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# THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



DIV. 2 ADVENTURES

## JUNE KEY DATES

Bracken Hanuse Corlett is here painting a Coast Salish mural!



June is National Indigenous History month. Recent news events have left our nation (and arguably, world) saddened by the discovery at Kamloops Residential School. For educators we have known that we have a mighty, honourable task of (re)teaching Canada's history and celebrating Indigenous diversity, strength, and cultures. In the words of Justice Murray Sinclair, the chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: "Education got us into this mess and education will get us out of it". Cedar Grove is committed to this work and the words "every child matters" run deep in our daily work.

June is a big month for educators and students: writing report cards, celebrating a completed year, and for our grade 7 students, saying goodbye to their elementary years. This year we have a lot to be thankful for. At Cedar Grove, students are loved. They are respected and they matter.

This is my last official newsletter to the community of the school year! Stay tuned for end of the year emails and please know that I'm only a phone call away. What a privilege and fun ride it is being the Principal of Cedar Grove Elementary School. Hug your kids tight for me!

**AIR HUGS,**  
**OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL**

PAC meeting - Wednesday, 2nd  
National Indigenous People's Day  
- Monday, 21st

Last school day & reports cards  
sent home - Thursday, 24th

## JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!

All SD46 sites will be flying the Pride flag in the month of June. Many of our community members identify as members of the Rainbow or LGBT2SQ+ community.

At Cedar Grove, students are learning to understand and respect people and relationships that are the same and different from each other. This includes the idea that not every family looks the same. For example, among the multitude of possible family configurations, some families have a mom and a dad, some just have one parent, and some families have two moms, two dads, a grandma, foster parent or other blends of parents/guardians. All families at the Grove are loved and respected.



## 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.

## PAC CORNER

**Next Wednesday June 2nd at 7pm** is our final PAC meeting for the school year. This meeting also includes elections for next year's PAC executive and non-executive positions. Several parents that have volunteered for these roles over the years have students that are moving on to high school next year, and I am concerned that we will have several roles that will not be filled.

If you've ever thought of getting involved with the PAC, this is the time! We are looking for more parents that are interested in taking on some of the PAC volunteer roles.

### **Here is a list of the positions that will be part of the election next week:**

Executive Positions: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Representatives & Coordinators: DPAC Representative, Hot Lunch Coordinator, Breakfast Program Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Members-At-Large

If we are unable to fill all of these roles, we will still do our best to keep the PAC running, but we may need to scale back some of our activities for the next school year.

The purpose of the PAC is to represent parents with the goal of enhancing the education and well-being of students. We fundraise to support many extended student experiences, special guest speakers, equipment for the school and playground. Organizing events such as school dances, BBQs, movie nights and our Lantern Festival are also ways to support and grow our Cedar Grove community. We also organize the hot lunch and breakfast programs.

Tracy Aiken, PAC Chair