



**October 2018**

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### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### October 8th is Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

It's an opportunity to reflect on the blessing of living in such a great country. In our own little corner we can easily look around and be thankful for many things: a beautiful environment, safety, family and friends...and a great school! A lot of work has happened in the first month to prepare us for a successful year ahead, and there are many people to thank:

**Thanks** to Mr. Rurka and Mr. Mills, our custodians, for a consistently clean and functional facility.

**Thanks** to Mrs. Gudjonson for organizing student information and always being ready to help with the many urgent matters that come to her window (with a smile!).

**Thanks** to our noon hour supervisors that watch over students and make sure they have a good and safe lunch time.

**Thanks** to the classroom teachers, support teachers and educational assistants who have established the plans and patterns that will ensure that each child will experience success this year.

**Thanks** to the kids, our **Central Sockeyes**, for a good start and a positive feeling around the school.

**Thanks** to all our parents for your support and cooperation as we got settled, organized plans for the year, and joined together for our common purpose – student success. *A special thanks* to the many volunteers whose contributions often go unnoticed, but **we know who you are and we appreciate you!**

**And a huge shout out of thanks** to our many community partners who donate so generously to our school. This month we especially want to

#### October Dates to Remember:

October 4	School Wide Field trip to CAMP
October 5.	Pro-D day- NO SCHOOL
October 8	Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Photo Orders Due</b>
October 16	Hot Chocolate and Popcorn sale \$1 each
October 17	Parent Series Video-Hold On to Your Kids at Sardis Senior
October 18	Photo Retakes/Earthquake drill
October 19	Provincial Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
October 20	Voting Day
October 26	Hot Lunch Day
October 29	Spirit Day—Green Day Assembly 1:40 p.m.
October 31	Spirit Day—Black and Orange Day

#### November Dates to Remember

November 1.	PAC cookie dough fundraiser begins
November 2	Interim reports go home
November 6	7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
November 9	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45 a.m.

**thank** Victory Church for providing each of our students with school hoodies and to TD Bank for their donation, making it possible to take our students to Camp Charis. **Thank you** to Camp Charis who added to that grant and provided all of us with lunch and many extra activities.

**Thank you** to Mainstreet Community Church that continues to provide for us so that programs such as boys Club, Coffee Mondays, Café Nights, extra field trips and more can be a part of our school culture. **Thank you** to Steller's J Lions Club who once again provide food for us and to Rotary and Bowls of Hope for our breakfast and lunch programs. Also **thank you** to Starfish for the food backpack program, to Murray Honda and Staples for their school supply supplements and to the Bookman who

generously matched our money for classroom books again this year. **Thank you** to Dairy Queen who each year sponsors our school with Chilliwack Chief hockey tickets. **So you can see we are school that has so much to be thankful for.**

“Each person’s task in life is to become an increasingly better person”  
-Leo Tolstoy-

### FIELD TRIPS AND STUDENTS IN GOOD STANDING

As our teachers begin organizing many wonderful off campus experiences for their classes, it is important to remember that students attending must be in good standing. That means it is expected that in order for students to participate they must have demonstrated that they can follow the Sockeye code of conduct and be respectful, responsible and relational. Students who have not demonstrated this during the regular school days will be reviewed by their teacher to determine whether they will be able to participate. We need to know that students taking part will follow the directions and expectations of the teacher so they can be safe and respectful when leaving the school property. Students not participating will be provided with an alternative setting at the school while their class is on a fieldtrip.

### GREEN WITH OUR NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletters are posted on our website as always the first Friday of each month. As well we will email it out to you. Please make sure in the next few weeks you provide the office with your current email address. We hope this will be an efficient and easy way for our parents to receive our school information. Also, we have printed copies available outside the office for those who prefer to have a hard copy. It will

also be posted on our bulletin board outside at the front of the school and on our white board by the office.

### ALLERGIES AND MEDICATION

*Please ensure that you have made your child’s classroom teacher and the school office aware of any life threatening allergies. Students that require EpiPen’s must wear a fanny pack at all times with their EpiPen and other medication in case it’s needed. We ask that if it’s possible, give the school office a backup EpiPen, because if the child comes to school and we don’t have one here, you will need to bring one immediately or the child will be sent home. Children requiring medication at school are allowed to keep it at the school office. All parents are required to fill out a form that gives permission for that child to take the medication at school. Please note that the student must be able to dispense their own medication (unless a Prescription Medication form is filled out and signed by a doctor). The school holds the medication for safe keeping, but does not dispense the medication unless arrangements have been made prior. If you have any questions, please call the office for clarification.*

*PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT PARENTS MAKE THEIR CHILDREN RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY; THE FIRST LINE OF SAFETY LIES WITH THE CHILD AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE.*

### ATTENDANCE / ABSENT

If you know that your child is absent on any given day, please be sure to call 604-792-8537 and let us know as early as possible. This is essential to help us ensure your child’s safety. Thank you.

## CENTRAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND GROWTH PLAN

Please see the Conduct Code on our website and review with your child. Our school growth plan is posted on our school website for your reference.

## VOLUNTEERS

Central has always been pleased to welcome parents/guardians who volunteer in all sorts of areas of the school. We have people who come each week as readers, sports team drivers, hot lunch helpers, etc. If you have any free time and wish to help our school, please contact the school and arrangements can be made to have you serve as a volunteer. Every volunteer must have a completed Criminal Record Check (this is a free check done by the RCMP), and these forms are available at the school office. Drivers must be able to show a Driver's abstract (available from the DMV) and have at least \$1 million in third party liability insurance. Grandparents are welcome, too! Thank you in advance.

## STAFFING UPDATES

We welcome to our staff Mr. Wilhite as our librarian and fine arts prep teacher as well as Ms. Shofer as our new noon hour supervisor.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Please be reminded that the first morning bell rings at **8:34 am**. Classes begin at **8:39 am**. Children that arrive late miss important morning instruction and disrupt the teaching process. Please try to have your children at school on time. Dismissal is at **2:30 pm**. **Supervision** is provided 15 minutes before school begins and 15 minutes after. **Please note that students who arrive on the school grounds before or stay after these times are not supervised. Please do not drop off students before supervision begins in the morning.**

## EMERGENCY DRILLS

Each year Central students participate in several emergency preparedness drills, such as fire, earthquake and lockdown. These drills help to prepare students in the event that a real disaster should occur. On Sept. 12th we held our first fire drill and on October 18th, students will participate in a BC wide earthquake drill.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

If your child is signed up for the breakfast program, please have them enter through the multipurpose room door starting at 8:20 am.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

If you have a child at Central, you are a member of Central's PAC (Parent Advisory Council). That gives you the privilege of having influence over decisions made, purchases, fundraising, recommendations made to the Principal, and connecting with the rest of the parents. We encourage you to get involved as much as possible—one of the key indicators of success in school is the amount of attention the parents/guardians give to their child's education. If possible, join us for PAC meetings once a month on the first Tuesday (the next meeting is **November 6th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in our library**). In addition, watch for opportunities to volunteer in class, at school activities, and for fundraising. We appreciate you. Check out the board out front of the school for school news. Tuesday **Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** is a popcorn and hot chocolate sale--\$1.00 each Watch for the cookie dough fundraiser that is starting **Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**! As well Friday **Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>** there will be a fundraiser at Triple Play Pub from 6-10pm. Proceeds will go towards our emergency preparedness bin supplies.

***Call the office today to volunteer or contact PAC directly!***

## BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Once again, Central Elementary will be a recipient of the Nutritional Fruit and Vegetable program. Students will receive a fruit or vegetable snack in the classroom several times a month.

## WEATHER AND WEAR

We are entering the beautiful season of fall with the typical BC rainy weather. Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots, as we will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just drizzling/lightly raining.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY MONEY

School supplies were ordered and ready for your children here at school when they arrived. We hope you have found this convenient. Payment is now due and should be made directly to your child's teacher. Students in grades 4 and 5 owe \$35.00 and students in K-3 owe \$30.00.

## MONIES COMING TO SCHOOL

Please be reminded that all money sent to school to pay for items must be in a zip lock bag and labelled with your child's name. This prevents money being lost and orders being mixed up. The school does not have cash on hand in the office so the school is UNABLE TO MAKE CHANGE for the various orders, hot lunches, field trips etc. Thank you for your cooperation with these requests.

## SOCCER

Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Harnett for coaching our coed soccer team. They have played two fantastic games so far this season with several more to go. Come cheer on our Sockeye team and watch them in action next Tuesday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> as they play against Bernard Elementary!

## PARENT INFORMATION SERIES

When: OCTOBER 17 | 6:30-8:30PM

Where: SARDIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Children today look to their peers for direction—their values, identity, and codes of behavior. This “peer orientation” undermines family cohesion, interferes with healthy development, and fosters a hostile and sexualized youth culture. Children end up becoming overly conformist, desensitized, and alienated, and being “cool” matters more to them than anything else. Hold On to Your Kids explains the causes of this crucial breakdown of parental influence—and demonstrates ways to “reattach” to sons and daughters, establish the proper hierarchy in the home, make kids feel safe and understood, and earn back your children’s loyalty and love. Join us for popcorn as we view the Gordon Neufeld video and learn together. Open to all parents – feel free to bring a friend! There will be a draw for Dr. Neufeld’s book Hold On To Your Kids.

**Please visit our school website for current events, announcements, calendar activities, newsletters and more at:**

<http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

# HAPPY OCTOBER!

Happy October to our Central Families,

Kindest Regards,  
Mrs. L. Waddington, Principal

