes off school property and into our community, so please sign the annual walking field trip permission form if you haven't already done so. Children are invited to bring a Toonie for Terry as we fundraise for cancer research.

PARKING & ROUNDABOUT

For everyone's safety, please note that the school roundabout is reserved for daycare buses and school district vehicles. The school parking lot is reserved for school staff and accessible parking only.

When possible, please use Gleneagles Drive for drop-off and pick-up, as our street parking is very limited.

Please also keep the area in front of the school entrance clear at all times. Thank you for helping us keep our Summit students safe!



Click here to donate or share our online donation link. We are hoping to raise over $600 for cancer research.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Orange Shirt Day is on September 28th, a day to remember and honor the experiences of Indigenous children who attended residential schools. To show support, please wear an orange shirt. Our school will hold a special gathering on September 28th to commemorate this important day. Stay tuned for more details! There will be no school on Sept 30th.



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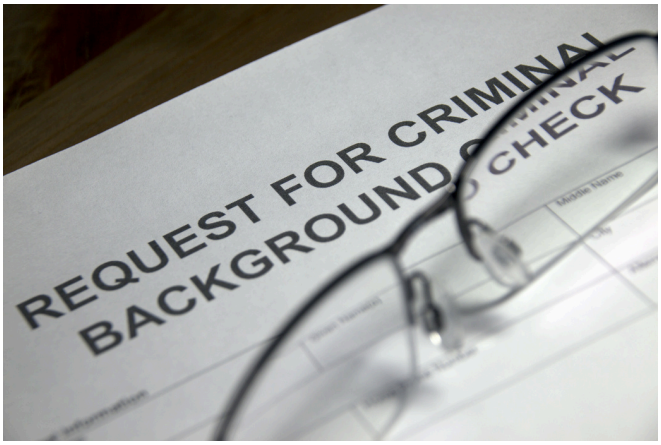
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Parent Info

Scan to see our parent info

We ♡ our Volunteers



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

ALL school volunteers must have a recent record check on file with the school. This includes field trip supervisors/chaperones. The checks expire after three years, but they are at no cost to you. There are two ways to get your CRC done, and you don't need permission from the school to get yours started:

1. If you have a BC SERVICES ID and ID, please use this link: https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck and then this access code, which is unique to Summit Elementary: **2TE55PW5MD** (This code cannot be put on a website for public use) This process is relatively straightforward.

To submit this criminal record check form, you will need:

- Your BC Services Card Login (recommended) or other government issued photo identification.
- If you do not have the BC Services Card Login, you can log in above to set it up now and return to the application when you have completed that process.

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FRUITS AND VEGGIES PROGRAM

The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program is a province-wide healthy living initiative brought to our school by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - a non-profit organization, dedicated to working to bring BC agriculture and food education to students throughout the province. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits, vegetables, dairy and nutritious products to our students during class time. Our students will receive these healthy snacks 11 times over the school year (there is no charge to parents)If you do not want your child to participate please let us know



MEDICAL ALERT PLANNING FORMS & ANAPHYLAXIS

The school is not permitted to administer medication to students. If your child requires medication to be administered by the office, please complete the necessary medical forms. You can access and fill out the form by clicking the links below.

Request for Administration of Medication at School

Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan

Medical Alert Panning Form





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PHOTO DAY SEPT 23

Photo Day is coming up on September 23rd! Be sure to come dressed for the occasion and don't forget to bring your best smiles. We look forward to capturing great photos of all our students!



VOLUNTEER COACHES

Summit Elementary is seeking volunteers to coach team sports, including volleyball, basketball, and cross-country running. If you have a passion for sports and want to help support our students, we would love to hear from you! Whether you're interested in coaching or assisting in any capacity, please contact dlam@sd73.bc.ca for more information. All volunteer coaches are required to complete a criminal record check and review the necessary concussion protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our athletes. Join us in fostering a positive and active environment for our students!



