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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome back from Spring Break! I sincerely hope you are all well rested and enjoyed the pace of the break this year. This time of the school year is always my favourite as we are settled in with our routines and the weather is great for outdoor learning. April is Poetry Month and Earth Month in our district. We expect to be outside a lot this month!

As you likely know from the news, in an effort to help break the chain of increased COVID-19 infection in the province, new public health restrictions are now in place between March 29th and April 19th, 2021. This week the Ministry of Education issued a clear direction for the use of masks for all students (and staff) in the updated Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 settings. Please refer to Superintendent Bocking's letter to families on March 31st for specific details.

When we return to school from Easter/Chocolate weekend on Tuesday the 5th, all students in grades 4 to 7 will be required to wear non-medical masks in indoor areas. Students in K - 3 are encouraged to join their older peers as well. This is a direction from the Ministry of Education that we at Cedar Grove are obligated to follow. The Ministry will be working with public health up to and after April 19th to review this order. For more information, please refer to the school district's website. The top banner "info, resources & supports" has lots of great information.

Know that we don't, and never have, blame or shame students into compliance in any aspect of school life. We ask for your partnership with this new routine in our pandemic schooling.

Thank you all for your continued support of staff and students at Cedar Grove. Your diligence in performing daily health checks and communicating with us the past 7 months has kept our school running smoothly. Your commitment to our school's amazing community and culture is very much appreciated.

As always, just holler if you have any questions or concerns.

**AIR HUGS,
OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL**



DOUBLE DIGIT ADDITION OUTSIDE!

APRIL KEY DATES

School closed - Friday, 2nd

School closed - Monday, 5th

PAC meeting - Wednesday 7th

Fancy Friday - Friday, 9th

Pro-D Day - Monday, 12th

Out in Schools - Divs 1, 2, 3 -

Thursday, 15th

Earth Day - Thursday, 22nd



LATE OR ABSENT

If your child will be absent or late, please call the school office at 604.886.7818 to let us know or leave a message on the machine.

CELL PHONE POLICY

If you believe you must send your child to school with a phone, please note the following: Students must keep their phones turned off on school property and stored in their backpacks at all times of the school day. This is a safety concern for privacy reasons as well as a distraction for learners. If a student's phone is seen during the school day, they will be asked to give their phone to the office for the remainder of the day. If you need to contact your child, please call the school at 604 886 7818. Please do not send texts or phone their cells expecting replies during school hours. Cedar Grove Elementary School is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property. If you are concerned about loss, theft or damage, please do not send a cell phone with your child.

WEST COAST RECESS!



Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Many kids (you know who they are) benefit from keeping a change of clothes at school.

PEANUT FREE CLASSROOMS



Division 10 (Favro) and our SCAS rooms are peanut-free classes.

PAC CORNER

Our next **PAC Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, April 7th at 7pm on Zoom. The meeting link will be emailed to everyone the day prior to the meeting.

Fundraising

We've got a new exciting fundraiser selling beautiful hanging baskets, planters, flowers, etc. You can order online and pay by credit card or e-transfer. Orders will then be ready for pick up at the school (outside) on Friday May 7th (Mother's Day is May 10th). Order deadline is April 18th. Go to www.cedargrove.growingsmilesfundraising.com to place your order.

Road Safety

We have several parent volunteers that are working to make the walk to school for students more safe by pushing for the consideration of stop signs and crosswalks at the Pratt Rd and Chaster Rd intersection. This is no easy task. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at cgepac@gmail.com

Parent Education Conference

The BCCPAC puts on a Parent Education Conference every year. This year it will be online on May 28 & 29. The theme and content focus this year is "Empowerment through Knowledge and Sharing". Go to www.bccpac.bc.ca to find out more.



BORN IN 2016?

Time to register for Kindergarten

#grovegnomes



OUT IN SCHOOLS

We are excited to share that Out In Schools is doing a virtual tour of the Sunshine Coast this month. They visit our district every two years, and this year, the presentation for our school will be held virtually on Thursday, April 15th. They will lead our students in Divisions 1, 2, and 3 through a dynamic presentation and equip them with language and tools for inclusion.

Out In Schools is an award-winning program that brings films into classrooms to inspire youth to step into the challenges and the triumphs of LGBT2Q+ communities. They engage youth through film in the promotion of safe and inclusive learning environments, free from discrimination, homophobia, transphobia, and bullying. Out In Schools has reached more than 100,000 youth since they started visiting schools in 2004. They've brought queer film and transformative discussion to 57 of BC's 60 school districts in that time!

The content of the presentations includes:

- Engaging and impactful short films
- Terminology and concepts
- Impacts of homophobia, transphobia and other forms of discrimination and how they intersect
- LGBT2Q+ history and current events
- How to step up as an ally

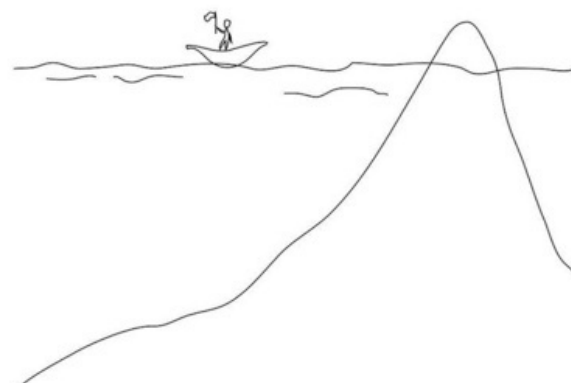
For more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch, or to visit: <https://outinschools.com/> or <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/sogi>.



April is Poetry Month!

you have only scratched the surface
of what you're capable of
there are decades
of victories ahead of you

- rupi kaur



Happy Easter



A CEDAR GROVE SPIRIT DAY

Fancy Friday at the Grove

WEAR YOUR FANCIEST CLOTHES TO SCHOOL!

Friday, April 9th!