



# Central Community School Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! It was a bit of a bumpy start but we are here now. We trust you have had an enjoyable, quiet holiday season with your family. We hope you are embraced by the promise and possibilities that the new year brings.

We had a wonderful week of focusing on our Zones of Regulation and examining why it is important that we are aware of how we are feeling. A new year is a new opportunity to begin afresh, re-focus and start Term 2. Everyone has an opportunity to build on what they have started in Term 1, to build new skills, develop friendships, and demonstrate citizenship through social responsibility. This is also a good chance to encourage your children to focus on what makes them successful. Be sure to review the *Sockeye Code of Conduct* at home with your child so they can "swim" to success. SWIM: **s**afe, **w**arm hearted, **i**ntegrity and **m**indful; they not only mark a successful Central student, they are also the things that make any person successful in life.

Emergency events: **Please ensure that we have a cell phone number and an emergency contact person (and number) on file for your child that is up to date.** If you are not sure if we have accurate contact information, please check with Mrs. Gudjonson at the front office. This month we will be practicing our Fire, Earthquake and Lockdown drills.

Also, update your email address with the office so you can receive important information, newsletters, and weekly reminders.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." --Albert Einstein

### January Dates to Remember:

January 20	Fire drill
January 21	Popcorn Day \$1.00
January 28	Hot Lunch day/ Spirit PJ day

### February Dates to Remember

February 1	6:00 p.m. PAC AGM Meeting virtually
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As stated in the email sent out last week to families, Public Health is not issuing school exposure letters for individual COVID cases. At Central, if a child is identified with having COVID, we will do our best to let the classroom parents know that there has been a case in their child's room, while respectfully not disclosing personal information.

In the event of a declared COVID outbreak, Public Health and the school will issue a public notification. A functional closure may take place if the amount of students ill, reaches a critical number, or if we have too many staff away sick meaning that we are unable to operate safely. In these scenarios, we will have one transition day for teachers to move learning online and then remote learning will begin for a designated amount of time. Students have been reviewing how to log into Teams this week and you will receive information home from your child's teacher with this information as well.

**Wishing you all happiness in this New Year and may it ever calibrate your days, inform your choices and drive the agenda of your life! We are full of hope for 2022.**

## 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.

**If your child needs a coat, boots, mittens or a hat, please let the office know as we have some donations left from before Christmas.**

**Also, please make sure your child has indoor shoes left at the school to wear.** Our custodians have worked hard over the winter break to wax the floors and make our school not only look great, but clean and safe.

## ONE SCHOOL ONE BOOK

We are excited to be doing One School One Book again this year! This is an opportunity for us to all share a book together as a community. The book we have chosen will be revealed next week 😊. The Chilliwack Dogwood Monarch Lions Club and the Bookman generously purchased a copy for every family in our school and we thank them for their support of this program! The books and a reading schedule will be sent home with the oldest sibling of each family next week. Audio recordings of the chapters will be available on the library section of our school website.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can strike during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, the decision on the opening or closing of schools is made by the Superintendent in consultation with management staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of schools.

While service to students and parents is a priority, schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible. Student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to tune into radio stations STAR (98.3FM), HAWK (89.5FM) CBC (91.7FM) or our Central website or the School District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. **Please do not call the school directly.**

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

## PAC

The next PAC meeting will be February 1 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. This is the AGM where new PAC executive will be elected. We have many parents currently in executive positions that will no longer be able to hold those seats at

Central as their children are in grade 5 and will not be at our school next year. **Please attend virtually as we need people to fill these vacated positions so our Central PAC can continue.** All parents are welcome! A Zoom link will be sent out Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> to all our families' email addresses.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have a child (or know of a child) who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022, and lives in our catchment area, please register online at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> for the fall.

## 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. **Please state why your child is absent as we are tracking illnesses due to COVID.** This is essential to help us ensure your child's safety. **Students must stay home from school if they are showing any symptoms.**

## MONTHLY FOCUS

**SAFE: I can make choices that will positively impact others.**

Just a friendly reminder as we continue to try to maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students, families and staff, we ask that parents continue to make sure they do the daily health check with their child(ren) before sending them to school. Please remember to keep your social distance and consider wearing a mask when bringing your child to school.

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,

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Principal

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