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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. We take collective responsibility as a staff for our students learning, working to provide high quality instruction, with targeted interventions that are based on data driven decisions. 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:

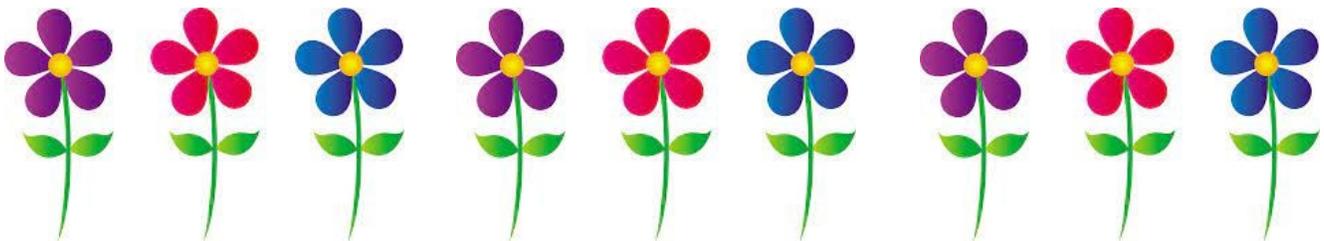
April 13	Grade 5 Parent Night at CMS
April 14	Fire Drill
April 15	Good Friday: <b>No School</b>
April 18	Easter Monday: <b>No School</b>
April 22	Earth Day and School Wide Field Trip
April 28	Spirit Day—Rainbow Day Hot Lunch Day Grade 5 course selection due
April 29	Pro-D day: <b>No School for Students</b>

## MAY Dates to Remember:

May 3	PAC meeting 6:00 p.m. in the library
May 13	Kinder Fair 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**Monthly Focus:** I can put garbage and recycling in the appropriate bins.

As Central Sockeyes we are **Safe**, **Warm** hearted, have **Integrity**, and are **Mindful**



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We greatly appreciate our volunteers at Central. Although we have not been able to have regular volunteers in our school these past 2 years with COVID protocols in place, we want say thank you to our PAC that has kept programs running, like hot lunch and fundraising activities. We recognize that your contributions to our school make Central a special place for our students to learn and for staff to work. We look forward to welcoming our volunteers back.

## 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). Only 3 months left in this school year. 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 2022/2023 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 2017, 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 our school website at <https://central.sd33.bc.ca/>

or 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 on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 p.m.! 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 Sockeyes. Please save the date if you have a child that will be starting Kindergarten in the fall!

## EARTH DAY

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 will be spending Earth Day outside on a school wide field trip to Ruby Creek and the Cheam Wetlands. Students must be in good standing to attend the field trip.

The global theme for Earth Day 2022, Invest In Our Planet, brings hope that all people can come together to heal the planet.

## CROSS COUNTRY

The cross-country team has an exciting and final running race on Wednesday, May 4 at Cultus Elementary for Grades 3-5. Practices will be on Thursdays from 2:30-3:15 for the month of April. Permission form needs to be filled out for your child to attend practices and final race. Unfortunately, there is no bussing for the race at Cultus. Rides to and from the event are to be organized by the parent/guardian. If you have any questions, please email [ileana.graham@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:ileana.graham@sd33.bc.ca) or come chat with her after practice.

## 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. Please make sure your child has a lock to secure their bike while in school.

## 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.

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>

**We are Central; where passion meets purpose!**

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

Kindest regards,

Ms. L. Waddington, Principal

Ms. D. Arnold, Vice-Principal

## 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](mailto:central-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

The next PAC meeting is Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in our library.

All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Please see attachment for upcoming Community School programs that will be offered.

