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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new school year at Central! If you are returning, welcome back. If you are new to our school, we are glad to have you join us, and we know that you are going to enjoy being a part of this vibrant school community. We would like to celebrate and thank you all for working with us to find a learning option that fits individual families as we reopen our school. We know the current COVID situation is far from over, but together with courage and creativity we will meet the challenges. We continue to work together for health, safety and ongoing learning.



While the teachers were getting to know your children last week, and teaching them about our school, expectations, procedures, etc., the office staff was gathering attendance information and working to establish and finalize classroom placements.

We want to thank our district maintenance and our custodial team who cleaned our facility thoroughly, as well as continued with improvements.

The monthly school newsletter will be published on the first Friday of each month, so you can expect to see that on our website and in your email. It will be full of the information and details needed to keep your child and your family organized with respect to

September Dates to Remember:

September 21 Cops for Cancer
September 22 5:00p.m.PAC Meeting
September 24 **Photo Day** 😊
September 25 Terry Fox Run
September 30 Orange Shirt Day-In honour of residential school survivors

October Dates to Remember

October 2 Fire drill
October 5 Lockdown drill
October 6 PAC Meeting 5:00 p.m.

school activities. **If we do not have your current email and phone number, please call or come by the office to update your contact information.**

Our website is a useful tool you can use to keep your family informed of school activities, processes, and expectations. Please check under **Parent & Student** on our website where you will find our school growth plan, web links, PAC information as well as our school Code of Conduct.

Our work is one of Passion. Passion we want our kids to have for learning; the Passion we want to have as staff and learners ourselves.

Quote:

Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is a process,
Working together is success.

STAFF UPDATES

A warm welcome to our new staff members! Ms. Arnold is Central's new Vice Principal. Ms. Dueck is teaching gr. 3/4, Ms. Fajenski is teaching grade 1/2 and Ms. Key. Mr. Petkau is teaching Fine Arts. Ms. Adam is back with us from maternity leave as our librarian. Welcome to Ms. Nogard who is teaching gr. 4/5 until that position is hired. Congratulations to Ms. Morgan on getting a

teaching position at Bernard. Welcome to Ms. Davis who is with us on Mondays joining our Resource team.

Welcome to Ms. Notenbomer who is our new Child & Youth Care worker as Ms. See has left to work for Fraser Health START Crisis Program. We wish Ms See all the best and want to thank her tremendously for all she has done for our school and students over the years.

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We have a collective responsibility to keep COVID-19 from spreading.

-Please make sure that each day before sending your child to school you have done the Health and Safety checklist. If your child has any of the symptoms listed on the check list, they should not be attending school.

-All students should arrive close to the bell and leave immediately after the dismissal bell.

-Students arriving late need to come to the front doors of the school to be let in and report to the office.

-Playgrounds will be closed before and afterschool.

-Upon arrival students should be in their respective lineups.

-To minimize contact within the school, only students and staff will be allowed in the building.

-All students and staff will practice hand hygiene throughout the day and always upon entering and exiting classrooms.

-Recess and lunch breaks have been staggered to minimize contact/proximity.

-Students will not share their lunches or snacks with each other.

-The Provincial Health Organization do not recommend masks for elementary school students due to increased likelihood of touching their face and eyes.

Any student who chooses to wear a mask at school will be respected and allowed to do so.

-There is a firm hands off policy as there is to be no contact according to the health and safety protocols.

We are continuing to take a progressive and restorative approach to discipline however if students are unable to follow the expectations, they will be sent home to insure the safety of others.

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.

SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULE

8:05 - 8:20 a.m.	Morning Supervision
8:15 a.m.	First Bell
8:20 a.m.	School Day Starts
9:55 – 10:10 a.m. & 10:10-10:25	Recess
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:20 p.m.	Dismissal
2:20 p.m.-2:35 p.m.	Afternoon Supervision

Please note that students should not be on the school grounds before supervision begins. Please be on time for picking up your child(ren) from school.

