

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 with an all school assembly. We had seven of our grade 7 leaders lead the assembly. A big thank you to Kea, Rylan, Presley, Megan, Leyton, Saige, and Dante for taking on this responsibility and doing such a great job of presenting. Also thank you to Mr. Eyres class for reciting "In Flanders Fields".

Our Successful Learner Trait focus this month is Thoughtful. 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



CROSS COUNTRY



We sent 15 students to the district cross country meet on November 8th. All of our students competed hard and as a group finished 2nd overall in the entire district!! What an amazing accomplishment. There

were 4 students who finished in the top 10 in their category: Charleigh (4th), Avery (3rd), Megan (1st), and Mack (2nd). Congratulations to all of our runners that represented Chase River so well. A big thank you to Mrs. James for organizing and coaching the team.

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.



STAFFING UPDATE



We would like to welcome Kyle Vanderberg as a new EA at Chase River.



ENERGY CUP

Our school is again participating in the NLPS Energy Cup. A group of grade 7 leaders are leading the way sharing information with classes about ways we can save energy. Next week will be working on making sure lights are shut off when leaving rooms and even not having all lights on in the class all the time. The following week will be “Sweater Week” where the temperature in the school will be turned down a degree and staff and students will be encouraged to wear a sweater or hoodie.

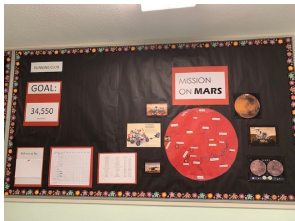


RUNNING CLUB



Our running club is in full swing. 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.

At the end of October the school has already run 5834 km!



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”. 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.



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 18
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

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 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/>



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

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:
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PICK UP FROM SCHOOL OFFICE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

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