



Cedar Elementary News

November

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are into 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. Mittens make a big difference on cold mornings. Please see the notice about our holiday winter concert and watch for the letter coming home regarding tickets -we look forward to another successful performance.

VICE PRINCIPALS REPORT:

Well, the school year is moving along at a great clip. I am thrilled to see such a variety of rich learning opportunities happening at Cedar Elementary! Ms. Piper and I have the privilege of supervising the Connection Café. The 'café' provides an alternate place for students to spend recess. I have enjoyed connecting with students and seeing them connect with friends. As this newsletter is sent out our bantam Timberwolves football team has just finished their season. The team is made of students in grades six and seven. They have steadily improved over the course of the season and should be proud of their efforts on the field. Additionally, a big thank you goes out to Tobi Marcoux for coaching the team. The next athletic opportunity for students will be triple ball and volleyball. Go Timberwolves go!!

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all our Cross Country athletes. They trained hard and 19 participated in the Zone meet. Eight placed in the top twenty-five and competed in the district finals on November 5. Good job, runners!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

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| Nov 11 | Remembrance Day - no school |
| Nov 12 | Swim to Survive gr 3 |
| Nov 13 | Div 6, 8 on field trip |
| Nov 14 | Grade 7 parent meeting - 4:00 |
| | Div 9, 10 on field trip |
| Nov 15 | Hot lunch |
| Nov 19 | Swim to Survive gr 3 |
| Nov 20 | Artists in the school |
| Nov 21 | Artists in the school |
| Nov 22 | Div 7, 8, 9 on fieldtrip |
| Nov 26 | Swim to Survive gr 3 |
| Nov 27 | Artists in the school |
| Nov 28 | Artists in the school |
| Nov 29 | Hot lunch |
| Dec 4 | Tinkering around Div 5, 6,7 |
| Dec 5 | PAC meeting - 6:30 |
| Dec 6 | Hot lunch |
| Dec 11 | Christmas concert |

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.*



FOOD DRIVE

Our **Food Drive** starts Monday, Nov. 25 in each classroom. Grade 7 volunteers will collect the food from each room and keep track of donations. We are looking for non-perishables. We will also collect donations at the concert. All of our donations stay in our community and all contributions, big or small, are appreciated.



WINTER CONCERT

We have two showings of our Concert each year due to the number of students. Because of this, we will need to issue tickets that are 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 two guests. Instead, we will have 2 shows. Performances will be on Dec. 11th at 12:45 and 6:30 PM.

Ticket request forms are given to the youngest in the family and will come home starting November 20. If you do not receive this, please check the backpack or give the school a call. We realize more than 2 people may want to see these performances so additional requests for more tickets can be made Dec 3. Please send it in writing so the tickets can be attached to the request. We have been able to meet additional requests in the past. Everyone who wishes to attend **MUST** have a ticket - these are not just extras. **You will be asked for your ticket at the performance** so please remember to bring it with you. The afternoon and evening shows are the same - the dress rehearsal is in the morning. The dress rehearsal is also open to those who can't make either performance but all the students will be watching and there is stopping and starting so it lasts a little longer! It looks like a spectacular show!

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.

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF STUDENTS IN GRADE 5

Have you ever wished your child were fluent in both official languages? If your child is entering Grade 6 in September 2020, they are eligible to enroll in Late French Immersion and join those graduating from secondary school with bilingual Dogwood certificates. LFI is a fully funded, 3-year public education program with no additional costs.

Please join us for an OPEN HOUSE, November 14, 2019 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Library at École Quarterway.

BRECHIN ANNUAL SKI & SPORT SKI SWAP November 22-24th

It's that time of year again! Come drop off your sport, ski, snow consignment items on **Saturday, November 22 from 8-2pm** or come shop on **Saturday, November 23rd 1-5pm** and **Sunday, November 24th 9am-12pm**. We also take donations! Lacrosse, hockey, ski, snowboards, skates, soccer cleats, boots, toques, gloves, jackets... you name it, you can find it, consign it, or donate it! brechinpac@gmail.com or call the school 250-754-7523 for more information. **Donations can be dropped off at any time between now and the sport swap.**

MESSAGES FROM THE PAC

Basket raffle - each class is preparing a gift basket that will be raffled off. These will be displayed in the hall outside the office until the Christmas concert. The winners will be drawn at the evening concert - you do not have to be in attendance to win - we will hold it for pick up. Thank you for sending in items with your child for these fun baskets and supporting this fundraiser!



If you are interested in cleaning out our earthquake kiosk, please email PAC. We are working on a date but would love some help! Save those **receipts from the 49th and Country Grocer** - they all help our school. There is a collection box outside the office.

Next meeting Dec 5 at 6:30. All are welcome. If you can't make it, we do a recap over coffee on Friday morning, just after drop off in the Multipurpose room.

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