



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

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P/VP MESSAGE

Happy June!

As this newsletter goes out, there are only 3 weeks of school remaining. Wow! In some ways we begin to anticipate a much needed summer break, and in some ways our blood pressure rises because there is still so much to accomplish! It has been a very different year, but there is hope on the horizon for a return to whatever "normal" may look like. We are currently hard at work determining schedules, staffing, student placements, and more details for September. We are also hard at work creating the final report cards, which will be going home on Thursday, June 24th (the last day of school). Thank you all for your diligence, patience and kindness as we worked through the year together. This continues to be such a great school community!

As a school community, we acknowledge the devastating recent discovery at Kamloops Residential School. This news has impacted everyone who has heard, especially our aboriginal friends and neighbors. There is so much still to do as we work towards truth and reconciliation. Several memorial activities have and will continue to happen at school, along with appropriate class discussions. We encourage you to address this with your children at home, as well.

MORNING SUPERVISION

As the weather warms up and the mornings are brighter, we are noticing more children arriving at school quite early. Please know that if your child shows up before supervision time, there is no staff watching the play areas. Reminder that **there is NO supervision prior to 8:10am.**

TECHNOLOGY PERMISSION 2021/2022

The Technology AUA forms will be mass emailed out this year from the District level. Please be watching your email for these Technology Permission Forms; They will be emailed out on June 15th for the 2021/2022 school year. They will be emailed out again September 1st 2021. Students who do not have Tech Permissions granted will lose access to all technology that is used across the district.

GRADE 5 YEAR END CELEBRATION June 22nd (3:00-4:30pm)

Please be aware that our parking lot will be very busy after school on Tuesday, June 22nd as we celebrate the end of elementary school for our 93 Grade 5 students. Parents and students will be driving through the parking lot and connecting with their child's teacher. It will be an exciting time of celebration!

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY TRIBUTE

June 21st is National Indigenous Day. On this day our school will be doing many activities to celebrate Indigenous culture in Canada. This year, given the recent news from the Residential School in Kamloops, we would also like to take the time to honour those 215 children whose remains were found. As a visual tribute we will be attaching 215 pairs of shoes to the fence that runs along the North side of our school field. Shoes will be attached on June 21st and left up as a visual for our community until June 23rd when we will remove the shoes and they will be donated to children in need in our community. If you have a pair of gently used children's shoes that you would like to donate to this tribute, please send them with your child to school.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is filled with many items that are likely to be missed. All items will be on display on tables on the basketball court before and after school on June 16th & 17th. Please plan to come browse for any missing items on those days. **After the 17th all remaining items will be donated.**

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS 2021

You can find more info about available programs, here: <https://www.sd33.bc.ca/summer-learning>

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM (Absences and lates)

Thank you to our families for using this online process for reporting your absent/late children. If you have yet to try it, please follow this link: [SAFE ARRIVAL](#).

KINDERGARTEN

Our gradual entry information for September can be found at the top of our school website, along with our Promontory Kindergarten tour video. I've also posted the link [HERE](#) for ease.

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 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.

The BC K-12 daily health check app can be found at the following addresses:

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bc-k-12-daily-health-checker/id1547334827>

Google:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.qp.k12A>
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WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them each day. Drinking fountains are closed, so water bottles are necessary.

LIBRARY NEWS from Mr. Mueller:

Summer Reading Club at FVRL

Make sure to check out the Fraser Valley Regional Library for great summer reading options and reading activities. The FVRL is constantly running programs that encourage reading and reward young readers. This year's theme is "Crack the Case". The program starts Tuesday June 1st. It is absolutely free!

The public library has ebooks and audiobooks that can be checked out online. If you need a library card, please follow this link:

<https://promontory.sd33.bc.ca/sites/promontory.sd33.bc.ca/files/2020-09/FVRL%20Library%20Card%20Newsletter.pdf>

If you are looking for digital access to books this summer, please check out the "PROMONTORY HEIGHTS HOME LITERACY and VIRTUAL LIBRARY RESOURCE GUIDE". Please follow this link:

<https://promontory.sd33.bc.ca/sites/promontory.sd33.bc.ca/files/2020-09/UpdatedPHE%20Home%20Literacy%20and%20Virtual%20Library%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – MAY 2021

I just want to thank the school community for making the Book Fair so successful. The May Book Fair sold a total of

\$7990.99. We sold a total of 187 books online through our Shopify store.

For our share of the work, we will get \$1861.80. This money will be invested into our library MAC LAB project we have been fundraising for all school year. We have purchased 5 new Macbooks and are expecting them to be ready for use at the beginning of the next school year.

SUPER READER

I want to thank Arley and the Kiwanis Club for their amazing work supporting the Super Reader program. This year the 250-night prizes coupons are now worth \$7 and can be redeemed at Coles Bookstore in the Cottonwood Center. Coles asks that all customers follow their mask policy while it is in place. The last day to claim a coupon is June 11. If your child is close but might not make it to 250, please let your child's teacher know immediately so we can order more coupons if needed.

READING LINK CHALLENGE

This year, because of COVID19, I ran the Reading Link Challenge differently than past years. Our team, made of up of Grade 5's from Ms. Ablitt's class, did extremely well. Our school team "The Cliff Hangers", finished in 2nd place of all the teams in the whole district. They had a chance to compete in the regional tournament where they had a valiant effort and tried their hardest. I am extremely proud of this group, their hard work, and what they accomplished. It is hard to finish in the top three.

