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Promontory Motto - Strong Learners, Kind Hearts

PROMONTORY 2019-20

We were very fortunate to have Matt Brennan from CHP Architects (the firm that designed our school's addition) at our school on October 30th. He used his drone to take some aerial photos, including this image of our students as we look to the year ahead!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ~ Good habits...

"How important is it for my child to be on time for school?"

Good question. I'm glad you asked! The start of a school day sets the tone for the rest of the day. Teachers design their days accordingly, and they build in important social, learning and self-regulation activities. If children are late, they start the day at a deficit. It can be disorienting to the child and distracting to others. Many classes do essential language arts or math learning first thing, and it can be hard to catch up on the lesson when you have missed the first part.

Finally, being on time is a habit that we want our students to learn as a life skill. We are all expected to be on time for work as adults, and this is a habit we want to model. So thank you for ensuring that your children are at school on time each day (this means at the first bell at 8:18am).



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is on Monday, November 11th this year, so the school will be closed. Our Remembrance Day assembly is on the 8th at 10:30am. Our focus for this assembly is partially about honoring 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 8th 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.

MOVEMBER! Moustache Alert!

The male teachers at Promontory are excited to be a part of the annual Movember moustache campaign to raise awareness and funds for the prevention and cures of male specific cancers and mental illness. For the month they will be attempting to grow robust mighty moustaches for the cause. You can support by making a donation at the office. For each donation the student or parent will take a marker to our special bulletin board and draw a moustache on one of our participants. If we reach our goal of \$1000 the moustaches will remain intact for the first week of December. This a "fun"-raiser for a great cause and we look forward to seeing tremendous growth at the school.

BENEVOLENT FUND

From time to time, many families find themselves in dire circumstances and need a little help. We like to be able to help children with breakfast, lunch, school supplies, etc. when a family needs our help. You can play a role in this by supporting our Benevolent Fund, which is a trust account managed by our office and accessed as needed. We will happily receive personal or business donations to this good cause. If you would like to help, please contact Kelsey Elderton at our front desk. Thank you for your generous support of our school community.

PLAYGROUND ~ We are so close, and the deadline is so near.

To date we have secured about \$233,00 of the \$251,000 we need for the overall playground project. Thank you for participating in the *Drive a Honda* Fundraiser, where we raised close to \$2000 (with potential for even more if any of our Promontory supporters purchase a vehicle before the end of November). Your ongoing generosity is so appreciated. Thank you to Murray Honda and Promontory Tim Horton's for making this event a success. If you or your contacts are able to do anything to help us reach our goal before prices go up on Nov. 28th, we will welcome your support. It's the final push!! Let's make this happen!!! If you would like to bring in a donation of any size we will happily accept it at the school office, and you will be entered to win a Tim's Swag Bag.

REMINDER: Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. If your child will be 5 on or before December 31st, 2020 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 neighbors to register, too.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Mrs. Feldes will also be offering a Homework Club after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 3:15pm. This is for students who want some extra help or who are just looking for a quiet place to read or work (it is NOT a detention hall!). Students can come on a drop-in basis to the “Maker Space” Room after school. Mrs. Feldes still has plenty of available space, and she would love to work with your child!

COUNSELOR’S DROP-IN CONSULTATION SERVICES

Mrs. Lewis is our school counsellor this year and she will be offering a free drop-in time to consult and connect with parents regarding any concerns you may have or any community resources you are looking to try to connect with.

Drop in times are Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30-9:00am

IN/OUT DAYS

WE WILL GO OUTSIDE MOST DAYS. With the fall weather on its way, we can expect more frequent wet, windy weather.

Even on days with drizzle or light rain children will 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.**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the snow starts to fall and the roads get challenging to navigate, the District may need to close the schools for safety reasons. If you are ever unsure whether schools are open and busses running, you can check the Promontory web site at <https://promontory.sd33.bc.ca/> and the School District web site at <https://sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-school-closure-guidelines>.

