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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



Happy New Year, Cedar Grove. I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy and ready for the year 2022. As you have heard from our district, there is a possibility that at some point schools may not have enough staff to provide the level of teaching, supervision, custodial support to ensure the health of safety of students. If that is to happen we may have what's called a functional closure. At Cedar Grove, we will do everything we can to keep school open. We will endeavour to move to remote learning as quickly as we can. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. You can learn more about closures and what we are facing on the school district's website.

As we move forward and adjust (yet again) it is critically important that we monitor our health. Every member of our school community must do a daily health check (it is on the last page here and we will send home paper copies). If you are staying home because of illness, please let us know. Further, every member of our community must wear a mask when indoors. Please make sure children have a comfortable, well fitting mask.

Thank you for your patience last week as our staff reviewed and adapted our safety plans. We know that when we work together as a community we can keep our kids safe and engaged. As always, reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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. When your child arrives at school late they need to sign it at the office. **If your child is ill please let us know as we are tracking illness!**

PAC CORNER

Yearbook Orders: a reminder that yearbooks are on sale now at \$17 until mid February. Order online at jostens.com and search up Cedar Grove Elementary School.

Meeting: Our next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 12th at 7pm on Zoom. Meeting details will be emailed to everyone the day prior to the meeting. link by email and on social media.

Tracy Aiken, PAC Chair

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.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

January

Wednesday, 12th - PAC Meeting @ 7pm on zoom

Monday, 24th - Literacy Week begins!

February

Monday, 7th - Pro-D Day

Monday, 14th - Heart Day

Monday, 21st - Family Day - no school

Thursday, 24th - Pink Shirt Day

BELL SCHEDULE

8:20 - Doors open

8:20 - First bell

8:30 - Instruction begins

10:15 - 10:35 - Recess

11:50 - 12:05 - Eating lunch

12:05 - 12:29 - Outside playtime

12:29 - Class begins for afternoon

2:30 - Dismissal



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.

Gnomes' Daily Health Check



Keep me on your fridge!

- KEY SYMPTOMS**
- Fever (above 38C)
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Loss of sense of taste or smell

What to do:

If yes to 1 or more of these symptoms: Stay home. Contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

- OTHER SYMPTOMS**
- Sore throat
 - Loss of appetite
 - headache
 - Extreme fatigue or tiredness
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

What to do:

If yes to 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.

If yes to 2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home for 24 hours. If symptoms don't get better or get worse, contact a health care provider or call 8-1-1 about your symptoms and next steps.

- TRAVEL**
- Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?

What to do:

If yes: Fully vaccinated students, staff and other adults who have travelled outside of Canada may qualify for the fully vaccinated traveller exemption. Students, staff and other adults who are not fully vaccinated and have travelled outside of Canada CANNOT attend school for 14 days after arrival, as part of federal requirements.