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## Promontory Motto - Strong Learners, Kind Hearts

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ~

Happy New Year 2020! It was such a pleasure to become part of the Promontory Heights family in the Fall of 2019, and I look forward to what is to come in 2020! One of the first things we will be doing as a staff is holding our school-based Pro-D Day on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. What happens on Pro-D Days? Do teachers sleep in and watch Netflix all day, or maybe do a little shopping? Not so! Teachers are professionals, and we take professional development (Pro-D) very seriously. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be learning Math strategies from a special guest expert, we will be looking at data to see how our students are doing with their Math skills, we will be collaborating to determine our next steps in meeting the learning needs of our students, and we will be team-building.

### READY, SET, LEARN

Our annual Ready, Set, Learn event will be held from 8:30am – 10:00am on Wed. January, 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for our incoming Kindergarten children to come to school with their parents/caregivers. There will be information for parents/guardians, and the children will be involved with some interesting and fun activities. Please mark your calendars and invite your neighbors if they have a child coming into kindergarten.

### COURTESY AND COMMON SENSE

Have you had the pleasure of driving into our school parking lot at the start or end of the school day? If so, we hope you have been on the receiving end of someone's common sense and courtesy, someone who is taking the time to do the right thing and ensure that they help with traffic flow and safety. Sadly, chances are you have also seen someone who has left their vehicle in a drop-off zone, stopped in a no-stopping zone, ignored the signage, driven too fast, etc. The reality is that we have supervisors outside at the parking lot, signs on the asphalt and signs on pylons, and orange No Parking stripes on curbs, and yet we still get people stopping and blocking traffic on a daily basis. On a bad weather day we have up to 150 cars enter the parking lot. We cannot force anyone to show courtesy and common sense; we can only appeal to each driver to do so. If you need to walk your child to their class or line up, come early enough to find a parking spot; don't leave your

vehicle in the drop off zone or through lane. If you cannot see your child at dismissal time, keep circling until you do (don't park and stop the flow). We can only make things better if you help make things better. Please do your part.

### EARLY DISMISSAL

Our students will be dismissed at **11:30 on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** for teachers to connect with parents, as needed. **Busses WILL be running and will pick up at 11:30am for Promontory bus students.** Please make arrangements to pick up your children at 11:30am if they are not bus students.

### 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.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are planning to be part of the Heart & Stroke Foundations *Jump Rope for Heart* program. The purpose is to get kids active, increase their awareness of heart health, and raise some funds in a fun way. Your child will attend a kick-off assembly on January 20<sup>th</sup> where the details of the program will be explained to them. They will come home with some information for you. Then for the following 3 weeks we will be doing some skipping and fundraising, with competitions and prizes at the end. Every child who registers for online fundraising through the Heart & Stroke Foundations website will automatically have their name entered into a draw for a prize. All information is held securely, and even friends and relatives in other areas can easily donate online in your child's name.

[https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jump\\_home](https://secure-support.heartandstroke.ca/site/SPageServer/?pagename=jump_home)

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Kindergarten 2020 is now open. If your child will be 5 years old on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 then it is time to register. Registration is all completed online at <https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>.

You will need Proof of Address and a Birth Certificate. Please encourage any of your neighbors to register, too.

### 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

**Winter weather is on its way. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD COMES DRESSED EACH DAY FOR THE FORECASTED WEATHER. WE WILL GO OUTSIDE MOST DAYS.** Even on days with snow, 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, but our field gets very waterlogged. **THEY ESPECIALLY NEED A GOOD WEATHER-PROOF JACKET AND WATER-PROOF BOOTS. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES. THANK YOU!**

### 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>

### TECHNOLOGY

Many students may have received fun new gadgets over the holidays. Remember that the school policy on technology is that any devices (including techie watches) are meant to be powered off and put away during school hours. In some circumstances, with direct teacher instruction and supervision, students may be invited to use devices for educational purposes. If you do choose to send your child with a device to school, be sure to review these expectations and remember that the school is not responsible for lost items.

### LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

There will be an information meeting for parents of students entering grade 6 in September 2020 who are interested in the

Late French Immersion program at either Vedder Middle or a Chilliwack Middle School.

**Date:** Monday January 13, 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Place:** Chilliwack Middle School – Gymnasium

### Dates to Remember

Jan.13	-7:00pm PAC Meeting – ALL welcome!
Jan.14	-Boys Volleyball Game (@Promontory)
Jan.15	-Crazy Hair Day
	-Girls Volleyball Game (@Promontory)
Jan.17	-Hot Lunch
Jan.21	-Boys V-ball Game (@Promontory)
Jan.22	-Girls V-ball Game
Jan.24	-Pro-D Day (NO School)
Jan.28	-Boys V-ball Game (@Promontory)
Jan.29	<b>-8:30 – 10:00am</b> <b>READY-SET-LEARN FAIR FOR INCOMING</b> <b>KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS</b>
	-Girls V-Ball Game (@Promontory)
Jan.31	-Hot Lunch
Feb.13	-Hot Lunch
Feb. 14	-Pink & Red Day
	-Early Dismissal @11:30 – Busses Running
Feb. 17	-Family Day – No School
Feb.21	-Pro-D Day – No School

### LIBRARY NEWS

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to everyone that made a purchase and helped make our Book Fair a success! All book fair purchases benefit our school and students. We had a great turn out at our first book fair of the year. This year we made a total of \$6262 and we took the cash reward of \$1456. This year the proceeds of the book fair will be used to purchase a tech tub that can charge up to 10 iPads. Any additional funds will be combined with our October Readathon money to help purchase iPads. The Book Fair will be back in June 2020.



