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THE GROVE

Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter



MS. TRACEY AND MS. FAVRO WITH OUR NEW KINDIES!

What a month! It's clear that students missed being in school as did the staff. It's so great to see the learning that is happening at Cedar Grove already! Knock on wood, but this year feels simply magical!

I'd like to remind you all of how important it is that each member of our community does the daily health check. This is an integral part to ensuring wee and big gnomes all feel safe when at school. You can find the health check on the last page of this newsletter. If your child has a pre-existing medical condition (such as allergies, asthma, etc.) please let us know.

Wishing you all a very happy October, full of pumpkin spice, Halloween preparations, and cozy moments.

Air hugs,

OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL

OCTOBER KEY DATES

- World Teachers Day - Monday, 5th
- Grade 7 Immunizations (postponed from the spring) - Monday, 5th
- PHOTO DAY - Monday, 5th
- PAC Meeting @ 7pm - Wednesday, 7th
- Thanksgiving Day - Monday, 12th - NO SCHOOL
- Option 2 kids return - Tuesday, 13th
- Provincial Pro-D Day - Friday, 23rd - NO SCHOOL
- Halloween all day at school - Friday, 30th

PAC CORNER

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 7th. Meeting details will be emailed out by the school the day prior to the meeting. Thanks to everyone who supported our Growing Smiles fall fundraiser!

Check out our website at www.cedargrovecpac.com, follow us on Facebook @cedargrovecpac or Instagram at cedargrovecpac.

WEST COAST RECESS!



A reminder that all children will be outside for long portions of the day this year. As in years past, please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing. Some kids (you know who you are) may benefit from keeping a change of clothes in their classroom.

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.

Important

LATE OR ABSENT

Cedar Grove Elementary, like all other elementary schools on the Coast, has a "safe arrival program". This means that if a child is marked absent, but the office has not received a note or a telephone call from the parent advising of the absence/tardiness, a phone call home will be made to ensure the child is safe. 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. If your child is late, even by a few minutes, they will need to "sign in" at the office (after arriving to their class through the assigned door) and no phone call will be made home. Please call the office, even if you have already advised the teacher, so that we do not bother you at home.

A NOTE TO OPTION 2 FAMILIES

As mentioned in previous communication, children can return every 2 weeks. The next round for students to return is on October 13th. Ms. Cowan needs to be informed regarding your intention to return to school this year. It is our hope that all of our students will be back in school by November.

This short term option has been supported with grade appropriate materials developed by a district team. The last round of materials will be emailed on October 26th.

LIBRARY FOR PRIMARY KIDS!

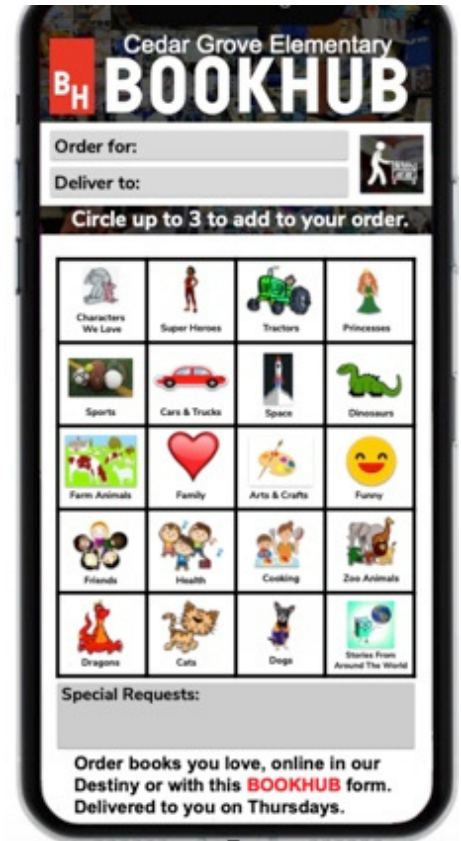
Library borrowing will look a bit different this term for our primary students.

For Term 1, primary students will be invited to borrow books from the library in two ways.

#1 By filling out a BOOKHUB form and circling topics they are interested in. Using their forms, 'surprise books' are signed out to the children. (These are the books that came home last week). BOOKHUB forms are in your child's classroom and can be filled out once a week.

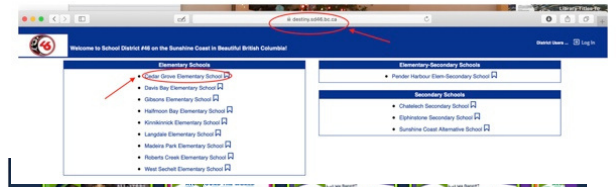
#2 By logging onto our library website and placing books on hold. When your child selects books this way, they can choose exactly what they want. Please place holds by Wednesday evening so Mrs. Reid can gather the books and drop them off in your child's classroom on Thursday.

Here is exactly how to do it:



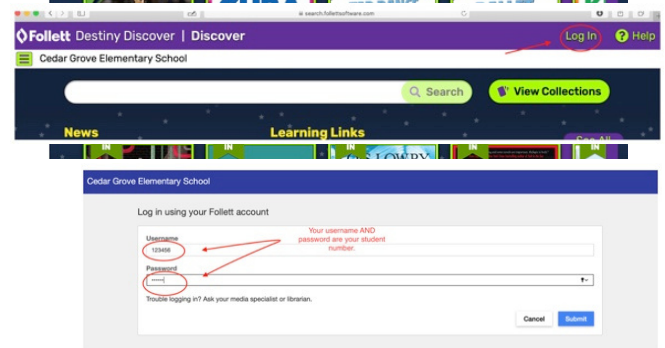
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Log into our CGE Library Catalogue.
1. Type destiny.sd46.bc.ca into the URL bar of any Internet browser; click on our school's name
Click on "Log In" at the top, right of the screen



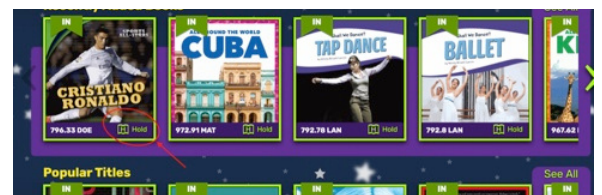
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Log In to your Follett account. Your User Name AND your password are your pupil number.
This number was sent home with your child! It will be on a sticker attached to a BOOKHUB form!
**If you can't find it, contact Mrs. Reid at jreid@sd46.bc.ca. She's happy to help!



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Browse our catalogue... To place a book on hold, click the Hold button in the bottom, right corner of the book's image.
TIP: Choose books that are 'IN' to hold!
Wait for your books to be delivered to the classroom on Thursday! Repeat the following week for more great books!





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.

