



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Promontory- Strong Learners, Kind Hearts

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October was such a fun month. The students settled into school and really got down to the business of learning. Each time I was in classes I could see our students demonstrating Strong Learning and Kind Hearts. They take time to work through a task or challenge that is being given to them, work well together to solve problems and are working hard at being kind to others.

In November our teachers will continue to assess the progress of the students in their classes. The data they gather will provide information about their students and will also help inform their next steps for instruction. Part of the new curriculum involves Core Competencies, which are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning. Our teachers create strong purposeful lessons that help develop the Core Competencies. For more information please visit the following website.

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies>

Our October virtue was Compassion and students had opportunities to be kind and compassionate to others. Our Virtue for November is Forgiveness and our Behaviour Focus is Assembly Expectations. Students will be given many opportunities to practice their skills.

Each day as I come to work I am thankful for the work of our dedicated staff, for the wonderful students at our school and for the supportive parents and community. It is a great place to work and learn. Thank you for your continued support.

Please know my door is always open and I would be happy to hear from you if you have questions, concerns or just want to get to know me a little more.

Taryn Dixon, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd – Read-A-Thon 1-2pm

November 2nd – PJ Day

November 8th – Early Dismissal – 12:00pm- Busses are not running

November 9th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30 – 11:30am- please join us

November 9th – Hot Lunch

November 12th – Remembrance Day Stat – No School



November 23rd – Hot Lunch

November 30th – Pro D Day – No School

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is on a Sunday this year, so the school will be closed on Monday, November 12th. We will be having a Remembrance Day assembly on the 9th at 10:30am. Our focus for this assembly is partially about honouring those who fought for our freedoms but it is also a chance for all of us to reflect on what we can do to make our world a better, more peaceful place. You are welcome to join us.



Our students will all receive a poppy on November 9th before our assembly. They will be taught that the poppy is worn on the left side, over the heart. Donations will be accepted for the poppies and will be given to the Legion to support veterans.

SOCCER TEAMS

Congratulations to the Girls and Boys soccer teams! They finished off the season with two tournaments at Townsend Park. Way to go, Panthers! They've had a fun season, demonstrating great sportsmanship and skill. We would also like to thank Mrs. Ferris for coaching the boy's team and Mrs. Dixon for coaching the girl's team.

Girls Team

Adrianna Janzen, Maggie Epp, Clare Rasmussen, Prabhdeep Atwal, Olivia Biller, Quinn Bradley, Maggee McLelland, Leah Vernon, Sadie Welch, Alexa Sanderson

Boys Team

Musa Khan, Riley Harrison, Bryce Nielsen, Nolan Michaluk, Rylan Parks, Anthony DePodesta, Nick Baker, Harrison Comb, Kale Slarks, Phoenix Hinks, Nick Towns.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country Runs around our community. We would also like to thank our teachers for helping coach our runners, Mrs. Griffen, Mrs. MacIsaac, Ms. Davidson and Mrs. Buck.

IN/OUT DAYS

WE WILL ENCOURAGE OUT DAYS. With the fall weather, we can expect more frequent wet, windy weather. Even on days with drizzle or light rain children may be sent out for a period of time to get fresh air. The day is long and children do crave exercise and fresh air. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AND ENSURE THEY ARE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER.



INSIDE SHOES

Please make sure your child has a clean pair of inside shoes to change into. Our fields get muddy and we are trying to keep our school clean. Students are not allowed to wear their muddy shoes inside the classrooms, library, music room or gym. Thank you for your help with this.

CHILDREN THAT ARE ILL



Everyone is mindful of how quickly illness can spread through a class or the school. It is important to note that **if your child is ill, keep them home**. Please **do not send a sick child to school** hoping that they may get better. Err on the side of caution, and **keep your child home to help prevent others from becoming sick**.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Our students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Thurs. Nov. 8th so that teachers can hold Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to come in and find out how your child is progressing. Each teacher sets their own schedule so if you have not heard from the teacher please contact him/her to find out when you are able to come in and see him/her. We hope many of our families will be able to attend. Busses will not be running in the afternoon for Promontory bus students. Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 12:00. Thank you.

