



Promontory Motto – "Clean Hands, Kind Hearts, Strong Learners"

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It has been great to be back in the school and to have most of our students attending. Many of us were more than happy to see 2020 move into the rear-view mirror. While last year was one for the history books and had its share of challenges, it also forced us to evaluate what really matters in schools and to look at different ways of doing things. Our hope is to maintain the positive changes we have made out of necessity, and to hopefully return soon to some of the things we have been unable to do (like gather in larger groups for events and activities). Meanwhile, we appreciate your patience and cooperation in following the COVID protocols and making the adjustments we need to make.

One of our bigger challenges is the fact that parents aren't in the school as they once were. This lack of face to face interaction has been hard, but we want to remind you we are all available by email, phone, or video conference. Please reach out if you want to talk.

NORMAL ATTENDANCE

This week we have been pleased to see our student attendance rates get back to "normal". We look forward to Term Two and getting into routines while gathering momentum in learning. The return of most of our students means we have to be extra careful with crowding. We appreciate your help with keeping the sidewalks clear of parents and strollers so there is room for classes to pass through. It is best if you "drop and go" to open up space, but if you must remain on the blacktop and basketball court, please remember to practice physical distancing and wear your mask. Thanks for helping us keep kind, calm, and safe.

With the higher attendance and rainy weather, we again see more vehicles in the parking lot. Please help us! Remember that the areas alongside the school are not for parking, so please do not leave your vehicle unattended there, as it creates congestion. Again, "drop and go" is the ideal. Thank you for your help in making everything flow smoothly and safely.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK – A commitment from you

Parents and guardians are an essential link in the safety protocols we are following, and your commitment to using the Daily Health Check is so important. Please continue to monitor your child's health each morning, and do not send a sick child to school.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Our students will be dismissed at **11:10/11:20am on Thursday, February 11th** for teachers to work on assessment and to connect with parents, as needed. **Busses WILL be running and will pick up at 11:25am for Promontory bus students.** Please make arrangements to pick up your children at 11:10/11:20am if they are not bus students.

IN/OUT 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 need exercise and fresh air. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AND ENSURE THEY ARE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER. Keeping a change of clothes in their backpacks is encouraged!**

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Schedule Update

Happy New Year! For the foreseeable future our school will remain split into two different learning groups with two different schedules. This

system is designed to accommodate all the classes and keep students safe with their designated learning groups. All classes will visit the library learning commons every two weeks. Students will be permitted to take out 2 books at a time.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to everyone that made a purchase and helped make our Book Fair an incredible success! All book fair purchases benefit our school and students. We had a great turn out at our first book fair of the year. We sold a total of \$7177.80 and we took the cash reward of \$1671.61. This year the proceeds of the book fair will be used to purchase computers for a new Mac lab.

The fundraiser will continue throughout the rest of 2021. I would like to purchase the computers and have them ready for early 2022. Thank you for supporting our students and school community.

SUPER READER PROGRAM:

Please do not forget about the Kiwanis Super Reader Program. We are approaching 100 nights of home reading fast! The earliest date for 100 nights is December 14. Please return your child's Super Reader Booklet to their classroom teacher. This year the assembly is cancelled but prizes will be awarded in the library in the New Year.

It is not too late to start Super Reader! There are extra booklets available in the library. Logs can also be back dated. Students are required to read or be read to for 15 minutes a night. This is a great way to build reading into your routine. Students receive different prizes at the 50,100,150,200,250-night levels.

SUPER READER ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Dec 14, 2020 was the first day to hand in 100 Nights of reading. Prizes will be awarded in the classroom between Jan 18-29. Please make sure that your child has shown their teacher their green Super Reader log book. There will be no formal assembly this year, but everyone will be recognized in classroom ceremony. I plan on recognizing students via a slide show during a virtual assembly in the future. I would like to thank the Kiwanis club for supporting our school by donating reading prizes.

How does Super Reader work?

Every night a child reads for 15 minutes they receive a check mark in their green reading log booklet. Every 50 nights of reading, please return the booklet back to your classroom teacher for a reading prize. If your child has lost or misplaced their green Super Reader booklet, some extras are available at the library.

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 + NEW Various

Scholastic Book Fair Posters

150 Nights

- Toy – NEW POKEMON mini figures available. While supplies last.

200 Nights

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

250 Nights

- \$6 Cole's gift certificate

MAKERSPACE NEWS

Check out what we are making in the Makerspace! Please visit our Instagram page: "Promontorymakerspace"

Supplies Needed:

We are always looking for supplies to use in the Makerspace. Please check out the list below to see if you can help. If you have something unique, that is not on the list, please contact Mrs. Buck or Mr. Mueller.

- 1.) Magnets
- 2.) Pipe Cleaners
- 3.) Elastics
- 4.) Toothpicks
- 5.) Popsicle sticks- Large or Small
- 6.) Beads
- 7.) Marbles
- 8.) Nails/Screws
- 9.) Thread, String, Ribbon

PAC NEWS

Our PAC is working hard to give Promontory Elementary students a great school experience in 2021. We continue to be limited in much of our activities due to Covid restrictions. We were unable to host the annual pancake breakfast in December but instead the kids were treated to a “Breakfast for Lunch” Hot Lunch and a virtual visit from Santa. Thanks to our Hot Lunch coordinators Karmen and Kristie for their continued efforts.

The PAC showed our appreciation to Mr. Bloch and Ms. VanDalfsen with a holiday gift this year in December. We witnessed them put in many long hours due to the constantly evolving procedures in school. They have been so creative and caring during this difficult year. Thank you again to our wonderful Principal and Vice Principal!

The CSOPA theater event, movie nights, school dances and field trips will not be taking place this year. Our aim for 2021 is to provide fun in-school activities to help keep up student morale. Do you have an idea for our **Fun Committee**? The PAC is looking for a few parent/guardian volunteers to help plan fun activities for our students for the upcoming months (keeping Covid restrictions in mind). Let’s give our kids some things to look forward to! Please message us if you are willing to help.

Email: promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca

It’s easier than ever to join in on our monthly meeting and find out the latest school news! Our meetings are exclusively on Zoom until further notice. The Zoom link can be found on the PAC portion of the school webpage or on our Facebook page closer to the date. **Our next PAC Meeting is on Tuesday, January 19 @7:00pm.**

Here is the ZOOM link you can use to join the meeting:

<https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/67543165021>

Meeting ID: 675 4316 5021

No password required

Follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/Promontory-Heights-Community-Elementary-School-PAC>

MUNCH-A-LUNCH IS OPEN FOR HOT LUNCH
Hot Lunch & Fundraising on Munch-A-Lunch

Ordering is now OPEN for January Dates.

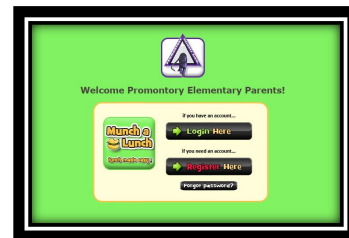
January 22 – Jim's Pizza

Parents can place their orders online only using [MunchaLunch.com](https://munchalunch.com)! Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, prepaid credit card or visa debit. **Due to COVID, we will no longer be accepting cash or cheque.**

Note to returning parents upon first login. Any returning parents who login will see this message: “Welcome to the 2020-21 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.



HOT LUNCH ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be open at least 2 weeks before the hot lunch date. Ordering closes 1 week before the date of hot lunch.
 - Orders are paid for using a credit card online through Munch-A-Lunch secure system. If payment is not received by deadline you will be notified of your order cancellation.
- Please only order for the dates you intend to pay for. Munch A Lunch does not accept partial payments. Thank you!**
- Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to plan ahead of time to come and pick up their lunch at 12 pm from the front office; 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. Please make sure to make an appointment with the office **before** showing up at the school. If you have any questions, please email the following:

Karmen & Kristie -Hot Lunch Co-ordinators
promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com

Leah Shields - Fundraising Co-ordinator shields@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

Jan. 22 -Hot Lunch

Feb. 3 -Ready, Set, Learn

Feb. 5 -Hot Lunch

Feb. 11 -Early Dismissal @ 11:10/11:20 busses running

Feb.15 - Family Day Holiday (no school)

FEB.19 -Pro-D Day (no school)

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association

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Winter 2021 Programs

Registration is open for our next At Home Alone10+ course designed to teach children to make safe choices while at home alone; register early to secure your spot!

Course Date: Friday, February 19th 9:00-1:00 at Promontory Heights Elementary

School Aged (6 – 12 years)

- Panther Pen Before & Afterschool Child Care Program
- Private Piano Lessons
- At Home Alone / Babysitter Course

Youth (13+)

- Private Piano Lessons
- Babysitter Course

Community School News

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic access to Chilliwack School District facilities are limited. PHECSA is required to suspend all adult programs, drop-in programs, special events and rentals until further notice. Thank-you so much for being a part of our community and we look forward to hosting your favorite activities again soon!