



CHASE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

Our school continues to roll along. It seems to be flying by. Staff continue to work hard providing learning opportunities for students.



Our school recognized Remembrance Day on November 10th through a virtual presentation. We had some of our grade 7 leaders lead the assembly. A big thank you to Abby, Alicia, Hazel, Emma, Malia, Milly, and Josie for taking on this responsibility and doing such a great job of presenting.

Our Successful Learner Trait focus this month is Compassion. We are asking our students to really focus on how they are treating others and how they can spread kindness. This week they were given a kindness challenge. Please take some time to ask them about the challenge and which ones your child has completed.

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



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.



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.

STAFFING UPDATE



We would like to welcome Ashley Walter as a new EA at Chase River.

We would also like to welcome Kelsey Todd who will be in for Ms. Akitt until

December 17th.

We have received an increase in student support time and Mrs. Baetz is taking this on. This means she is no longer teaching in Division 6 with Mrs. James. Ms. Weber is now teaching Wednesday afternoons in that class.



RUNNING CLUB

Our running club is in full swing. The goal this year is to run through British Columbia discovering the many First Nations language territories. The current distances and locations for each group is:

Greenway/Preston – 1546 km – Between Kamloops and Pemberton

Eyres/ Ducklow – 1283 km – Just past Cranbrook

Schlitz/ James – 1417 km – just outside Kamloops

Lepage/Weber/Hornby/Armstrong – 805 km – Just outside Kelowna

Currie/Phelan/Addison – 635 km – between Chilliwack and Nicola



NOVEMBER



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.



Spirit Day—Jersey Day	Fri. Nov 26
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

FUN LITERACY ACTIVITES

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 definitely seen the wet Westcoast weather. This leads students to ask the question "is it an inside day?" The answer on most days is "No". In fact we had our first inside day this week due to rain since 2019. 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.

SCHOOL 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/>



PAC NEWS

PURDY'S DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING



1. Sign in or create a new supporter account by clicking the fundraising.purdys.com link.
2. If you're creating a new account, please enter the customer number **28183** on the registration page.
3. If you're signing into an existing account, enter **28183** into the search bar that will come up after you've signed in.
4. Click on JOIN CAMPAIGN.



**DEADLINE TO ORDER:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021**

**PICK UP FROM SCHOOL OFFICE:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021**

Please contact Christine De Vries, School Secretary at cdevries@sd68.bc.ca or 250-754-6983 for more information