### **SUPER READER ASSEMBLY:**



The first Kiwanis Super Reader Assembly has been postponed until February. Please check the February newsletter for more details. If your child has lost or misplaced their green Super Reader booklet, extras are

available at the library. Every night a child reads for 15 minutes they receive a check mark in their booklet. Every 50 nights of reading return the booklet back to your classroom teacher for a reading prize.

### **SUPER READER PRIZES:**

#### 50 Nights

- Bookmark or Sticker

#### 100 Nights– Kiwanis prize & McDonald's coupon

- K – t shirt & goodie bag
- 1 – picture book & goodie bag
- 2 – chapter book & goodie bag
- 3 – clipboard & McD coupon
- 4 – clipboard & McD coupon
- 5 – stylus pen & McD coupon

#### 150 Nights

- Toy

#### 200 Nights

- Book. Both picture books and chapter books are available.

#### 250 Nights

- \$6 Cole's gift certificate

### **READING LINK CHALLENGE 2019/2020**



Get ready to join in the fun and participate in the sport of reading! Promontory will be participating in the FVRL Reading Link Challenge again this year. This competition is open to students in Grades 4 and 5. Priority will go to Grade 5 students, because it is their last year to compete.

**How does the FVRL Reading Link Challenge Work?** - Students will read up

to 6 specially selected books. Their job is to pay attention to the details of the story. Students then practice with their teams by taking turns asking and answers questions. All questions will be short answer, multiple choice, and true or false questions. Parents can help too! Read the books. Encourage your child. Help quiz your child about the details of the books. For more information visit:

[www.readinglinkchallenge.ca](http://www.readinglinkchallenge.ca)

### **The Books:**

*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

*Loot* by Jude Watson

*A Whale in Paris* by Daniel Presley

*Kenny and the Dragon* by Tony DiTerlizzi

*The Loser Club* by Andrew Clements

*Where's Burgess?* by Laurie Elmquist

We currently have six copies of each book at the Promontory Library. Additional copies are also available from the FVRL Chilliwack and Sardis Branches. The Chilliwack Library has acquired 10 additional copies of each of this year's RLC titles! These copies are not catalogued like the rest of the collection but instead live at the Information Desk at the Chilliwack Library (the downtown branch). Students can get a copy by going down to the library and talking to one of the friendly staff members. Also, there are e-books & audio books for some titles, which can be found on FVRL Tumblebooks or from FVRL Overdrive site.

### **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 first before everyone else can come and buy! The used book sale will take place the week before Spring Break. More details to come in 2020.

### **MAKERSPACE NEWS**

#### **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:**

Want to see what our students are making in the makerspace? You can now check out our Makerspace online. We have an Instagram account. Follow us at promontorymakerspace

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

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

### **PAC NEWS**

Our next PAC Meeting is Monday, January 13th at 7:00pm in the Library. See you there!

### **Hot Lunch**

Parents can place their hot lunch orders **online only** using [MunchaLunch.com](http://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.

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. We would really love the extra support and help!!!**

If you have any questions, please email [promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com).

Kristie

### **Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association**

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Web: [www.phecsa.ca](http://www.phecsa.ca)



### **Winter 2020 Programs**

Registration is open soon for our winter programs; register early to secure your spot!

Minimum registrations required for programs to run (vary with course). Register now to avoid cancellation.

*Please visit our website for program details.*

#### **Preschool (0-5 years)**

- Baking Buddies
- Busy Bees Crafts and Coffee (Free Drop-In)
- Discover Dance
- Karate
- Little Kickers Soccer

#### **School Aged (6 – 12 years)**

- Delicious Dessert Creations

- Guitar/Piano/Voice Lessons
- Karate
- Babysitter Course/At Home Alone
- BCSPCA Kids Club
- Discover Dance
- Tween Night (Drop-In)

#### **Youth (13+)**

- Youth Afterschool Drop-In (Free)
- Youth Crew (Work Experience For Ages 14+)

#### **Adult/Senior**

- Prime Timers Social (Free Drop-In)
- Guitar Lessons
- Pickle Ball (Drop-In)
- Zumba (Drop-In Option)

### **Upcoming Special Events**

Easter EGGstravaganza

### **Tween Night**

Please see attached PDF file for more information.

### **Facilities Rentals**

Our school facilities are used throughout the year for birthday parties, meeting, clubs, soccer practices, and many other social, recreational and educational community gatherings. Contact us for your special event!

### **Community School News**

PHECSA welcomes Naomi Harder as our new Community School Coordinator!

Naomi brings with her a solid background in program administration and coordination, diverse experience establishing and promoting community programs, and many years working in customer service and supervising staff and volunteers. Naomi is excited to support the Promontory community with integrated programs that improve student learning, strengthen families and promote health and wellness.

