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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We trust you have had an enjoyable holiday season with your family and friends. We hope you are embraced by the promise and possibilities that the new year brings.

We had a wonderful pancake breakfast with all the students to kick off January this morning. A new year is a new opportunity to begin afresh, and as this is the start of Term 2, each student has a blank slate on which to write. Everyone has an opportunity to build on what they have started in Term 1, to build new skills, develop friendships, and demonstrate citizenship through social responsibility. This is also a good chance to encourage your children to focus on what makes them successful. Be sure to review the *Sockeye Code of Conduct* at home with your child so they can "swim" to success. SWIM: **s**afe, **w**arm hearted, **i**ntegrity and **m**indful; they not only mark a successful Central student, they are also the things that make any person successful in life.

Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room Monday mornings from 8:35–9:15 a.m. for Coffee and Connect. This is a great way to meet and talk with parents in our school.

Emergency events: **Please ensure that we have a cell phone number and an emergency contact person (and number) on file for your child that is up to date.** If you are not sure if we have accurate

"Life is like riding a bike. It is impossible to maintain your balance while standing still." -Helen Keller-

January Dates to Remember:

January 7	8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
January 15	7:00 p.m. PAC meeting in the library
January 16	8:40 a.m. Kindergarten Vision and Hearing 11:30 a.m. PALS for K parents and students 12:00 p.m. PBS Pizza Lunch for Selected Students
January 24	10:00 a.m. Students attend play, Once Upon a mattress at the Cultural Centre.
January 25	Pro-D day Classes Not in Session
January 28	Spirit Day- Inside /Out 1:40 p.m. Assembly

February Dates to Remember

February 5	7:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
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contact information, please check with Mrs. Gudjonson at the front office.

Also, update your email address with the office so you can receive important information, newsletters, and weekly reminders.

Wishing you all the two great attributes of motion and purpose for this 2018 year!

CROSSWALK ENHANCEMENT

We are excited to see the Rectangular Flashing Beacons that were installed this week at our crosswalk out front of our school. As well last month we had gates installed on 3 of our opening to the road and park. This are not meant to be unwelcoming, but just to add a level of safety for the children and a barrier to accessing the road. We hope these additions continue to improve the safety at Central.

WEATHER & WEAR

Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots. We will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just drizzling/lightly raining.

If your child needs a coat, boots, mittens or a hat, please let the office know as we have some donations left from before Christmas.

INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can strike during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, the decision on the opening or closing of schools is made by the Superintendent in consultation with management staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of schools.

While service to students and parents is a priority, schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible. Student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to tune into radio stations STAR (98.3FM), HAWK (89.5FM) CBC (91.7FM) or our Central website or the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. **Please do not call the school directly.** Reports will start after 5:30 a.m. and will be repeated regularly. The information broadcast is directly from the school district. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

PAC

The next PAC meeting will be January 15th at 7:00 p.m. Please attend—all parents are welcome!

STAFFING UPDATE

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Curson, who will be our Child and Youth Care Worker until the end of June. He is replacing Ms. See while she is on leave.

FOOD

Just a friendly reminder that we try to promote healthy eating/living, so when packing lunches and snacks to school for your children, we ask that you keep snacks and lunches healthy. **Please do not send your child with pop and/or energy drinks or candy.**

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

The Chilliwack School District Late French Immersion program is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Students entering Grade Six next year can apply on-line at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>.

The District Late French Immersion parent information night will be held Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni Hall at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Chilliwack Middle School Late French Immersion parent information night will be on Monday, January 21st at 6:30pm in the CMS library.

LICE

You may be aware that many areas of our province have had increased incidences of head lice during the past few years. Although no one is sure why, they are now a common problem in many communities, including our own. The best way to control the spread of head lice is to get rid of them immediately. Parents are the most important people in the control plan. We kindly ask that you check your child's hair for lice. If you find nits, please inform the school and begin treatment immediately with lice shampoo. As you can appreciate, halting this 'nuisance' is important. We thank you for your prompt attention to this concern and rely on your support.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found box is already starting to fill with items. We do ask the children to check, however, if your child is missing a favorite clothing item please have a look by the gym.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have a child (or know of a child) who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2019, and lives in our catchment area, please register online at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> for the fall.

ABSENT?

If you know that your child is absent on any given day, please be sure to call the school and let us know as early as possible. This is essential to help us ensure your child's safety.

SAFETY CONCERNS

If you observe a situation at our site, please let us know immediately, or if it is after hours, please contact Griffin Security at (604) 703-0888 or the RCMP for assistance.

MONTHLY FOCUS

SAFE: I can make choices that will positively impact others.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to do the following:

- **Visit** the school office
- **Call** the school office at (604) 792-8537
- **Email** the school at central@sd33.bc.ca
- **Check** the School Website
<http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington