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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



BODHI, PIC BY MR. TULTZ

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." - Fred Rogers

What a month we just had! Turkey hunting, FSA writing, spooky season celebrations, and so much joy every day in our school. Cedar Grove's senior students are really stepping up to lead. Not only did they prepare a haunted walk/experience for the whole school, they have been working with younger grades during lunch time, providing activities, and monitoring the office. I often say to look to the children as they will show us the way.

At the end of this month, your children will be receiving the first term report card. While academic excellence continues to be a huge goal for all community members, we need to address the elephant in the room. Childhood has changed since March, 2020. The last normal school year for a student in grade 7 was when they were in grade 4. When you look at your child's report card remember that the whole child cannot be summed up in these reports. So much more goes into the daily life of a child at Cedar Grove. We are proud of each one of these kids, from every mistake they have learned from to each learning struggle they have (or will) overcome.

Grove Gnomes continue to amaze me with their resilience and joy. Thank you, special adults, for sending them to us!

AIR HUGS,
OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL

PAC CORNER

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday November 3rd at 7pm on Zoom. Invites will be sent out the day before.

Popcorn is back and will be for sale on Thursdays at recess. Pre order on the hot lunch site is possible.

We also have two fundraisers happening for the holiday season (great gift ideas!): We are selling poinsettias, wreaths and holiday planters through Growing Smiles Fundraising. Order by November 15th and pick up at the school on Tuesday November 30th. Order at <https://cedargrove.growingsmilesfundraising.com>

We are also selling Purdys chocolates for the holiday season. Great gift ideas (or treat yourself!). Order online using the link below by November 30th and chocolates will be ready for pick up at the school on December 14th. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1370771-86990>

It's yearbook order time again! From now until February 1, you can order your CGE yearbook for \$17, after that, the price increases to \$25. The yearbooks are put together by the fabulous Erin Kellie, a CGE mom, and she really does a fantastic job preserving memories for years to come. Go to www.jostens.com to order or watch for the link by email and on social media.

Tracy Aiken, PAC Chair

NOVEMBER KEY DATES

Thursday, 4th - Div. 6 to Britannia Mine
Friday, 5th - Div. 3's Climbing Wall trips start
Monday, 8th - Grade 6 Vaccines
Wednesday, 10th - Intermediate Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:45am
Wednesday, 10th - Primary Remembrance Day Assembly at 1pm
Thursday, 11th - Remembrance Day - No School
Monday, 22nd - Pro-D Day - No School
Friday, 26th - Term 1 Report Cards
Monday, 29th - SD46 Sleep Week Starts

****Early Dismissals are scheduled for the first week of December to facilitate conferences with classroom teachers. We are looking at ways to offer connection in our school and will send out details about these conferences as soon as we are able to.***

NEW 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



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.



CHANGES COMING SOON!

In the last few years, the Ministry of Education has been working with BC educators to develop meaningful reporting options. These changes will be coming to our district next September and you will see a change in the way we do assessment and communicate student learning. The changes are significant: more timely & flexible communication; a descriptive four-point provincial proficiency scale for K-9 (which also means no letter grades for students in grades 4 – 9); end-of-year student self-assessment of Core Competencies, as well as additional student selected evidence-based reflection during the school year. At Cedar Grove, we are looking forward to these changes next year and our staff are committed to digging deep and fine tuning how we communicate student learning.

SD46 ELEMENTARY REPORTING 2021-2022



EXPLAINED

SD46 is aligning with the Ministry of Education's language using the new 4-point proficiency scale on student report cards/checklists this school year.

Next year, during the 2022-2023 school year, all school districts in the province will be moving to the new Ministry of Education's K-9 Student Reporting Policy. The changes this year are our first steps toward aligning with this provincial plan.

To learn more about the Ministry of Education's Draft K-9 Student Reporting Policy, please visit

<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/studentreporting/>.

All of our staff value your engagement and welcome ongoing communication with you. If you have any questions about your child's progress please speak to your child's teacher or principal.

FOUR-POINT PROFICIENCY SCALE

Four-Point Provincial Proficiency Scale Definitions	Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

