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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



GNOMES SHOWING LOVE AND KINDNESS

February was a beautiful month at Cedar Grove. Spontaneous messages of kindness (with the help of our rock-star EA, Ms. Sarah) adorned our sidewalks, children made cards, and so much learning about empathy happened in our classrooms. The gnomes in Ms. Curry's class did a food bank and SPCA drive. It was a huge success with 349 food and pet items dropped off and \$118.75 in cash donated! On behalf of Ms. Curry and friends, thank you for spreading kindness.

Term 2 Report Cards are being sent home on March 5th. As we did last term, we will be meeting with families over zoom or over the phone to talk about students' progress. You should expect communication from the classroom teachers in the coming days. Please note that teachers will be using the early dismissal days (Wednesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 11th) to meet with you. We know how challenging this year has been in regards to getting to know staff and staying in touch. Please know that you can always reach out to any of us via email or by calling the school.

If I don't connect with you before March 12th, have a wonderful and happy Spring Break!

AIR HUGS,
OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL

MARCH KEY DATES

FSA's continue this month

PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Wednesday, 3rd

Report Cards Home - Friday, 5th

International Women's Day - Monday, 8th

Early Dismissal @ 1:40 - Wednesday, 10th

Early Dismissal @ 1:40 - Thursday, 11th

Last day of school! - Friday, 12th

Spring Break - Monday, 15th - 26th

School Re-opens - Monday, 29th



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.

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.

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.

PEANUT FREE CLASSROOMS



Division 10 (Favro) and our SCAS rooms are peanut-free classes.

PAC CORNER

Next PAC Meeting: Our next PAC Meeting will take place Wednesday March 3rd at 7pm on Zoom.

Gnome-A-Palooza: We were disappointed to have to shelve our annual Lantern Festival. Instead, we've decided to try something virtual: GNOME-A-PALOOZA! OK Gnomes, it's up to you. Express yourselves from the safety of your family bubbles, and send us a short video clip of you being you! Sing, dance, whatever you like to do. Bonus points for including the whole family, or siblings in your bubble. All video platforms are acceptable, and we will import them into an evening to share with your family and friends on Friday March 12. Please keep videos to 30 seconds and email to cgepac@gmail.com by Friday March 5th. Tickets to view the event will be \$5 each and available for purchase on our Hot Lunch website soon.

Purdys: Our Purdys Spring Fundraiser is underway. Orders are due by Sunday March 21 and the shipments will arrive at CGE on Tuesday March 30 (in time for Easter). All proceeds of orders go to the PAC to help support CGE. Orders can be made online at <http://fundraising.purdys.com/8769-83097>

Yearbooks: Good news if you missed out on ordering a CGE yearbook, we have ordered a few extra. To secure your yearbook, go to www.jostens.com, select 'Yearbooks' and search up CGE. Yearbooks are \$25 each.

Speeding Concerns/Pratt Chaster: A number of CGE parents and staff have been frustrated with the amount of speeding that occurs in the 30km/h Playground zone in front of our school, and rightly so! We are fortunate to have some PAC parents working on ways to improve this situation. We have also just received the support of Transportation Choices – Sunshine Coast (TraC) to help us work to encourage more students to walk/bike to school. We are going to focus on improving the ability for students to safely cross the road at the Pratt Road/Chaster Road location.

**SLOW
AND
STEADY**

United Way of the Lower Mainland's School's Out Program is offering:

SPARK! TO SECONDARY

Four virtual sessions offered for all parents
with children entering high school

Offered from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on the following Monday evenings:

Feb. 22 – The Emotional World of Adolescence

April 19 – Navigating the Secondary Social Scene / Supporting Healthy Independence

May 17 – Supporting Success with Homework and Routines

June 7 – Keeping the Lines of Communication Open

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://sd46.bc.ca/families-and-students/communication-engagement/>

Register to attend one or all sessions



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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.

