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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



CHE'S GREAT MASK & HAT COMBO!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. I am sure we all felt the pandemic fatigue in December and it was so lovely to welcome rest, cheer, and the comfort of home. Time with family is especially precious and I enjoyed the time spent with my little one. We spent a lot of time playing with cars and new musical instruments. I'm also a Daniel Tiger and Peppa Pig expert now! I hope you all had moments to reflect on the past year and look forward to 2021. At Cedar Grove we are happy to see the back of 2020, but realize we will likely face more challenges in 2021. Glad we have the best team at Cedar Grove!

This coming month we will have a busy month in our school. We will be starting the foundation skill assessments with our grades 4 and 7 students. These provincial measurements are a good barometer of our students' excellence and allows us to plan for instruction. We also will be celebrating literacy week at the end of January. Amazing authors have been scheduled to zoom with our learners in School District 46, and we have a fun character dress-up day scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th.

We are grateful to work with amazing family partners. We really value the extra efforts you all do to ensure that children arrive to school healthy. The protocols that we have been practicing are especially important right now. Please take time to speak to your children about this. Watch them wash their hands to ensure that they are taking the time for proper hygiene techniques.

As always, thank you for: wearing a mask if/when you enter our grounds or school; doing a DAILY health check with your children before drop off; keeping your child(ren) home if they are ill or feeling unwell; maintaining your family bubbles; and consulting with your health care advisor if you unsure of symptoms or protocols. Your partnership is especially important right now and so appreciated. We're better together.

Happy new year, fams!

OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL

JANUARY KEY DATES

FSA's begin this month

PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Wednesday, 6th

Family Literacy Day - Friday, 22nd

Literacy week at the Grove! Jan. 25th to 29th

Character Dress Up Day - Tuesday, 26th

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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Excellence in all we do!

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: [Sunshine Coast Schools @SSCSchools](https://twitter.com/SSCSchools)
- Facebook Page: [@SD46SC](https://www.facebook.com/School-District-46)

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.

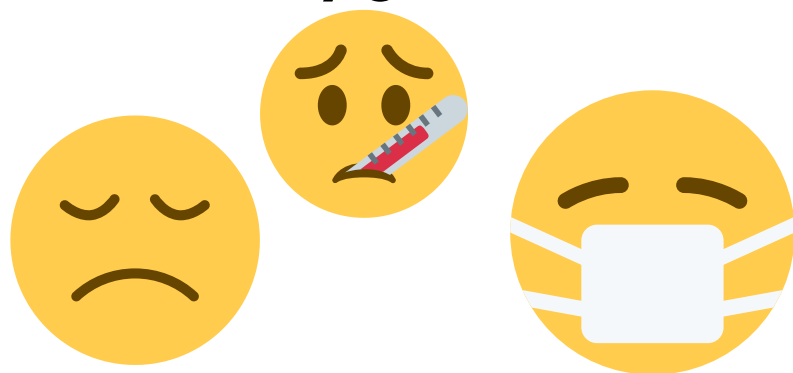
School District 46 - Sunshine Coast

494 South Fletcher, PO Box 220, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0
(604) 886-8811 | questions@sd46.bc.ca | sd46.bc.ca

PAC CORNER

Our next PAC meeting is this Wednesday (January, 6th) at 7pm. It will be held over zoom and the details will be sent out on Wednesday. Please like our facebook page (facebook.com/Cedargrovepac) and visit our website for more updates (cedargrovepac.com)

#healthynomes

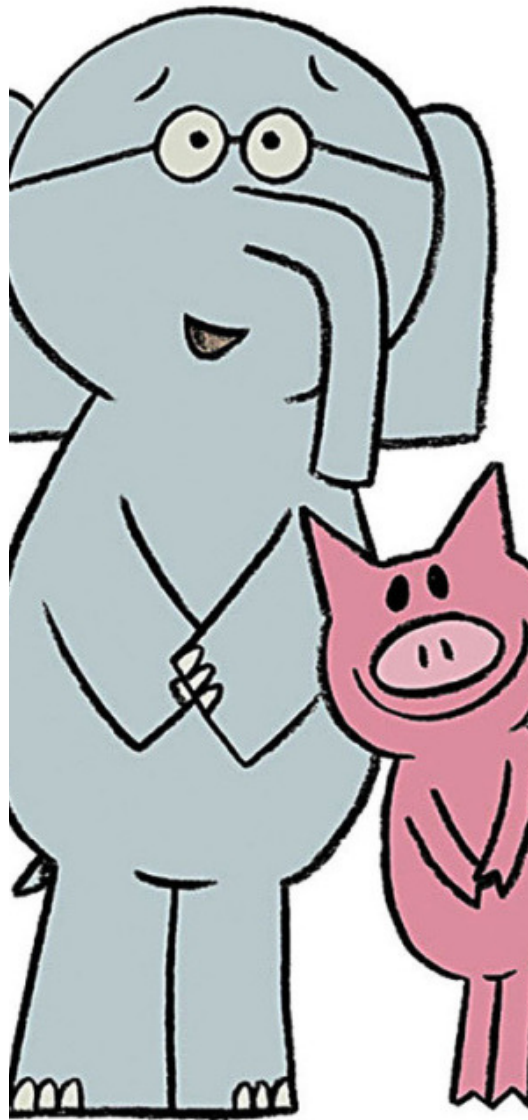


If you feel sick at all, please stay home.

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.



**SPIRIT DAY! TUESDAY,
JANUARY 26TH!**

CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY!

DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

#GROVEGNOMES



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.

