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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



OLIVE WITH HER GREAT RAINBOW HAIR!

DECEMBER KEY DATES

- PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Wednesday, 2nd
- Parent-Teacher Conferences begin this week
- Early dismissals @ 139 - Wednesday, 2nd & Thursday, 3rd
- Elf Day - Wear your best holiday gear - Thursday, 10th
- "Gnomes for the Holidays: virtual concert" - tentatively booked - Thursday, 17th
- PJ Day and Last Day of School - Friday, 18th
- School reopens on Monday, January 4th

We are super pleased to see the start of the holiday season at Cedar Grove. Children have been busy preparing for their "Gnomes for the Holidays" virtual concert; festive lights are twinkling in the hallways; and children are being caught doing good deeds daily. Stay tuned for more information about "Gnomes for the Holidays".

Recently we had Crazy Hair Day at the Grove and it was amazing to see all the creations. From melted ice cream cones to bird nests to unicorn horns - the Gnomes fully embraced the Spirit Day. We have two more coming up this month: Elf Day on the 10th and a school wide PJ Day on the 18th.

I'd like to take the time right now to thank the special adults of Cedar Grove learners for your patience, innovative ways to support us, and your amazing generosity. This term our PAC did their fundraising, as they always do, and the community overwhelmingly showed up.

The winter holiday season is typically a wonderful time to gather with family and friends to share blessings, express love and gratitude. This year will likely look different for many us, but I know we all feel a deep gratitude being a part of this school. Thank you to all of our students, staff and families for creating the very best learning environment possible at Cedar Grove. The caring and fun-loving nature of our students, the professionalism and dedication of our staff, and the supportive influence of families combine to make Cedar Grove a very special community. If I don't see you before the break, I wish you all a well-deserved break and hope that, whatever your faith, you are able to enjoy the festive season. Happy holidays and all the very best in 2021!

Jingly-twinkly-elf-style air hugs,

OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL

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.

WEST COAST RECESS!



Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Some kids (you know who you are) may benefit from keeping a change of clothes in their classroom.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

Information for Families

During the time of the season when inclement weather may affect the safety and welfare of students and, in particular, when snowy weather has the potential to cause classes to be postponed or some School District 46 services to be suspended, current information will be updated continuously on:

- The District Website: sd46.bc.ca
- Twitter: [@SSCschoools](https://twitter.com/SunshineCoastSchools)
- Facebook Page: [@SD46SC](https://www.facebook.com/SchoolDistrict46)

The Superintendent of Schools will also provide 91.7 Coast FM with information about the status of our facilities and transportation services by 7:00 AM, if there is a concern.

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NEWS FROM OUR PAC

We have our next PAC meeting Wednesday December 2nd at 7pm. SD46 Superintendent Patrick Bocking will be attending the first portion of the meeting to discuss what parents are thinking of the return to school this year and what the district can do to support the PAC and families during this time. A zoom meeting invite has been sent to parents and a reminder will be emailed out again. Hope you can join us!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraisers this season, they were all a success!

We are in search of a new Treasurer for the PAC.

Please contact us at cgepac@gmail.com if you are interested. You need to have a computer and have some experience with Excel/Google sheets. Training will be provided.

