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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

I hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy. 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 29, we helped Terry Fox continue his Marathon of Hope and the battle against cancer during our Terry Fox Run. Our students raised **\$386.25** in support of this cause. Thanks to all those who made donations.

Freezie Fridays are back! A thank you to our PAC for organizing this and also to our grade 7 leaders helping with it.

We have completed our first fire, lockdown, and earthquake drills. These drills are very important for students and adults to know what to do in the event we have to do the procedure for real. I was very impressed at how well our students did for all our drills.

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

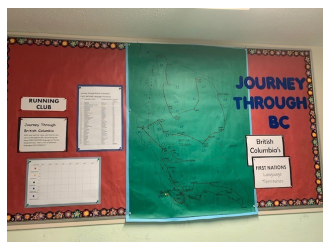
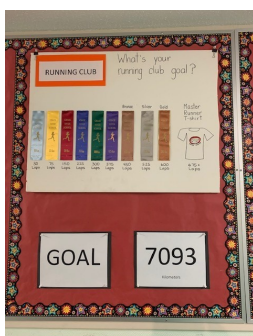


RUNNING CLUB

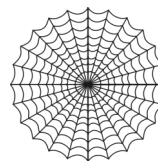
Our running club is in full force again. Our students are tracking their laps and working towards a personal goal.

Students will 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.

This year our goal is to travel through BC discovering the many First Nations language territories. There are 35 of them! The entire journey will be 7093 km.



OUR WEBSITE



We want to remind families about our school website. It is 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. We are still not gathering as an entire school so 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.

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. We know a lot of sugar is not helpful for learning. If we find that a child has an inordinate amount of candy, we will hold it for them until the end of the school day.

Thank you for your assistance.

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.



Remembrance Day (Students do no attend)	Thur. November 11
Scholastic Virtual Bookfair	Monday November 8—Friday November 19
Last Day before Holiday	Fri. December 17
First Day Back	Tues, January 4
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Mon, Feb 7
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Tues, Feb 8
BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. February 21
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. March 11
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. March 28
Good Friday	Fri. April 15
Easter Monday	Mon. April 18
Curriculum Implementation Day	Thurs, May 5
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 6
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 23
Summative Report Issued	Tues. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed, June 30
Administration Day	Thur, June 30



STUDENT ABSENCES



YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:

Email student absences to info.CR@sd68.bc.ca is the preferred communication for general student absences. (please include your child’s first and last name, teacher name/division and reason if needed).

Call the school in advance (preferably before 8 AM) and leave a message on the answering machine that is on 24 hours a day if you know your child will not be attending school on that day.

ARRIVING LATE

The beginning of each school day is a very valuable time. Being late to class can impact your child’s day as critical information (ie shape of the day) is covered early on, as are the morning announcements. Being late can also cause distractions for students and staff. Please ensure your child arrives to school by 8:35 to maximize their learning at school.



PAC



Save the date and your bottles. The PAC will be having their first bottle drive on Nov 6th from 10:00 to 2:00 in the staff parking lot. Feel free to drop bottles/cans off at that time. They are always looking for volunteers. What ever time you can offer is great. Please let them know if you can help by emailing chaseriverPAC@gmail.com.



Purdys Christmas 2021 Fundraiser

Keep an eye out for more information coming out November 1 for the opportunity to purchase chocolates for yourself or for gifts!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

As we reach the end of October we have seen some of the cool wet weather we would expect in the Fall. 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. During the rainy days, sending a change of pants and socks might be helpful.



Scholastic Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a Virtual Book Fair to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

The Chase River Virtual Scholastic Book Fair will take place **NOV. 8 - 19**. The online shop will be open on the first day of our Fair, but you can already view a selection of the books that will be available at our book fair link.

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5165489>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- SAVE it to your browser
- WATCH videos of popular new titles
- PREVIEW our Featured Books

Books will be delivered to the school and sent home via students. To facilitate this, please fill out the following form **after** you have submitted your order. You will need your six digit order number:

FORM: <https://forms.gle/veRu4owmvtUWtaPy7>

Watch for news leading up to our Scholastic Book Fair!

Happy Reading!



Have a Wonderful Month