IMPORTANT

All families will have received an email asking parents/guardians to complete some important online consent forms for your child(ren) on "Permission Click", an online platform our school district is using to manage consent. You will see most forms, (such as field trip forms), arrive in your email inbox rather than your child's backpack.

Just a reminder, **Students without a completed Technology Acceptable Use Agreement consent will NOT be able to:**

- Log in to a school computer
- Use Student WiFi
- Access any online services
- Cannot be included on School Messenger lists

If the school does not have a current email address for you, please stop by the office to update your information. We do not want you or your child missing out on information or opportunities, so please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this

matter as our district moves to this online management consent.

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.

COPS FOR CANCER & TERRY FOX RUN

This year again our school has been selected to be one of the stops for Cops for Cancer on Monday Sept. 21st. We will have police officers riding their bikes to Central and greeting our students from a distance. Our fund raising this year for the Canadian Cancer Society will be for this event as well as for Terry Fox. The Terry Fox Run at Central will take place this year on Friday, September 25th.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We ask that families take a moment to read the Central Code of Conduct attached to this newsletter with their child(ren) This code guides our expectations that students, staff, parents and community members will maintain an attitude that is cooperative, courteous and respectful. We appreciate your support in building a positive functioning school community.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

Children need healthy meals to learn. Central Community School offers healthy, nutritious meals every school day with the help of our sponsors; The Chilliwack Rotary Club, who sponsor our 'Breakfast Program' and 'Bowls of Hope' who sponsor our lunch program. We also offer the Starfish Backpack program for sending food home for the weekend.

Research has shown that eating breakfast before school helps student's attention and concentration on school work. These programs are in place for our students and families in need and for the few occasions where students have not arrived at school with the food needed to start their day. These services are limited and we would kindly ask that if you would like to take advantage of these programs that you contact your child's teacher to send home a Breakfast and Lunch Program form.

Parents/guardians can return a completed paper application to their child's classroom teacher. When students arrive at the breakfast or lunch program we would ask that they quickly sign in so we are able to ensure they are eating and taking full advantage of these complementary services. We hope to have these services start within the next few weeks.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This is just a friendly reminder that at this time we are asking that **dogs do not come on the school grounds** while you pick up and drop off your children. They can act as magnets for children and we are trying to avoid having students gather.

BIKES / SCOOTERS / SKATEBOARDS

Please remember that it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to wear a helmet. Please ensure that your child has a helmet and an adequate bike lock. Also, students are asked not to ride bikes, skateboards, and scooters on school grounds. Remember... "Wheels Up" while on school grounds.

WEATHER & 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 or lightly raining.

As well, more teaching this fall will be taking place outside to help support our new health and safety guidelines.

CROSSWALK EDIQUETTE

Central is surrounded by busy streets and therefore we ask that parents and students cross the street coming and going to school at the designated crosswalks with our crossing guards. Please wait

until the crossing guard stops traffic and signals you to cross safely.

SAFETY CONCERNS

The school district has hired Griffin Security to perform nightly patrols and dealing with any daily concerns as they arise. If you observe a situation at our site, please let us know, or if it is after hours, please contact Griffin Security at 604-703-0888 for assistance. We look forward to an uneventful year!

ACCIDENT REIMBURSEMENT PLAN

The Chilliwack School District or Schools Protection Program does not insure expenses for student injuries that happen on school grounds or during school activities. Parents/Guardians are responsible for these expenses. iA Financial Group is now offering a new comprehensive accident insurance plan with a critical illness component designed for the whole family. For more information go to:

<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/accident-insurance>

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

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. September’s meeting is Tuesday Sept. 22nd at 5:00pm via Zoom. A link to join the meeting will be sent out on Monday Sept. 21st.



The Central staff looks forward to the year ahead and working together to help your children “swim to success”.
If you have questions or comments, you can contact us by calling 604-792-8537 or e-mailing leslie_waddington@sd33.bc.ca or donna_arnold@sd33.bc.ca.

Kindest regards,

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