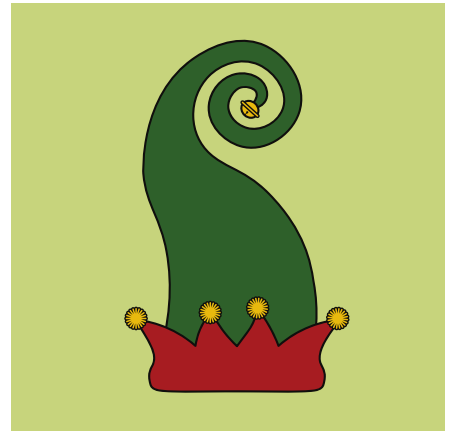
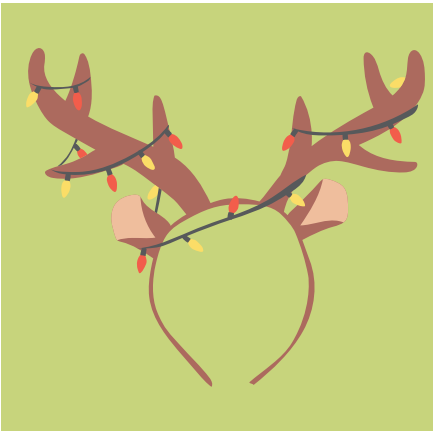
Lastly, the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) is the voice of the parents in the public schools across the province. They have been doing an excellent job of working with the province during this pandemic. Please consider referencing the following link to find a list of education restart and COVID-19 resources: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/21-advocacy/861-c19-updates>

PEANUT FREE CLASSROOMS



Divisions 10 (Favro/Radford), 7 (Valenta), and our SCAS rooms are peanut-free classes. Please do not send your child to school with any peanut products if they are in these rooms.

ANOTHER CEDAR GROVE SPIRIT DAY!



ELF DAY! DEC. 10TH!



WEAR YOUR TACKY HOLIDAY GEAR!
KWANZAA! CHRISTMAS!
HANUKKAH! SOLSTICE!

#GROVEGNOMES



A CEDAR GROVE SPIRIT DAY!

PAJAMA DAY

FRIDAY

DEC

18TH

Be cozy for the last day of school. It's simple, just wear your jammies !



CEDAR GROVE'S QUICK SHEET

FAQ

Is there COVID-19 Protocol Training for students and staff?

All school district staff will receive COVID-19 Protocol Training. This will include topics such as: handwashing, proper mask usage, signs and symptoms and specific Cedar Grove protocols. Students will also receive instruction around these topics.

Will other adults besides my child's classroom teacher be part of the learning group?

There may be staff such as support teachers, counsellors, library and music teachers, the principal, and district staff who work across learning groups. These adults will be physically distancing, and wearing non-medical masks. There are spots in our school with plexi-glass

Does my child need to wear a non-medical mask?

Elementary school students are not required to wear masks. With that said, we know many students will be wearing them. As always, we support and encourage individual choices at school. You be you!

Are visitors & parents able to access the school?

We are limiting visitor access. Please connect with us by email or over the phone. Visitors entering the school will be required to complete a health screen. All visitors will need the authorization of the principal. Meetings with parents will be held over zoom.

Have there been changes to riding the bus?

Yes, buses have been equipped to protect the driver and passengers. Students within the walking boundary will need to find transport to school. There is no courtesy riding.

Is there additional cleaning and disinfecting?

Yes, we are following guidelines outlined by the Ministries of Education and Health.

WHAT IS A LEARNING GROUP?

A learning group (or cohort) is a group of students and staff grouped together throughout a school term or year and who spend most of their time with each other.

Some examples of learning groups include: one classroom that does all its learning together; a group of students from two separate classes who come together for activities like recess and lunch

Our learning groups may be a maximum of 60.



SCHOOL NAVIGATION

Students will enter/ exit our building through specific doors & wash hands in their classrooms.

Our recess and lunch times will be staggered.

Learning Groups (see above) will have their times scheduled together and are asked to remain 2 metres from non-learning group friends.

- Students are to take recesses and lunch breaks outdoors – please dress for activity and all weather. As always we practice "West Coast Recess"
- There will be no free hallway access.

DAILY HEALTH CHECK

To stop the spread of COVID-19, daily health screening is mandatory for students and staff.

Parents are asked to utilize the screening check-list prior to sending their kid(s) each day.

Students and staff who are unwell must not enter the school.

Key Symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough or worsening of chronic cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Diarrhea
- Nausea and vomiting

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

Are you or is anyone in your home a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?

If you answered "YES" to the above questions, use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

