

November 2020

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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, and follow our new school guidelines with respect to COVID protocols. Our focus in October was **SAFE**: 'I can keep my hands and feet to myself'. I see students who are being Warm Hearted as they interact with others and choose kind words. **WARM HEARTED** is our focus for November, specifically working on 'I can sit quietly during presentations'. 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. 9th. 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 9	Interims go home
November 10	10:30 a.m. Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 11	Remembrance Day Stat – NO SCHOOL
November 13	Rock your Mocs
November 16	Assessment Day-Classes not in session
November 26	Spirit Day: Farm Day/Hot Lunch
November 27	Pro-D day. Classes not in session

December Dates to Remember

December 1	PAC meeting at 6:00 p.m. virtually
December 4	Deck the Halls at 1:00 p.m.
December 17	1:00-2:20 p.m. Christmas Concert video
December 18	Last Day of School before Winter Break

December 21 – January 1 – Winter Break

January 4 – School Back in Session

"What is the bravest thing
you've ever said?" asked
the boy.



"Help," said the horse.

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 virtual ceremony on November 10th at 10:30 a.m. Poppies are available at the school for students. 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.

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. As well we are closely tracking absenteeism for COVID tracking.

THANK YOU

On Oct. 22nd all our students were given a free hotdog lunch courtesy of Community Services and the Algra Brothers. Thank you to our community partners for making a special day for us.

Thank you to Indigo Love of Reading and First Books Canada, for their donation of books to Central. Your child should have come home with at least one new book!

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 encourage your child to look by the gym in the lost and found. All unclaimed items will be donated before winter break.

SCHOOL/CLASS HOURS

Classes begin at 8:20 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 8:05 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. It is important that students are not mingling outside unsupervised.

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.

FUN AT CENTRAL

Check out our 1st annual Book Character Pumpkin decorating contest.

<https://youtu.be/KRGNUVAw9T0>

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

Thank you to our parents for your cooperation with following our health and safety protocols in order to keep everyone safe. We have appreciated and noticed your distancing outside, picking up and dropping off your children close to the bell, and even masking up in some cases. We are thankful for the safety and well-being of our students, families and staff. This remains to be a high priority at Central.

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.

CENTRAL LEARNS

Some fun facts about reading that prove it all adds up:

1. Reading for 6 minutes a day reduces stress by 68%--the ultimate form of self-care!
2. When children have a home library, as little as 20 books of their own, they achieve 3 more years of schooling than children who don't have any books at home.
3. Read 20 minutes a day and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year.
4. Children learn 4,000 to 12,000 words per year through reading.
5. If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have been read 1825 books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts/Every Book Counts

PAC

We just had a PAC meeting November 3 on Zoom. Thank you to our parents who virtually came out. This Friday, Nov. 6th and Monday, Nov. 9th our PAC will be outside afterschool selling Central face masks for both adults and children. Masks are \$5.00 each. Thank you to PAC for providing one for each child in the school free of charge. The next PAC meeting will be held on Dec. 1st at 6:00 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent out on the Monday before the meeting.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We would like to welcome Katie McConnell as the new Family Navigator to Central Elementary School Society. She is here to provide outreach resources and support to our families with children aged 0-6 years. If you have questions about your child's health and wellness, or need access to adequate food or housing, or simply need assistance filling out Kindergarten registration forms please don't hesitate to contact her. She can be reached at: 604-819-6687 or via email at ceccss@gmail.com

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 and Mrs. D. Arnold

