

**November 2021**

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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 were sent home on, Thursday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.** Hopefully you were able to meet with your child's teacher on Nov. 4th to discuss your child's progress. Central Sockeyes are swimming to success!

### November Dates to Remember:

November 7	Fall back an hour
November 8	National Indigenous Veterans Day
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Stat – NO SCHOOL</b>
November 15-1	Rock your Mocs week
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Assessment Day-Classes not in session</b>
November 22	Firedrill 8:45 am.
November 25	Spirit Day: Crazy Hat /Hot Lunch
<b>November 26</b>	<b>Pro-D day. Classes not in session</b>

### December Dates to Remember

December 1	PALS -Kindergarten parents invited to do a literacy walk at 1:00pm
December 3	Deck the Halls at 1:00 p.m.
December 7	PAC Pot luck meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the library
December 16	1:00-2:20 p.m. Christmas Concert video

**Syós:ys lets'e  
th'ále, lets'emó:t**

~One heart, one mind, working  
together for a common purpose.~

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>, and we will recognize the day at school with a virtual ceremony on November 10<sup>th</sup> followed by a visit to the Cenotaph located behind the Chilliwack Museum. 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

Thank you to the Dogwood Monarch Lions Club and Amber Price as well as the Chilliwack Chiefs who organized our magic Pumpkin Patch at Central on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

On Nov.4<sup>th</sup> 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!

As well a big thank you to the Dogwood Monarch Lions Club, to the Bookman and to the McHale Family for the donation of our One School One Book Read book. More information about this to come...

## 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 2:22 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 2:37 p.m. It is important that students are not mingling outside unsupervised.

## STAFFING UPDATES

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Rhonda Davis our noon hour supervisor and to our EA, Lori Roberts. Wish we these wonderful people all the best in their new positions as they move to new jobs. We are

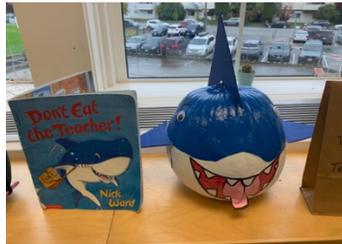
thankful to have had them as part of our Central staff.

## 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 some entries at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Book Character Pumpkin decorating contest.



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) or our school website [www.central.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.central.sd33.bc.ca) for information.

You can also tune in to radio stations STAR FM 98.3, 89.5 The Drive, to get up-to-the-minute information on any school closures. Reports will start at 6:00 am and will be repeated often. Please see our website for more information regarding this.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Every Day Counts - Every Book Counts**

## PAC

We just had a PAC meeting November 2nd on Zoom. Thank you to our parents who virtually came out. Some upcoming dates to remember are :

- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> the Great Coupon Book orders are due.
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> all Purdy orders are due.

Thank you for your support with these fundraising efforts.

**Next PAC will be in person in the school library on Dec.7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.** To celebrate our first meeting

back the PAC is having a Potluck finger food and desserts meeting. Child minding will be provided.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL

We would like remind our families that Katie McConnell is the Family Navigator at 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 [ccecss@gmail.com](mailto:ccecss@gmail.com)

## VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball will be starting up on Monday, November 15 for grade 4's and 5's. Thank you to Ms. Poh and Ms. Laura for coaching. Practices for both boys and girls are Mondays after school until 3:15. Boys will have games on Tuesdays starting November 23 and girls will have games starting on Wednesday starting Nov 24. Game locations are to be determined. Permission forms will be sent home, so please return them as soon as possible. Here are the dates for Game Days:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Nov 23	Nov 4
Nov 30	Dec 1
Jan 4	Jan 5
Jan 11	Jan 12
Jan 18	Jan 19
Jan 25	Jan 26
Feb TBD	Feb TBD

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](mailto:central@sd33.bc.ca)
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

Kindest regards,

Mrs. L. Waddington and Mrs. D. Arnold

