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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy despite these challenging times. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, it is so great to have our students back in the building. We have settled into the school year in a way that feels somewhat normal. 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 25, we helped Terry Fox continue his Marathon of Hope and the battle against cancer during our Terry Fox Run. Our students raised \$407.25 in support of this cause. Thanks to all those who made donations. September 30 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.

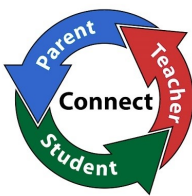


Sincerely,

David Cooper



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parent/teacher formative assessment conferences will be held the week of October 19-22. 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 your child's teacher. This year the conferences will be done by phone.

A reminder that dismissal for that week: Monday - Thursday is 1:15.

There is no school for students on Friday, October 23 as there is a Provincial Professional Development Day.



PHOTO RETAKES

A reminder that photo retakes will be done on the **morning of Monday, October 26.**



OUR WEBSITE



We want to remind families about 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. Our newsletters and other communications are also posted on the site. Check us out at: <https://cr.schools.sd68.bc.ca/>

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Halloween is always an exciting time. Like many things this year, we will be doing things differently this year. There will not be our traditional Halloween Parade, but students may still wear a costume if they like. It is the choice of the student if they would like to wear a costume or not. Some students may choose to wear orange and black



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 can be worn in the classroom with teacher permission. They cannot be worn outside or in the hallways. This is for safety reasons..

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. This is a good idea for all students.

Please do not send treats for the entire class with your child as we are not allowed to share food with each other.

Finally, in order to follow our healthy school guidelines, we ask that the children bring only one Halloween 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we reach the end of October we have seen some of the cool wet weather we would expect in the Fall. In previous years the question "Is it an inside day?" would be asked. As shared at the start of the year there will not be "inside days" this year unless it is an emergency.



This means you can expect students will be going outside to play at recess and lunch. We thank you for ensuring your child comes to school with appropriate rain and cool weather clothing.

RUNNING CLUB

We have continued operating our running club. Like most things at this time, it is being done a bit differently this year. Classes have scheduled running times and they only run in their learning groups.



Something that is not different is students will continue to receive a ribbon at the following km ran marks – 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200. Every 3 laps a student does is equal to a km.

We have also set a goal for each learning group to run across Canada!. The goal for each group is to run 6920 km.

IMPORTANT DATES

These are key dates at this time. We will update families about events as they arise. Also check the school website regularly.
Our calendar there is updated frequently.



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| PAC Meeting (6:30 p.m.) | Wed. October 21 |
| Remembrance Day (Students do not attend) | Wed. November 11 |
| Last Day before Holiday | Fri. December 18 |
| First Day Back | Mon. January 4 |
| Progress Report Issued | Fri. February 5 |
| Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend) | Thurs. February 11 |
| Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend) | Fri. February 12 |
| BC Family Day (Students do not attend) | Mon. February 15 |
| Last Day before Spring Break | Fri. March 12 |
| First Day Back after Spring Break | Mon. March 29 |
| Good Friday | Fri. April 2 |
| Easter Monday | Mon. April 5 |
| Non-Instructional Day (Students do not attend) | Fri. May 7 |
| Victoria Day (Students do not attend) | Mon. May 24 |
| Summative Report Issued | Tues. June 29 |
| Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15) | Tues. June 29 |
| Administration Day | Wed. June 30 |