LOST and FOUND



If you are wondering where some of your child's clothing has gone, it could be in our Lost and Found. It is full. All items will be on display on Wed. Nov. 7th and Thurs. Nov. 8th. They will be packed off to be sent to a charitable organization on Fri. Nov. 9th. Please take some time to come in and look through it.

Aboriginal News

Halq'emelem Language - October 29 - November 9

Lauralee Kelly is visiting classrooms teaching local Halq'emelem language.

Rock Your Mocs - Thursday November 15.

Please join in celebrating Aboriginal pride and culture, wear your mocassins or mukluks at school today!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten 2019 is now open. If your child will be 5 on or before December 31st, 2018 then it is time to register. Registration is all completed online. <https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home> You will need Proof of Address and a Birth Certificate. Please encourage any of your neighbours to register too.

Promontory PAC

Hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween!

Next PAC Meeting Thursday, November 8th, 7 p.m. in the library. One of the topics for discussion will be our new reporting procedures for K-5. Please join us.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Intermediate Homework Club

If you or your child would like a quiet place to complete work we are now offering an after school

homework club. The club will be supervised by one of our Education Assistants, Ms. Stone, and will run Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 2:30-3:00. This club begins on Mon. Oct. 29th. Students wishing to participate will be required to call home to confirm it is ok. We will also need to know how your child will get home after homework club. Supervision will end at 3:00.

LIBRARY NEWS

Storybook Pumpkins:

What a great response we had for our Storybook pumpkins! So many creative students and parents in our Promontory school community. A big thank you to everyone who participated in decorating our library for Halloween.

Camp Read S'more (READ-A-THON):

Our school's read-a-thon is on FRIDAY November 2ND from 1:00 – 2:00. Pledge forms were sent home last week, but if your child's has gone missing, just send your child to the library OR office for a new one. Parents are welcome to come and join your child for this fun, reading event. We are raising money to purchase Lego and build a Lego wall in our schools new Makerspace.



Scholastic Book Fair :

This will be coming November 27-November 29 (Tuesday –Thursday). Book Flyers and info will follow in the next couple of weeks. Please be aware that there will be no regular book exchange times during the week of the Book fair.

SUPER READER PROGRAM:

We have so many readers in this school! Many of the students have already brought in their home reading logs for 50 nights. Send the logs in to the library to get your bookmark / sticker prize for 50 nights! The earliest date for 100 nights is December 12. There will be a super reader assembly in the new year.

Family Reading & Book Exchange:

Did you know that families on Promontory Hill (includes Busy Bees & preschool) are able to sign up for a library account, whether or not they attend the school? Come and see me to get signed up! Families may have up to 20 books out at one time. Parents can visit the library Fridays between 8:15 and 8:55. Parents are also welcome to sign out books after school.

We LOVE Donated Books :

Please bring them to the library! We will add them to our library, into a classroom, use them in our 'Read and Return' books or add them to our Used Book sale. Please put your child's name on the bag, as I keep track of the students who donate books and give them VIP passes to come choose a used book for FREE before everyone else can come and buy!

The Bookman:

We have a Promontory Library account set up there. Please donate the credits you receive and we are then able to buy good used books at great prices! Thank you to the families that did that this past year.

Library Volunteers:

We always need help in the library! Please contact Mr. Mueller if you are able to volunteer and he will fit you onto the schedule.

Makerspace Materials:

We are looking for materials to stock our brand new maker space. We will take anything that students can use to create something new. We will accept any of the following materials: fabric, felt, straws, dowelling, egg cartons, cardboard, wire, string, index cards, coffee filters, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, playdough, elastic bands, toothpicks, cotton balls, Lego products, K'nex products, and old or broken electronics, and newspaper. These resources can be brought to Mr. Mueller in the library.

If you have any questions, please call me at 604-824-4885 or email at matthew_mueller@sd33.bc.ca

Thank you, Mr. Mueller

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PANTHER PEN is looking to be open over Christmas Break Dec 27th-29 and Jan 3rd-5th
please let the PHECSA office know if you are Interested in this
as we do need a minimum number of participants to make
this happen.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.

While service to students and parents is a priority and 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 check the **School District website** www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

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.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

All inclement weather information may be found on the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca