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 are currently on display in our hallways. Please be sure to take a look through it, as they will be packed up and sent off as donations early next week.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 8	- Hot Lunch
Nov. 11	- Remembrance Day – No School
Nov. 22	- Hot Lunch
Nov. 29	- Pro-D Day, No School
Nov. 30-	PAC Christmas Craft Fair 10:00am-3:00pm
Dec 6.	- Hot Lunch

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. Thanks to everyone who participated in decorating pumpkins for our library. Check out our Instagram page for pictures: “Promontorymakerspace”.

Camp Read S’more (READ-A-THON):



Our school’s read-a-thon happened on THURSDAY October 24th from 9:00am – 10:00am. Pledge forms were sent home earlier in October, but if your child’s form has gone missing, just send your child to the library OR office

for a new one. We will be collecting pledges until Monday Nov 4. We are raising money to purchase new iPads to use in the library and new Makerspace. Check December’s newsletter for more details including the winner of the classroom pizza party once all the pledges are collected and counted.

Scholastic Book Fair:

This will be coming November 26-November 29 (Tuesday – Friday morning). Book Flyers and additional 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. All proceeds will be invested back into the school library or Makerspace. At our last book fair we fundraised over \$3300 worth of new items for the Makerspace. To see all of the amazing items that we purchased from fundraising last year please check out our Instagram: “promontorymakerspace”.

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 13. There will be a super reader assembly in the New Year. If you need a new Green Super Reader Reading Log please stop by the library or office.

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 8:15am and 8:55am. Parents are also welcome to sign out books after school.

Library Volunteers:

We always need help in the library! Please contact Mr. Mueller if you are able to volunteer and he will fit you into the schedule. If you have any questions, please call me at 604-824-4885 or email at matthew_mueller@sd33.bc.ca.



MAKERSPACE NEWS

WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:

Check out Promontory's Makerspace Instagram for pictures of the new and exciting builds! Instagram: Promontorymakerspace

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1.) Pipe Cleaners
- 2.) Elastics
- 3.) Toothpicks
- 4.) Popsicle sticks
- 5.) Beads
- 6.) Marbles
- 7.) Nails/Screws
- 8.) Hammers
- 9.) Screw drivers and other hand tools.

PAC NEWS

Our next PAC Meeting is Monday, November 4th at 7:00pm in the Library. See you there!

Hot Lunch

Parents can place their hot lunch orders online only using [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)! Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, pre-paid credit card or visa debit. Cash or cheque may be dropped off at the school office.

Note to returning parents upon first login. Any returning parents who login will see this message: "Welcome to the 2019-20 school year, please update your child's grade/teacher/div BEFORE ordering". You must complete this step before you will be able to order.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/PromontoryHeights/>
- 2) Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through from there.
- 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be open at least by the 1st of each month until 1 week before date of hot lunch
- Orders are paid for using credit card online through munch a lunch secure system. Or brought to school by ordering date deadline. If payment is not received by deadline you will be notified of your order cancellation.

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch at 12 pm from your child's classroom; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser.

We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards needs of the school and general fundraising within the school. We are always in need of Volunteers! There is a volunteer page in the online system where you can checkmark which dates you are available. The lunch coordinator will then contact you with a proposed schedule. If you have any questions, please email promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com.
Kristie

November & December Tween Night

November 8

November 15

November 22

November 29

December 6

December 13

- Open to all Students in Grades 4-6 only
- Fridays 6:30pm-9:00pm @ Promontory Heights Elementary School
- \$3 entrance fee/student



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Looking for something fun to do Friday nights? Bring your friends and join us and check out the many activities offered; free time in the gym, foosball, air hockey, concession, board games and more!

Note: Tween Night does not run on any Fridays that there is no school, this includes Pro D Days and long weekends. Sorry for any inconvenience this may pose! Thank you for your patience.