



# Cedar Elementary News

## November

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is November already - this year is passing so quickly.

As we enter our winter season, please make sure your children are prepared for the weather when they leave home in the morning. Many students are just wearing a hoodie or sweatshirt with no hood as a jacket. We go outside so please dress appropriately and send a change of clothes that can be kept in a locker or backpack. A change of shoes or boots for outside will keep feet dry and students will be more comfortable and ready to learn for the rest of the day. Dressing in layers and being prepared for changes in the weather will make these days more enjoyable for all. Mittens make a big difference for those cold hands in the mornings.



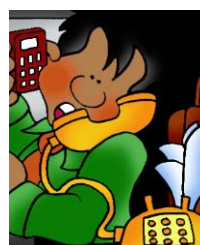
### DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- November 6 Strong Start Closed  
School bus safety all week
- November 7 Spot Vision grades 4 and 7  
IEP meetings Tues-Thurs  
PAC meeting - 6:30
- November 9 Swim to Survive - in class
- November 10 Remembrance Assembly 10:30  
Hot lunch - pizza
- November 11 Remembrance Day
- November 13 School not in session
- November 14 Artists in the School
- November 16 Grade 3 Swim to survive
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- November 22 Artists in the school
- November 23 Grade 3 Swim to Survive
- November 24 Hot lunch
- November 29 Artists in the School
- November 30 Grade 3 Swim to Survive
  
- December 1 Kindergarten screening
- December 5 Christmas Concert
- December 6 Artists in the School
- December 18 Carol sing - all invited
- December 22 Last day
- Dec 23-Jan 7 Christmas Vacation

### PHONING IN ABSENCES

Cold and flu season is upon us! In order to prevent the spread of germs, please remind your children to wash their hands regularly. Vancouver Island Health Authority also recommends keeping your child at home for 48 hours after symptoms subside if they have been vomiting. If your child is ill and going to be away from school, just phone the office and we'll be sure to excuse them for the day. Voice mail is available all day so parents can call any time to report students who will be absent or late. This program is for the safety of your child. *All absences and lates need to be called in.*



### AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

We request that you make after school arrangements for your children in advance, and they know if there are different plans for the day. Please send a note for the teacher if someone else will be picking up your student or if they are going home with a friend. If your child takes the bus and wants to get off at another stop with a friend or take a friend home, the bus driver needs a written note in order to make those changes. These policies are for the safety of your child. We understand that emergencies arise and that there are times when plans need to be quickly adjusted and we are happy to pass on messages in these situations. However, due to the busy nature of the classroom and the office, we appreciate it when plans can occur outside of school time. This allows learning to take place with the fewest interruptions. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### LIBRARY

Our library is open on Monday and Friday. Students are reminded to bring their books back on their library day in order to take out more. Our library gladly accepts donations of good quality used books!



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### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is the Remembrance Day holiday. School will not be in session on November 13<sup>th</sup> as a tribute to all the men and women that fought for the freedom of our country. We will be having an assembly to honour the veterans on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Members of the Legion will be in attendance and each class will lay a wreath. Parents are welcome to join us for this ceremony. Our intermediate students will walk to the Cedar Memorial Gardens following the assembly to lay a wreath there.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our Cross Country athletes. They trained hard and 32 of them participated in the Zone meet. Nine placed in the top twenty and competed in the district finals on Thursday, November 2. Good job, runners!



Thanks to Mrs. Wight and Mrs. Thomas for taking our runners to the zone and district meets.

Our next intramural sport for grades 6 and 7 is **triple ball**. We may need parents who can coach, please let Mr. Vincent or Mrs. Sneddon know if you are available and willing to coach a team. Thanks for your support.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

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. 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.



### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We will have 2 showings of our Christmas Concert again this year due to the increased number of students. Because of this we will need to issue tickets that will be collected at the door. Fire regulations set the number of people allowed in the gym at one time as 525 people; with 350 students, we are unable to have only one show with each student inviting 2 guests. Instead we will have 2 shows. Please watch for further information coming home regarding tickets for the Christmas Concerts. Performances will be on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 and 6:30 PM.



### MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

**Hot lunch** order forms: If you are ordering hot lunch week to week our final cut off is the Friday before the hot lunch. Contact is Lori Bates [lorilyn Bates@hotmail.com](mailto:lorilyn Bates@hotmail.com) or Jalene Dick [cedarelempac@gmail.com](mailto:cedarelempac@gmail.com) Save those **receipts from the 49<sup>th</sup> and Country Grocer** - they all help our school. There is a collection box across from the office. Our **next meeting** is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Learning Commons - all are welcome! [cedarelemPAC@gmail.com](mailto:cedarelemPAC@gmail.com)

### Nanaimo Fiddle Society Family Harvest Barn Dance

Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at Cedar Community Hall  
Doors open 6:30 pm  
Dance begins 7:00 pm  
There is a charge for this event  
Children under 5 are free  
Nanaimo Fiddle Society Members - FREE  
No dance experience necessary. The pattern dances will be taught and called.  
Come on out and enjoy an evening of toe-tappin' traditional fiddle music.  
A fun evening for singles, couples, families young and old. This is a family-friendly, no-alcohol event, perfect for entertaining visitors on the long weekend!  
People who prefer not to dance are most welcome to sit back and enjoy an evening of lively fiddle music.