



Central Community School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new school year at Central! If you are returning, welcome back. If you are new to our school, we are glad to have you join us, and we know that you are going to enjoy being a part of this vibrant school community.

While the teachers were getting to know your children this week, and teaching them about our school, expectations, procedures, etc., the office staff was gathering attendance information and working to establish and finalize classroom placements. We continue the process of empowering your child to fulfill his/her potential in all areas – academic, social, physical, etc. Keep in mind that we are available to you to discuss your child's progress. Appointments and phone calls can be made with the Classroom Teacher, Learning Support Teacher, Principal, Vice Principal, or any staff member who plays a role in your child's education. Call us at (604) 792-8537.

We want to thank our district maintenance and our custodial team who cleaned our facility thoroughly, as well as continued with improvements.

The monthly school newsletter will be published on the first Friday of each month, so you can expect to see that on our website and in your email. It will be full of the information and details needed to keep your child and your family organized with respect to school activities. **If we do not have your current email and phone number, please call or come by the office to update your contact information.**

Our website is a useful tool you can use to keep your family informed of school activities, processes, and expectations. Please check under **Parent & Student** on our website where you will find our school growth plan, web links, PAC information as well as our school Code of Conduct.

September Dates to Remember:

September 13	PAC Meeting 6:00 pm in the library
September 22	Meet and Greet BBQ 5:30-6:30pm
September 23	Photo Day am☺ & Terry Fox Run pm
September 26	Fire drill
September 29	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Stat Holiday – no school in session. In honour of residential school survivors

October Dates to Remember

October 4	PAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. in the library
October 7	Pro-d day: classes not in session

Our work is one of Passion. Passion we want our kids to have for learning; the Passion we want to have as staff and learners ourselves.

"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending."

-Carl Bard-

STAFF UPDATES

A warm welcome to our new staff members!

Ms. Pitcher is teaching K/1.

Our Seamless team for before and afterschool care are Ms. Rydell and Ms. Ratzlaff. Ms. Stark is a new member to our EA team.

Ms. Brett is back with us teaching Kindergarten.

Ms. McPherson and Ms. Lambert are back with us this year as EAs. Ms. Nelmes is teaching grade 4/5 and Ms. Henderson grade 4 until those positions are filled.

We also want to wish Mr. Mills, our evening custodian, all the best as he has moved to CMS to be a day custodian.

MEET AND GREET BBQ

We will be having a sausage sizzle and 'Meet and Greet' evening on Thursday, September 20th 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!

ADOPT A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Central was the successful applicant in Chilliwack for the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's Adopt-a-School program this year! Our local Coles location will be fundraising for us for the next 3 weeks, and all the money raised will be put towards buying new books for our school. If you or anyone you know is interested in donating please head down to the store or visit our fundraising link at <https://indigoloveofreadingfoundation.givecloud.co/fundraisers/central-elementary-community-school-chilliwack-british-columbia>

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Please make sure that your child is healthy before sending them to school.
- All students should arrive close to the bell and leave immediately after the dismissal bell. Supervision is 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after our bells.
- Students arriving late need to come to the front doors of the school to be let in and report to the office.
- Upon arrival students should be in their respective lineups.
- All students and staff will practice hand hygiene throughout the day.
- Recess and lunch breaks continue to be staggered.
- We would just like to remind parents that due to various health concerns regarding allergies and diabetes, we want to impress upon students the importance that they do not share their lunches or snacks with each other. Thank you for your serious consideration in this matter.

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.

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
2:20 p.m.	Dismissal
2:20 p.m.-2:35 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.

IMPORTANT

All families will have received an email asking parents/guardians to complete some important online consent forms for your child(ren) on "Permission Click", an online platform our school district is using to manage consent. You will see most forms, (such as field trip forms), arrive in your email inbox rather than your child's backpack.

Just a reminder, **Students without a completed Technology Acceptable Use Agreement consent will NOT be able to:**

- Log in to a school computer
- Use Student WiFi
- Access any online services
- Cannot be included on School Messenger lists

Here is the link if you have not filled out the Tech Agreement.

<https://permission.click/wONqy/ca/JxQX>

If the school does not have a current email address for you, please stop by the office to update your information. We do not want you or your child missing out on information or opportunities, so please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter as our district moves to this online management consent.

SCHOOL SUPPLY MONEY

School supplies were 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.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Terry Fox Run at Central will take place this year on Friday, September 23rd. We will be asking students to support the Canadian Cancer Society by bringing in a 'Twoonie for Terry' for this fundraising event.

CODE OF CONDUCT

We ask that families take a moment to read the Central Code of Conduct attached to this newsletter with their child(ren) 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.

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. These services start this coming week.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

This is just a friendly reminder to that if you plan to have your family pet accompany you to school, they need to be on a leash while on school property. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please clean up after your pet on our field if necessary.

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 Vice 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. 13th at 6:00pm in our library.

The Central staff looks forward to the year ahead and working together to help your children “S.W.I.M. 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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Principal

Mrs. D. Arnold
Vice-Principal

Quote:

Coming together is a beginning,
Keeping together is a process,
Working together is success.