CALL OUT FOR SUPERVISORS

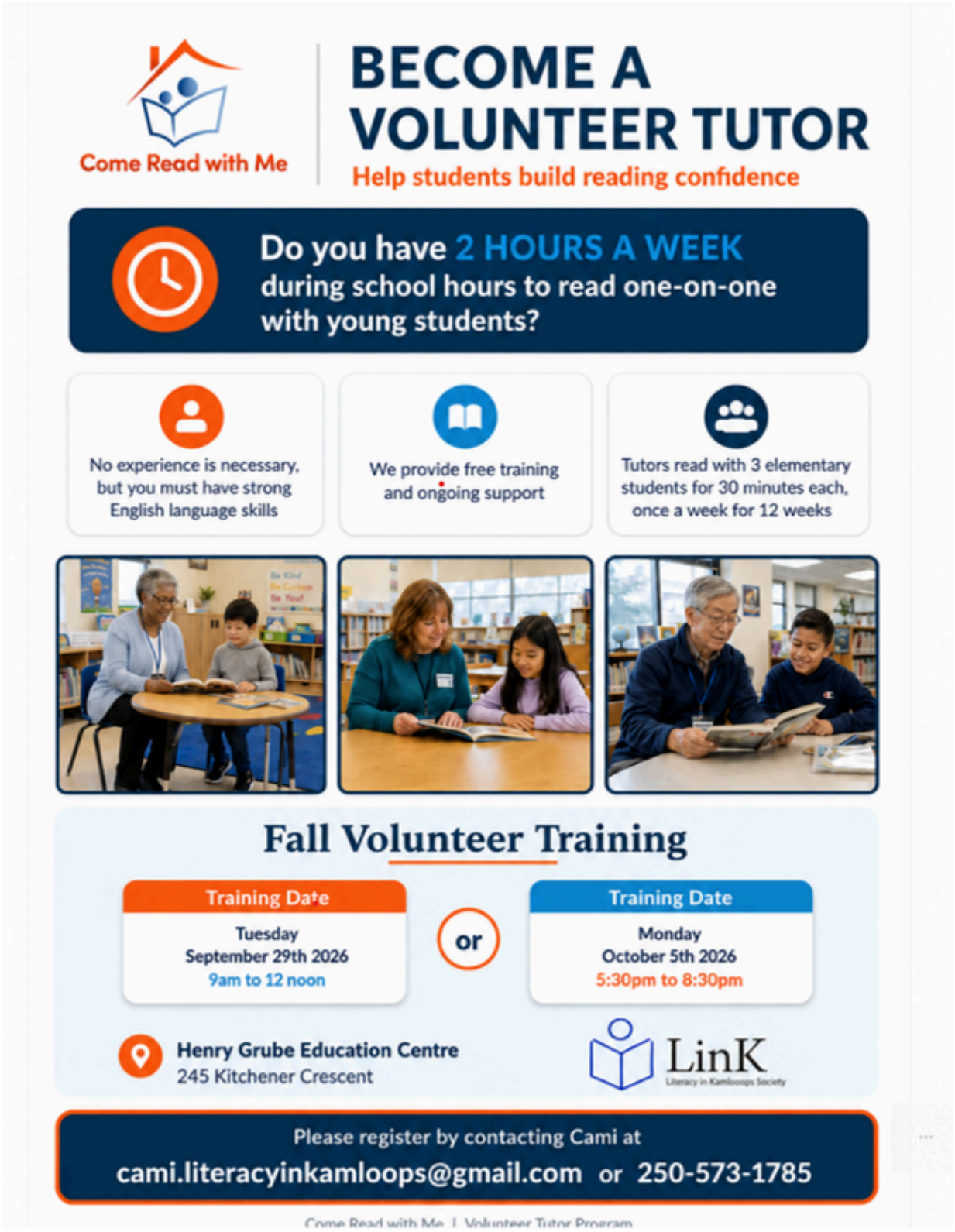
Are you interested in coming to the school over the lunchtimes to provide extra supervision? We are looking to hire lunch monitors. It's a great way to get involved with the school community, get to know your child's school and staff, and give back. There is a small honorarium, $20/day and a criminal record check is required (See the link in this newsletter to complete that). If you are interested, please email me at jboyle@sd73.bc.ca to let me know.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMIT COME READ WITH ME PROGRAM



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Tips for a Great School Year

KEEP A FAMILY CALENDAR

Be sure to read the school year calendar and post it in a visible spot. Note parent-teacher conference dates, report card distribution dates, and other school events. Record them into your personal calendar too. Children love predictability!

FOCUS ON FRIENDSHIP

When a child feels a sense of belonging and connection to their environment, they will learn and develop with greater ease and comfort.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

However, parents beware: Do not over-schedule your child (and yourself) to the point of stress and exhaustion.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Good physical health, proper nutrition, and enough sleep are the most important elements for school success.

CREATE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

After checking to see whether your child has accurately completed their homework or home reading, take a moment to initial the agenda or school planner to let their teacher know you have reviewed the work.

READ THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, CHECK THE WEBSITE, JOIN THE SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

This shows your interest in the school community and your willingness to be a part of that connection.

