



Central Community School Newsletter



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School District

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The first week is done, the hum of learning is audible in each classroom. We continue the process of empowering your child to fulfill his/her potential in all areas – academic, social, emotional, physical, etc.

Thank you for your patience and trust as we organized our classes this week. We are a full school this year with some classes at their maximum capacity. Please know that your child's placement was done with thought and attention to their learning needs and over all class composition.

What a difference a year can make. Although we are still dealing with COVID-19, we are optimistic that we are moving towards a more 'normal' school year. Health and Safety protocols will continue in order to keep our school community safe. 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 until they are feeling better. Please see link for health check list:

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?education=e1s1> If your child is in grades 4 or 5, remember that they must have a mask to wear in school. Until COVID numbers decline, we are also requesting that adults respect the student only zones outside by class line ups, keeping a distance.

STAFF UPDATES

A warm welcome to our new staff members! Ms. Sigurdson is teaching grade 2, and Ms. Poh is teaching gr. 2/3 while Ms. Turner is on maternity leave. Ms. Mann is still with us, but in a new role as our school counselor. Welcome back to Ms. Lindblad and Ms. Slevin, as part of our EA support team. We wish Ms. McPherson all the best at CSS. Finally we want to give a warm welcome to Kim Karr, our Strong Start teacher at Central!

STRONG START AT CENTRAL

September Dates to Remember:

September 14	PAC meeting 6:00pm (Zoom link will be emailed)
September 16	Meet and Greet BBQ
September 21	Cops for Cancer
September 23	Photo Day 😊
September 24	Hot Lunch
September 29	Orange Shirt Day - In honour of residential school survivors Fire Drill
September 30	No classes in session: Day of Commemoration

October Dates to Remember

October 1	Terry Fox Run
October 5	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm
October 8	Early Dismissal 11:20 am
October 11	No classes in session: Thanksgiving

STRONG START AT CENTRAL

A program where children aged 0-5 - accompanied by a parent or caregiver - can participate in organized sessions such as: play activities, serving a healthy snack, circle time, and gross motor physical experiences. For more information about this program and its centre, visit [Strong Start](#).

MEET AND GREET BBQ

We will be having a sausage sizzle and 'Meet and Greet' evening on Thursday, September 16th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Come out to meet your child's teacher and let them cook you a hotdog. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff and enjoy an evening with the Central school community. We look forward to seeing you there!



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.

Students who arrive late need to come to the front doors to be let in and report to the office. Parents are asked to remain outside unless they have an appointment at the office.

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
2:22 p.m.	Dismissal
2:22 p.m.-2:37 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.

SEPTEMBER 30- DAY OF COMMEMORATION

[On August 3](#), the BC government declared September 30, 2021, a day of commemoration for all provincial public sector employees, including public school districts. This means that on **Thursday, September 30, 2021, schools will be closed.** This day will be an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools and reflect on how we move from witness to reconciliation.

SCHOOL SUPPLY MONEY

School supplies was 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 Sept. 21st. We will have police officers riding their bikes to Central and greeting our students from a distance. Our fundraising 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, October 1st.

CODE OF CONDUCT/FAIR NOTICE

We ask that families take a moment to read the Central Code of Conduct that will be sent out later this month. 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. As well you will find attached a Fair Notice letter which outlines how schools in the Chilliwack district will respond to all student behaviours that pose a potential risk to themselves, other students, staff and members of the 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.

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. 14TH at 6:00pm via Zoom. A link to join the meeting will be sent out on Monday Sept. 13th.**

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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