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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 and have been busy with learning and activities. The first few months are always extra 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 22nd, we helped Terry Fox continue his Marathon of Hope and the battle against cancer during our Terry Fox Run. Our students raised **\$273.05** in support of this cause. Thanks to all those who made donations. We recognized Orange Shirt Day on September 29th. Teachers spent time with students discussing the importance for us to recognize and understand the importance of this day.

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

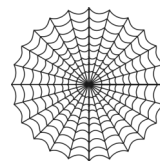
Our running club is in full force again. Our students are tracking their laps and working towards a personal goal.

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 across the planet Mars. We are travelling to the main geographical features and the path of the Mars Rover. The total distance we will need to travel is 34550 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 will be having our traditional Halloween Parade where students may wear a costume if they like. It is the choice of the student/parents 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR

Last week we had the return of the in-person bookfair. There was a lot of excitement about the event. This was in large part to all the hard work put in by our parent volunteers to not just get the event planned and set it up, but for the amazing decorations (and costumes)! We appreciate all of the amazing effort put into this event by Sara, Melissa, Kristin, and Rhonda along with the numerous student volunteers. This event raised \$3,664.20 for the PAC. Thank you to everyone for your support of this event and another huge thank you from staff, students, and parents to the parents that made this all happen.



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.



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.

WE ARE GLAD YOU
CAME TO SCHOOL



STUDENT TEACHERS



We have welcomed 6 student teachers from VIU. They have been with us since October 11th and are here for 4 weeks. Ms. Armstrong -Ashley is with Ms. Addison, Ms. Gauthier is with Ms. Phelan, Ms. Macey is with Mrs. James, Ms. Lewis is with Mrs. Schlitz, Ms. Hill is with Mr. Ducklow, and Mr. Bridges is with Mr. Preston. All will be back in the spring, some for 6 weeks and some will be completing their final 12 week practicum. We are excited to be supporting this program again and wish them all the best of luck.

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.

District Cross Country Meet	Tues. Nov 8
Remembrance Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. Nov 11
PAC Holiday Market (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)	Wed. Dec 14
Last Day before Holiday	Fri. Dec 16
First Day Back	Tues. Jan 3
Jump Rope Kick Off Assembly	Fri. Jan 27
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 6
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Tues. Feb 7
Jump Rope Event	Fri. Feb 10
BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 20
Pink Shirt Day	Wed. Feb 22
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. Mar 10
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. Mar 27
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Wed. Apr 5
Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal	Thur. Apr 6
Good Friday	Fri. Apr 7
Easter Monday	Mon. Apr 10
Curriculum Implementation Day—School Closed	Thur. May 11
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 12
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 22
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed. Jun 29
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 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.



Have a Wonderful Month