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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

It's love month! Many of us associate February with love (shout-out to St. Valentine) and at Cedar Grove our favourite core value is kindness. This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day in its usual way (minus homemade treats) as well as spreading kindness through random acts.

There are many ways to show kindness: holding the door open for others; waiting turns; cheering a friend up when they are feeling down; wearing masks in public places; and staying home when not feeling well. The last year we have grown as a community. Our kind acts have become integral to staying safe (physically and emotionally) in a pandemic.

One way we are asking parents of gnomes to show kindness is to refrain from using the staff parking lot (the one that runs along the South side of building) for dropping and picking up students. This has become a safety issue. This is not a road or lane. Use the drop off lane at the front of the school. Gnomes who use the back entrances to the school are definitely capable of walking around the building in the morning. Please reach out if this is an issue for your family.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to the light at the end of pandemic tunnel. School continues to run smoothly at Cedar Grove. This is because of the dedication of our amazing school staff and parent partners. Thank you for sending healthy gnomes to school and keeping those who are not feeling 100% at home. We sincerely appreciate your partnership.

Consider following our in-school adventures on our facebook page - facebook.com/CGESD46

AIR HUGS,

OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL



OUR KINDIE CREW DOING THE WORDY WADDLE

FEBRUARY KEY DATES

FSA/MDI begin this month

PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Wednesday, 3rd

Heart Day (Valentine's Day) - Thursday, 11th

Pro-D - NO SCHOOL - Friday, 12th

Family Day - NO SCHOOL - Monday, 15th

Kindergarten registration begins - Tuesday, 16th

Pink Shirt Day - Wednesday, 24th

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. Many kids (you know who you are) 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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PAC CORNER

CGE Yearbooks Sales:

Yearbooks are on sale now. The early bird price of \$16 is available until February 5th. Then the price increases to \$25. Sales close on February 17th. Yearbooks must be ordered and paid in advance. Only a small amount of extra yearbooks will be ordered for last chance sales in June, and they will be sold to new students before being made available on a first come first serve basis. To order, go to www.jostens.com (search for Cedar Grove Elementary in Gibsons). Online ordering will include additional offers for personalization, photo pockets and more.

PAC Meeting:

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday February 3rd at 7pm. A Zoom meeting invite will be emailed out the day before the meeting.

Book Bingo: It's Book Bingo time again! Playing the game is as easy as reading and recording what your child reads. All entries should be returned to the school and placed on the Book Bingo boards by Tuesday February 9th. Additional entry forms will be available in envelopes on the bingo boards.

Purdys Easter Fundraiser:

The PAC will be doing the Easter Purdys fundraiser this year. Watch for details soon!

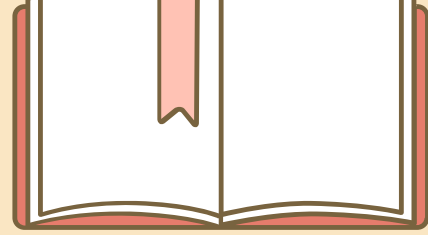
PEANUT FREE CLASSROOMS



Divisions 10 (Favro/Radford) and our SCAS rooms are peanut-free classes.

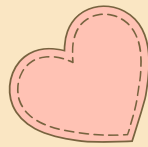


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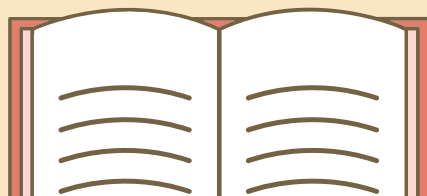
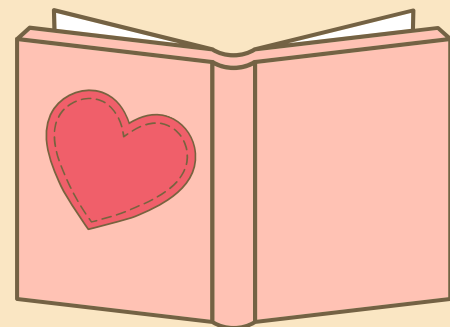


A Cedar Grove Spirit Day

Heart Day at The Grove



**WEAR YOUR
HEARTS, PINK, RED,
AND/OR WHITE**





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.