SPEND SOME TIME AT SCHOOL

School staff are delighted to have parents lend a hand in the classroom, on field trips, and around the school. It provides an additional sense of community. Make sure you check with your child's teacher on when it is appropriate. We are looking for lunch hour supervisors, PAC members, and Come Read with Me volunteers.

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Getting to Know Your Child

CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL

Parents and caregivers know their children best. Sharing a little about your child can help their teacher build a positive connection and create a classroom where they feel comfortable, confident, and ready to learn. We value working together with families and welcome anything you would like us to know about your child.

WHAT MAKES YOUR CHILD SHINE?

Tell us about your child's strengths, interests, talents, and things they are proud of. What makes them smile? What are they passionate about? What helps them feel confident?

WHAT HELPS YOUR CHILD LEARN BEST?

Does your child enjoy hands-on learning, movement, drawing, talking things through, or having time to think quietly? Share strategies or approaches that have worked well for your child in the past.

WHAT HELPS YOUR CHILD FEEL CONNECTED?

Are there activities, friendships, routines, or adults that help your child feel comfortable and included? Knowing what helps your child feel a sense of belonging can be very helpful.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Please share any important health information, allergies, medications, or other considerations that will help us keep your child safe and well at school.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOUR CHILD?

Maybe they love soccer, dinosaurs, art, music, animals, superheroes, or helping others. These interests can be wonderful ways to connect with your child and make learning meaningful.

Most importantly, we want to get to know the whole child—not just as a learner, but as a person. When families and teachers share what makes each child unique, we can work together to help every child feel safe, valued, connected, and successful.

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Parent Advisory Committee

PAC IS RECRUITING

We need you to join our PAC Executive! We are looking for talented individuals to join our Executive Team. Positions we are looking to fill are Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please contact PAC at summitpacexec@gmail.com for more info.

You don't need to be an expert, have previous PAC experience, or know everything about how the school operates. You simply need a willingness to participate, collaborate, learn, and help strengthen our school community.

Being part of PAC is a great opportunity to connect with other families, work alongside school administration, have a voice in conversations that impact our school community, and help bring ideas, events, resources, and opportunities to life for our students.



PAC MEETING

PAC Annual General Meeting and executive nominations will be held soon. Date to be announced. We need more parents for our PAC to run this year. All parents are members of the PAC and are welcome to attend our meetings.

JOIN OUR PAC FACEBOOK PAGE

Stay up to date on what is going on around the school, connect with community, ask questions and get involved! Don't forget to answer the questions about your child and class.

MUNCHALUNCH ACCOUNTS

Everyone will need to update munchalunch accounts soon so that they can order PAC hot lunches (occur twice a month), participate in fundraisers and attend pre-pay events.

If you don't have a munchalunch account, please register here by selecting Kamloops and then Summit Elementary. Munchalunch

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Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.



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September 2, 2026

Notice to Parents and Students: Student Safety

Dear Parents and Students,

Student safety is a top priority in the Kamloops-Thompson School District. To keep students and staff safe, we have engaged in intensive safety training with our community partners—the RCMP, Secwépemc Child & Family Service, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. As a result of our collective efforts, we have developed a district plan for responding to all situations where we believe students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

District policy requires principals to activate a multidisciplinary "threat assessment" protocol whenever we have information that indicates students have made significant, high-level threats to harm themselves or others. Please review Behavioural and Digital Threat Assessment procedure on the school district website at sd73.bc.ca (under Admirative Procedures).

What is a threat?
A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to.

Duty to report:
To keep school communities safe and caring, each of us—staff, parents, guardians, caregivers, students, and community members—must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is a Site-Specific Threat Assessment Team?
The school has a site-specific threat assessment team that includes school administrators, counsellors, teachers, and a police officer.

The threat assessment process is designed to promote:

- the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- a full understanding of the context of the threat
- a greater understanding of the factors underlying the behaviours of the threat maker
- proactive development of an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- increased emotional and physical safety of all

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- online threats to harm/kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- gang-related intimidation and violence
- verbal/written threats to harm/kill self or others (clear, direct, plausible)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devises)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation and violence

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What parents and students need to know:

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigations may involve a school or district counsellor, the police, and/or other community agencies
- investigations may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved with a threat will be notified and, depending on the circumstances, may attend the interview to provide support
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action and/or change in school placement
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

Collection Notice
The District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including limiting collection of information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online open-source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Sincerely,

Mike St. John
Superintendent of Schools