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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**October 10th is Thanksgiving Day in Canada.** It's an opportunity to reflect on the blessing of living in such a great country. In our own little corner we can easily look around and be thankful for many things: a beautiful environment, safety, family and friends...and a great school! A lot of work has happened in the first month to prepare us for a successful year ahead, and there are many people to thank:

**Thanks** to Mr. Rurka and Mr. Brkic, our custodians, for a consistently clean and functional facility.

**Thanks** to Mrs. Gudjonson for organizing student information and always being ready to help with the many urgent matters that come to her window (with a smile!).

**Thanks** to our noon hour supervisors that watch over students and make sure they have a good and safe lunch time.

**Thanks** to the classroom teachers, support teachers and educational assistants who have established the plans and patterns that will ensure that each child will experience success this year.

**Thanks** to the kids, our **Central Sockeyes**, for a good start and a positive feeling around the school.

**Thanks** to all our parents for your support and cooperation as we got settled, organized plans for the year, and joined together for our common purpose – student success. *A special thanks* to the many volunteers whose contributions often go unnoticed, but **we know who you are and we appreciate you!**

**And a huge shout out of thanks** to our many community partners who donate so generously to our school. This month we especially want to **thank** Victory Church for providing each of our students with running shoes and to Community Services and Algra Bros. for their donation, making it possible to take our students to Camp Charis on Oct. 14th.

**Thank you** to our anonymous donor who generously gave \$200.00 per class for the Bookman. This was also matched by the Bookman.

### October Dates to Remember:

October 7	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL
October 10	Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL
October 14	School Wide Field Trip – Camp Charis
October 15	Voting Day
October 21	Provincial Pro-D Day—NO SCHOOL
October 28	Hot Lunch Day
October 31	Spirit Day—Black and Orange Day Fall Book Fair Opens

### November Dates to Remember

November 1	Photo Re-takes
November 1	Interim reports go home
November 1	6:00 p.m. PAC Meeting
November 3	Parent Conferences
November 4	Early Dismissal at 11:20 a.m
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 24	Hot Lunch
November 24	Spirit Day – Crazy Hat/Hair
November 25	Pro-D Day – NO SCHOOL

**Thank you** to Mainstreet Community Church that continues to provide for us so that Coffee Mondays, Café Nights, extra field trips and more can be a part of our school culture. **Thank you** to Rotary and Bowls of Hope for our breakfast and lunch programs. Also **thank you** to Starfish for the food backpack program, to Murray Honda and Staples for their school supply supplements **Thank you** to Dairy Queen who each year sponsors our school with Chilliwack Chief hockey tickets. **Thank you** to the Stellers' Jay Lions for their continued food support. **So, you can see we are school that has so much to be thankful for.**

"Each person's task in life is to become an increasingly better person"

-Leo Tolstoy-



## FIELD TRIPS AND STUDENTS IN GOOD STANDING

As our teachers begin organizing 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 and be **Safe, Warm** hearted, have **Integrity** and are **Mindful**. In other words, students who **S.W.I.M.** to success. 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.

## 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.

## CENTRAL'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND GROWTH PLAN

Please see the Conduct Code on our website and review with your child. Our school growth plan is posted on our school website for your reference.

## VOLUNTEERS

Central has always been pleased to welcome parents/guardians who volunteer in all sorts of areas of the school. Every volunteer must have a completed Criminal Record Check (this is a free check done by the RCMP), and these forms are available at the school office. Drivers must be able to show a Driver's abstract (available from the DMV) and have at least \$1 million in third party liability insurance. Grandparents are welcome, too! Thank you in advance.

## STAFFING UPDATES

We welcome to our staff Mr. Brkic as our custodian while the position is being filled. Sadly we are

saying goodbye to two of our noon hour supervisors. Thank you Ms. McConnel for all your years of caring service. We also wish Ms. Bryson well. We are currently in the process of hiring for these positions. Welcome to our teacher candidates from SFU, Ms. Sangha and Ms. Carpenter. Also welcome to our UFV teacher candidates who will be starting this Tuesday, Ms. Cowdy and Ms. Bizuk. Welcome to Ms. Denbraber who will be at Central completing her EA practicum.

## SCHOOL HOURS

Please be reminded that the first morning bell rings at **8:15 am**. Classes begin at **8:20 am**. Children that arrive late miss important morning instruction and disrupt the teaching process. Please try to have your children at school on time. Dismissal is at **2:20 pm**. **Supervision** is provided 15 minutes before school begins and 15 minutes after. **Please note that students who arrive on the school grounds before or stay after these times are not supervised. Please do not drop off students before supervision begins in the morning.**

## EMERGENCY DRILLS

Each year Central students participate in several emergency preparedness drills, such as fire, earthquake and lockdown. These drills help to prepare students in the event that a real disaster should occur. On Sept. 26th we held our first fire drill and on October 20th, students will participate in a BC wide earthquake drill.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

If your child is signed up for the breakfast program, please have them enter through the multipurpose room door starting at 8:05 am.

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 admin team, 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 (the next meeting is **November 1st from 6:00 – 7:00 pm in our**



library). In addition, watch for opportunities to volunteer in class, at school activities, and for fundraising. We appreciate you. Check out the board out front of the school for school news.

**Thank you to our PAC for providing each student with a Central water bottle!**

### BC FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Once again, Central Elementary will be a recipient of the Nutritional Fruit and Vegetable program. Students will receive a fruit or vegetable snack in the classroom several times a month.

### WEATHER AND 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/lightly raining.

### 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 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.

### SOCCER

Thank you to our coaches, Ms. Pitcher and Ms. Hood for coaching our soccer team. They have played two fantastic games so far this season with several more to go. Come cheer on our Sockeye team and watch them in action.



### CHIEF TICKETS

The Chilliwack Chiefs hockey team has gifted Central families with tickets to see a game! Every family should have the opportunity to watch a game. We have 10 tickets per home game for the season! Please note that the tickets are split into two: we have two tickets together and another eight together. Please contact Savannah at [savannah\\_notenbomer@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:savannah_notenbomer@sd33.bc.ca) to reserve your tickets. See the calendar attached for specific games.

### HOT LUNCH

Our Hot Lunch ordering system is going **GREEN!** Instead of filling out a paper order form, parents can place their hot lunch orders online using [MunchaLunch.com](http://MunchaLunch.com)! Paper forms will be going home on Tuesday for those that prefer. Please see the attached letter for more information and how to log in.

### SEAMLESS DAY

There are still spots available for our before and after school care. Please see the attached for more information and registration.

**Please visit our school website for current events, announcements, calendar activities, newsletters and more at:**  
<http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

Happy October to our Central Families,

Kindest Regards,  
Ms. L. Waddington, Principal  
Ms. D. Arnold, Vice Principal

