

CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Our school continues to roll along in these unprecedented times. Staff continue to work hard providing learning opportunities for students. We are also spending time reminding students of the importance to follow the safety guidelines in place.



Our school recognized Remembrance Day on November 10th through a virtual presentation. We were fortunate to have our Hul'qumi'num teacher Mr. Park share some firsthand images and stories of the service Canadians have given our country over the years. This included pictures of the Vimy Ridge memorial he has visited and locations where wars were fought.

Our Successful Learner Trait focus this month is Enthusiasm. Students are encouraged to examine what motivates them, to get involved, and give new things a chance with a positive outlook.

We are looking forward to a great finish to November and start to December. Thanks for continuing to support both your own child(ren) and the larger Chaser River community.

Sincerely,

David Cooper



OFFICE EFFICIENCY



It is always a help for the office if families call the school in advance and leave a message on the answering machine, which is on 24 hours a day, if you know your child will not be attending school on that day. It has been very much appreciated this year, and some days we have only had to make 2 or 3 calls to parents.

Play dates: please have after school plans set up with your child **before** the start of the day. Students are not allowed to use the phone at the end of the day to set up playdates.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

As we approach the winter weather it is always important to remind families about the process to determine if schools are closed.



If schools are closed due to snow, or any other weather-related problems, announcements will be made on local radio stations (WOLF 106.9 FM, WAVE 102.3 FM, and 91.7 COAST FM) by 7 a.m. on the day of the closure. Please do not call the radio station – tune in and listen for the announcements, which will be made on a regular basis.

In addition, the district will post the information on the district's website, Twitter, Facebook and mobile app. Families may also receive a message through the School Messenger notification system via phone, email or text. Please keep in mind, however, that there may be situations where this is not always possible, for example, power outages or technical problems. **The most reliable method is to listen to the local radio stations.**

We would like to remind parents that it is their right to make the final decision as to whether it is safe for their children to travel to school on any given day. While the district strives to make the best decision possible for students across the district, there may be circumstances in your neighbourhood that lead you to decide to keep your children home, even though schools are open.



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/>

MONTH END ASSEMBLY



At our virtual month end assembly we celebrated our Successful Learner Trait of Compassion. We shared some student reflections on how they show compassion. We plan to continue to reinforce this quality as it makes our school and community a better place.

We also received an update on our school running goal. The goal this year is for each learning group to run across Canada. Here is how far and where each one is:



- Greenway/Preston – 1705 km – are in Lloydminster
- Ross/Eyres – 790 km – Valemount (only 1018 population)
- Ducklow/Schlitz – 1594 km – Sherwood Park
- James/Lepage – 860 km – just outside Jasper

Armstrong/Phelan/Addison – just started their laps after Halloween. We will update their progress at the end of the month.

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.



Last Day before Winter Break	Fri. December 18
First Day Back After Winter Break	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



FUN LITERACY ACTIVITIES

Learning together as a family is vital to a child's future education. Doing family literacy activities not only helps develop children's reading, writing and math skills, it also provides an opportunity for parents to learn something new too! Children raised in literate households are likely to enter grade one with several thousand hours of one-to-one pre-reading experience behind them.

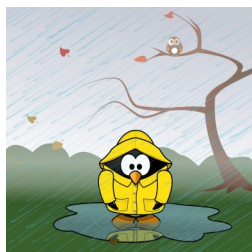


Learning happens in many ways, especially in our day-to-day activities. Here are 10 fun and easy ways to make literacy part of your family's daily life from ABC Life Literacy Canada.

- ◆ When making your grocery list, have your child write out the items you need to buy.
- ◆ At the store, ask your child to count out the money to make the purchase.
- ◆ Make it a habit to always read a story together at bedtime.
- ◆ When cooking dinner, involve your children in measuring the ingredients. This helps them understand fractions and measurements.
- ◆ Driving is the perfect opportunity to practice literacy. Read signs, billboards and licence plates together, and show your children the proper way to read a map.
- ◆ While on the Internet, make time to research something new that your family is interested in. Researching skills are important and help with reading and comprehension.
- ◆ In the car, sing along to songs on the radio. Singing encourages learning patterns of words, rhymes and rhythms, and is strongly connected to language skills.
- ◆ When playing a board game, read the instructions aloud to each other or count how many spaces to travel around the board.
- ◆ Involve your kids when you pay bills. This will teach them strong financial skills early on in life.
- ◆ Children follow by example, so ensure reading is part of your daily life too!

TALKING
SINGING
READING
WRITING PLAYING

INCLEMENT WEATHER



We have had a fairly dry November to start, but this is the westcoast and we know the rain is coming. 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.



LOST AND FOUND

See anything that belongs to your student?
Have them come and pick it up from the office as soon as possible.



PAC NEWS



DON'T FORGET TO PLACE YOUR PURDY'S ONLINE ORDER

LAST DAY TO ORDER

NOVEMBER 23, 2020



Chase River PAC's Christmas Fundraiser

Please click the link below, sign up/sign in

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1210872-79047>

ORDERS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Support your PAC with the purchase of some delicious chocolate gifts for friends, family and yourself!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT

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PAC Fundraising Chair

