

November 2019

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Each day as I walk into the school, I think about the Sockeye Matrix: SWIM-being **Safe**, being **Warm** hearted, having **Integrity** and being **Mindful**. It states clearly what we believe creates a positive culture of learning that happens daily in our building. They are simple, yet very powerful guidelines that lead to success in both our academic areas, and our relationships. As I walk around the school I see students, who are **Safe** as they play on the playground, including our new Gaga ball pit. I see students who are being **Warm** hearted as they interact with others and choose kind words. I witness children having **Integrity** as they make choices and those who are **Mindful** as they sit and do their work. Sometimes we have students who unfortunately do not follow these guidelines, so we work together to guide, discipline and learn from the mistakes made. The word discipline means to teach. We appreciate the support from our parents as we work with these young people and help them to be all they can be. We have posted our school matrix on our website; make sure you take a look. Our matrix, not only reminds us, but it represents who and how we are as a community of learners. Let's really work hard this month to end Term 1 on a successful note.

Interims will be sent home on, Monday Nov. 4th. Hopefully you were able to meet with your child's teacher last week to discuss your child's progress. Central Sockeyes are swimming to success!

November Dates to Remember:

November 1	Non-Instructional Day (NO SCHOOL)
November 3	Daylight Savings Time (Fall back an hour)
November 4	Interims go home One School One Book Launch at 1:30 pm Parents welcome to attend assembly!
November 5	PAC meeting at 7:00 p.m. in library
November 8	10:45 a.m. Remembrance Day Ceremony (in the gym) – Parents Welcome
November 11	Remembrance Day Stat – NO SCHOOL
November 19	2:30-5:00 p.m. Fall Family Gathering
November 22	Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
November 25	Café Night for parents 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Child minding provided
November 28	Spirit Day: Crazy Hat day/Hot Lunch
November 29	Pro-D day. Classes not in session

December Dates to Remember

December 3	PAC meeting at 7:00 p.m. in library
December 6	Deck the Halls at 12:30 p.m.
December 7	9:00-10:30 a.m. Pancakes with Santa!
December 13	11:45-1:00 p.m. Turkey Lunch Spirit Day! Dress to Impress Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
December 19	12:45-2:20 p.m. Christmas Concert 6:00-7:30 p.m. Christmas Concert
December 20	Last Day of School before Winter Break

December 23 – January 3 – Winter Break

January 6 – School Back in Session

“Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.” Nelson Mandela

CENTRAL CAFÉ EVENING

Monday, on November 25th we are hosting our first of several Central Café evenings for our parents this year—The Games People Play! This is an opportunity for parents to engage with one another, connect, and enjoy some food and beverages. Appetizers and child care will be provided free of charge. Many wonderful door prizes will also be given away. Hope to see you there! Doors open at 5:30 pm, sessions start at 5:45–7:15 pm.

THEATRE TICKETS

Your child is coming home with complimentary tickets to the play, 'James and the Giant Circus Peach' which is being performed at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre this Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Thank you to the Michael at Cultural Centre for this very kind opportunity he has provided to our students. I hope you are able to take in the play this weekend!

FIELD TRIPS AND STUDENTS IN GOOD STANDING

As our teachers organize 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. 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.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPIES

Remembrance Day is November 11th, and we will recognize the day at school with a ceremony on November 8th at 10:45 a.m. Poppies are available at school. These are a symbol of remembrance for the veterans and current serving members of Canada's armed services. You are encouraged to send along a donation of any size for your child's poppy (a quarter or a loonie would be great), and these funds will be delivered to the Legion to be used for supporting veterans and their families in times of need.

FALL FAMILY GATHERING

Please join us on Tuesday November 19th from 2:30-5:00 p.m. for our Fall Family Gathering in the gymnasium. Come and connect with many awesome community resources and partners, and enjoy a chili supper that is provided. There will also be a free flu clinic on site. It is a fantastic opportunity for our entire Central community to come out and gather together!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 3rd we switch to Daylight Savings Time— don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!

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.

LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found box is often overflowing with items. We do ask the children to check, however, if your child is missing a favourite clothing item please have a look by the gym. All unclaimed items will be sent to the Salvation Army before winter break.

SPORTING EVENTS

Soccer season has wrapped up and volleyball season is starting this month. We are looking forward to this season of play! Thank you to our soccer coaches for a great season of play.

SCHOOL/CLASS HOURS

Classes begin at 8:27 a.m. Children that arrive late miss important morning instruction and disrupt the teaching process. Please try to have your children at school on time and do not drop them off before supervision begins at 8:12 a.m.

Dismissal is at 2:20 p.m. and outside supervision is provided for 15 minutes after the dismissal bell. Please ensure your child is picked up from school no later than 2:35 p.m.

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.

SNOW DAY

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or our school website www.central.sd33.bc.ca for information.

You can also tune in to radio stations STAR FM 98.3, 89.5 The Drive, or CBC 91.7 FM to get up-to-the-minute information on any school closures.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Just a friendly reminder that when you come into the building, please remember to sign in at the office and wear your visitors tag. We also ask that on rainy days if you are coming into the building to wait for your child at the end of the day, that you wait downstairs by the primary doors where there is seating. Please

do not stand around the office window or by classroom doors.

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.

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