Congrats to the Annalise B, Faiha F, Laken O, Owen O, Rashmika S, and Riley K for their amazing accomplishment.

BOOK RETURNS

Families are responsible for paying for any lost or damage books that are on their child's account. All student books are due the week of Monday June 7, 2021 to Friday June 11, 2021. After that point, invoices to replace the books will be sent out to families. Please pay for any damaged or missing books immediately. Overdue books or library fines can prevent your child from using the school library next school year.

It is easy to pay for lost or damaged books. We accept exact cash, or cheque. If you are paying by cheque, they can be made out to "Promontory Elementary".

ACCELERATED READER RESULTS

The top three students that reached the highest scores for the 2020/2021 school year are:

1st Zelalem N. 347 pts

2nd Owen B. 333 pts

3rd Bennett G. 265 pts

The top three students will be receiving a special lunch on Friday in June! Congrats to the winners. Thanks to all of our students who participated in A.R. this school year.

Honorable Mention List:

4th Ezekiel P. 201 pts

5th Luca I. 189 pts

6th Briar B. 181 pts

7th Micah D. 150 pts

8th Matthew P. 105 pts.

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.) PVC Pipe Pieces/Plumbing Pipe Scraps
- 3.) Pipe Cleaners
- 4.) Elastics
- 5.) Toothpicks
- 6.) Gently Used Puppets
- 7.) Beads
- 8.) Marbles
- 9.) Nails/Screws
- 10.) Hammers/Screw Drivers & other hand tools

PAC NEWS:

WE MADE IT! We are so pleased that school was able to operate from September to June without any pandemic related closures. We are optimistic and hold on to the hope that things will be more "normal" come September and that the PAC can re-introduce fun activities and events to offer the students.

Our AGM was held on May 18 and the following individuals were elected to PAC executive and representative positions:

President- Nicole Griffiths

Vice President- Jennifer Allen

Treasurer- Katie McNulty

Secretary- Melissa Benz

Fundraising & PHECSA Rep- Leah Shields

Hot Lunch- Kristie O'Hara & Karmen Sawracki

Communication & DPAC Rep- Amanda Gervais

Our last meeting for the year will be Tuesday, June 15th. If restrictions allow, we will be able to meet in person in the parking lot (how exciting!). Bring your own lawn chair and watch our webpage and FB page for updates. We will continue to provide a Zoom link for those who feel more comfortable meeting virtually.

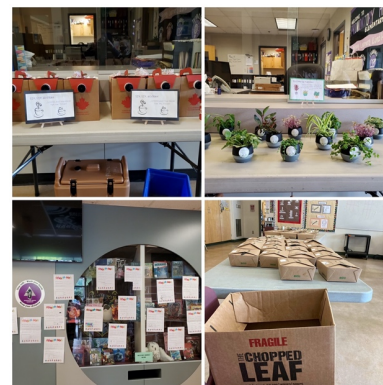
In May, the PAC celebrated our staff and their efforts throughout this difficult year by hosting a Staff Appreciation week.

1st Day- Coffee and Tea from Tim Horton's

2nd Day- Choice of household plant to take home

3rd Day- Personalized thank you notes from students posted around the school

4th Day- Lunch from Chopped Leaf



PAC will also be celebrating the students by providing a free Covid-friendly hot dog lunch for a year end wrap upon Wednesday, June 23rd. Stay tuned for more details.

Dust off those Hawaiian shirts, floppy hats and sunglasses! Our final Spirit Day of the year will be "Beach Day" on Friday, June 18th. Please keep school dress codes in mind when participating (no bathing suits please).

As always, we welcome any parents/guardians of students at our school to be involved in PAC. Message us if you are interested in volunteering or would like more information. Follow us on Facebook:

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

Email: promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca

HOT LUNCH:

Our Hot Lunch program was a great success this year despite COVID. We really enjoyed keeping that little piece of "normal" in our school. We are looking forward to what the next school year brings!

Karmen & Kristie- Hot Lunch Co-ordinators

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Leah Shields- Fundraising Co-ordinator lshields79@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 11	- Grade 5 tours of Mt. Slesse Middle School
June 18	- Grade 5s to Camp Squeah
June 18	- "Beach Day" spirit day
June 21 ^{s t}	- National Indigenous Day
June 22	- Grade 5 Year-End Drive Through Celebration (3:00-4:30pm)
June 23	- Fun Day and Hot Dog Lunch
June 24	- Report Cards sent home -LAST DAY! – Early Dismissal @11:20/11:30
	BUSSES RUNNING
Sept. 7	- Schools Re-Open



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Summer 2021 Programs

Canadian Red Cross Babysitter Course for youth aged 11 – 14. The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course covers everything required to build confidence and learn the skills to be a great babysitter. Skills include preventing injuries, handling emergencies, dealing with common problems such as difficult behaviours, feeding, diapering and much more. All participants will receive their Red Cross Babysitting Course certificate after successfully completing the course.

Course Date: Friday, August 6th 9:00-5:00 at Promontory Heights Elementary

At Home Alone 10+ course is designed to teach children to make safe choices while at home alone; register early to secure your spot!

Course Date: Friday, August 13th 12:00-4:00 at Promontory Heights Elementary

Community School News

We are hiring! PHECSA has two positions available for September 2021. Contact our office for more information!

Childcare Worker for before and after-school care with Panther Pen.

Guitar Teacher for 1-2 afternoons per week.

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 favourite activities again soon!