

April 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy spring to everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed the spring break with family. Spring is a time of excitement as we experience new growth outside and warm weather. Speaking of growth have you noticed the beautiful flowers blooming by our front doors? We have experienced a lot of growth in our students this year and we look forward to the spring spurt as we encourage them in their learning. There are lots of activity packed into just three remaining months, so it promises to be a great spring, full of learning and fun. Our teachers are nurturing and fostering skills in literacy, numeracy, problem solving, and personal responsibility. They continue to inspire our students to demonstrate strong character and powerful thinking. As partners in learning with our parents, we encourage you to keep in contact with your child's classroom teacher in order to support learning in this final term. Be sure to make note of all the dates listed (*see right and school website calendar*), as well as the special and important events happening in your child's class.

*"The capacity to learn is a **gift**; the ability to learn is a **skill**; the willingness to learn is a **choice**."*

-Brian Herbert-

APRIL Dates to Remember:

April 2	Good Friday: No School
April 5	Easter Monday: No School
April 6	PAC meeting virtually 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Class Photos
April 14	Fire Drill
April 16	Kinder Fair 1:00-2:30 p.m.
April 22	Earth Day-Waste Free Lunch
April 23	Kinder Fair 1:00-2:30 p.m.
April 26	Earthquake Drill
April 29	Spirit Day—Rainbow Day Hot Lunch Day

MAY Dates to Remember:

May 4	PAC meeting virtually 6:00 p.m.
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Monthly Focus: I can put garbage and recycling in the appropriate bins.

As Central Sockeyes we are **Safe**, **W**arm hearted, have **I**ntegrity, and are **M**indful

COVID PROTOCOL

Just before spring break we had an inspection of our site by WorkSafe BC and we have had to update our Health and Safety protocol to align with the new health orders. You will notice starting Tuesday April 6th that we have created staff and student only zones during drop off and pick up. We will require that parents/guardians adhere to staying back from these areas.

Also, thank you to our grade 4/5 families as we have had 100% compliance of students wearing masks these past few days. We understand this is a big change for our students, but have been very impressed with their attitudes and actions regarding this. Thank you!

If you would like to view the most current Provincial COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for K-12 please go to our school district website <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/>.

VOLUNTEER TEA

We greatly appreciate our volunteers at Central, and although we are unable to host our volunteer tea this year we want say thank you. We recognize your contributions to our school make Central a special place for our students to learn and staff to work.

ATTENDANCE

Given the strong correlation between student success and regular attendance, we want to encourage all students to be at school every day and on time (barring illness). Parents, we know you are a big part of this, so we appreciate your support. As Woody Allen once said, “80 percent of success is showing up.” Let’s encourage success for our kids!

ARE YOU MOVING?

We are currently starting our planning for the 2021/2022 school year. In order to determine our staffing allocations and classes for next year, it is important that we have accurate enrollment numbers. If you intend on moving and know that

your child will not be attending Central next year, we would really appreciate this information. Likewise, if your child will be attending another school in the district, they would also appreciate this valuable information. Please contact our office and let us know. Thank you!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child born in 2016, it is time to register him/her for Kindergarten. Please register early to ensure your child has a space here at Central, as classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration is now done online. Please visit the [Chilliwack School District Website](#) for information on how to register your child. Please pass this information on to your neighbours should they have kindergarten age children.

KINDERFAIR

We invite our new coming Kindergarten students and their parents to attend our Kinderfair! We will be hosting two days to ensure we can keep everyone safe and healthy with regards to COVID. This is an opportunity to meet our Kindergarten teachers as well as participating in some fun activities as we share information about our school. Your child will even receive a bag to take home filled with goodies! We would love to meet our future Central Sockeye. Please save the date if you have a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall! The dates are Friday, April 16th and Friday, April 23rd, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

IMMUNIZATIONS

- The Fraser Health Immunization Program for school-aged children will resume this year.
- To start, public health staff will contact families of students currently in grades 7 and 10 who missed their immunizations during the 2019-2020 school year, due to COVID-19.
- These students will be offered immunization appointments over the spring and summer.

- Immunization information for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and 9 students from the 2020-2021 school year will be provided at a future date.

CHILLIWACK SCHOOLS GARDEN PROGRAM

Are you interested in growing a garden with the Chilliwack Schools Garden Program? Please see attached flyer for information on how to participate.

COLOURING BOOK FUNDRAISER

Please see attachments for the Colouring Book Fundraiser, Ms. Dueck's class is doing to support our local Cyrus Centre. Thank you in advance to the class for their thoughtfulness and work that went into organizing this. We hope you are able to support this great event.

EARTH DAY

Thursday April 22nd is the annual Earth Day. This is another opportunity to focus on improving our own part of the world by decreasing waste and increasing environmental awareness. We encourage students to bring a zero waste lunch on April 22nd. Please plan ahead to help your child pack a garbage-free lunch.

The global theme for Earth Day 2021, Restore the Earth, brings hope that all people can come together to heal the planet.

SAFETY REMINDER

As the spring weather arrives, more and more students are traveling to school by bike, scooter, skateboard and rollerblades. Please remember that students need to be wearing helmets if they are using any of these methods of transportation. A friendly reminder that all students are to walk their bikes, scooters, and skateboards when they reach school grounds.

WEATHER AND WEAR

Spring often brings 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 raining lightly. Our fields are often wet due to the rain so it is important that students have proper outside footwear and indoor shoes for when they come back in to their classrooms. We appreciate your help in providing indoor shoes in order to keep our school floors dry and clean.

IN THE KNOW

Information and support for families and caring adults who are parenting a child or youth with mental health challenges. In the Know provides expert speakers on topics important to families. Connect and learn with other families for an online discussion by ZOOM. The next topic is: Beyond Behaviours - When is it More? What it like at Ages 4-8. This is Free of charge on April 12th at 6:30 p.m. See attached flyer for more information.

PAC NEWS

Our Central Elementary Parent Advisory Council does an incredible job of supporting our school. We greatly appreciate all the time and energy our parents put into our school in order to help make it a wonderful place for kids. Please see our school calendar for dates of fundraisers and events!

For questions regarding any PAC events and/or information, please contact the PAC via email at central-pac@sd33.bc.ca

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Join Central PAC Zoom Meeting

<https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62524488932?pwd=eXB4UWVEQWkzM8vYmxlZFINMCTldz09>

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

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

- **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>

We are Central; where passion meets purpose!

Kindest regards,

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