



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

These past 6 weeks have been busy getting school started but we are settled in thanks to the hard work of staff at the school, our students and parents.

I am very impressed with how quickly our students got back into the daily routines and working on their learning. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work our support and teaching staff have put in to creating and teaching these activities.

It is always nice to see our students involved in global citizen activities – activities that we participate in to help others. On September 20th, we helped Terry Fox continue his Marathon of Hope and the battle against cancer during our Terry Fox Run. Our students raised \$321.50 in support of this cause. Thanks to all those who made donations. September 30th saw recognition of Orange Shirt Day – honouring those who survived the Indian Residential School System and those who did not. This included some meaningful classroom discussions.

We look forward to continuing to work together with you to help provide the best education for your child. Home and school working together is key in achieving the greatest results. Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,
David Cooper

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher formative assessment conferences will be held the week of October 21 – 24. You should have received a confirmation of the date and time for your conference time. If the appointment time does not work for you, please contact the office. **A reminder that dismissal for that week:**

Monday - usual 1:27

Tuesday-Thursday is 1:07.

There is no school for students on Friday, October 25th as there is a Provincial Professional Development Day.

Photo Retakes

A reminder that photo retakes will be done on the morning of Monday, October 21st.

Our Website

We want to bring your attention to our school website. It has been updated and we believe you will find it easy to browse and has quite a bit of information. Regularly check out the

calendar for the latest updates of what is going on, fun lunch dates, etc. It is now updated for the year and will be updated as new events come up. Just click on the “General Events” to find out about school events. The “Public Calendar” has SD68 events. Our newsletters will also be posted on the site. Check us out at: <https://cr.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

Halloween Activities

A few words about Halloween costumes.

Since we are a school, and a school that has children as young as 4 years old, we ask that parents and students keep this in mind when preparing costumes to be worn at school.

Costumes should not have guns, swords (weapons of any kind), nor excessive gore.

Masks may be worn for the costume parade but not in class or at recess.

Also, our school dress code still applies even on Halloween. This is one of those things that we ask for parents and students to use good judgment and to pick costumes that respect the viewer and the wearer.

Primary classroom teachers have asked that children bring a change of clothes so they can change out of their costume at recess. This is to avoid the inevitable damage that occurs to costumes during outside play. The reality is that many students will want to change soon after the costume parade.

Our Hallowe'en Parade will begin at about 9:00 am. It is the choice of the student if they would like to wear a costume or not. Some students choose to wear orange and black.

There will be an intermediate dance from 1:00 to 2:30 pm.

Finally, in order to follow our healthy school guidelines, we ask that the children bring only one Hallowe'en candy treat *per day* to school the following week. Please help us by ensuring your child does not bring too much candy to school. If we find that a child has an inordinate amount of candy, we will hold it in the Office until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your assistance.

School Sports

Football season is rolling along. Both the girls and boys teams are close to wrapping up the regular season with playoffs beginning the week of October 28th.

The Zone X-country meet will be on the morning of Tuesday, October 29th at Beban Park.

Month End Assembly

At our month end assembly we were entertained by Ms. Arabsky's class poem. We also received an update on our school running goal. This year we are running to various environmental situations around the world. There is a map and information about these areas in the hallway (thank you Mr. Eyres for creating this). Our goal is to run a total of 31,040 km, so far our students have run 3,802 km! A big thank you to Ms. Arabsky and Mrs. Schlitz for tracking all the progress.

Chase River PAC

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 in the library.

Bicycles on School Grounds

We are happy to see a number of students choosing to ride their bikes to school. If your child rides their bike to school, please remind them that they need to walk their bike on school grounds. After school, students must walk their bike until they have exited one of the gates. The school grounds need to be free from students riding bikes until at least 3:00 pm. After that time, most foot traffic has departed. At this point, it is less likely that there would be a collision between someone walking and the individual on the bike.

Inclement Weather

As we reach the end of October we have seen some of the cool wet weather we would expect in the Fall. This leads students to ask the question "Is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is no. Students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch unless it is raining heavily. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing. At Chase River we believe in the importance of fresh air and outside play for all students and appreciate your assistance in this regard.



Photo Retakes

In our previous newsletter the date for photo retakes was October 10th. A conflict in dates arose for our photographer and we had to reschedule the date. Photo retakes are now in the morning on Monday, October 21st.

Xmas Concert Update

Our first newsletter reported that our Xmas concert was on December 11th. The concert is actually on **Thursday, December 12th**. There are two shows – 1:00 & 6:30.

Important Dates

New dates have been added since the last newsletter.

Pro D – No School	Oct. 11
Thanksgiving (stat holiday)	Oct. 14
Photo Retakes	Oct. 21
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Oct. 21-24
ProD - No School	Oct. 25
Zone X-Country	Oct. 29
Fun Lunch – Coco's	Oct. 31
Halloween Parade 9:00	Oct 31
District X-Country	Nov. 5
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov. 8
Remembrance Day No School	Nov. 11
Fun Lunch – Subway	Nov. 28
Christmas Concert 1:00 & 6:30	Dec. 12
Winter Break Begins	Dec. 20
School Reopens	Jan. 6
Fun Lunch – Pizza Hut	Jan. 30
Report Cards Issued	Feb. 7
Skipathon	Feb. 13
Family Day	Feb. 17
Pro D – no school	Feb. 24
Pro D – no school	Feb. 25
Pink Shirt Day	Feb. 26
Fun Lunch – Pita Pit	Feb. 27
School Wide Skate	Mar. 5
Spring Break Begins	Mar. 13
School Reopens	Mar. 30
Good Friday – no school	Apr. 10
Easter Monday – no school	Apr. 13
Fun Lunch – Coco's	Apr. 30
School Track Meet	May 5
Victoria Day	May 18
Fun Lunch – Sushi	May 28
Pro D Day – no school	May 29
Zone Track Meet	June 2
District Track Meet	June 11
All School Year End Assembly	June 25
Last Day of School	June 25
Final Report Cards issued @ 2:27	