

September 2021, Vol. 1

# THE GROVE

*Cedar Grove Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter*

We are genuinely thrilled to welcome students (and their special adults) back to Cedar Grove for the 2021-2022 school year!

Teachers and staff will continue to provide a wide range of quality learning experiences with a commitment to maintain safety as well as uphold our four key words of: respect, responsibility, cooperation, and kindness.

In our day to day, we will be mindful of guidelines provided by the province, our health authorities, and our district. We ask that any non-staff adults who wish to visit the school make a pre-arranged meeting with the school. All members of the school community also need to do a daily health check before coming to Cedar Grove. Masks are required for all staff and students in grades 4 - 7. Our younger students are encouraged to wear masks. For more detailed protocols please visit our school district website.

As we launch into the third school year that has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am aware that there are a range of varying emotions, concerns, and comfort-levels. At the Grove we are committed to being proactive in creating a respectful, safe, and responsive environment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me should you have any concerns, questions, or good stories to share.

AIR HUGS,

OLWEN COWAN, PRINCIPAL



## KEY DATES

### September 24th

Fancy Friday

### September 27th - October 1st

National Truth and Reconciliation Week

### September 27th

Pro-D Day - No school

### September 30th

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation -  
No school

### October 1st

Orange Shirt Day at Cedar Grove

## THE BIG GNOMES (OUR TEAM)

### Classroom Teachers:

Div. 1, 6/7 – Gordon Tultz  
 Div. 2, 6/7 – Roy Hannem  
 Div. 3, 5/6 – Kate Haxton  
 Div. 4, 4/5 – Signy Bjarnason  
 Div. 5, 3/4 – Jen MacInnes  
 Div. 6, 3 – Michele Curry  
 Div. 7, 2 – Robyn Valenta  
 Div. 8, 1/2 – Robert Emmerson  
 Div. 9, K/1 – Karen Van Bommel  
 Div. 10, K – Lorraine Radford  
 SHARE Program – Katie Mitchell  
 FIELD Program – Graeme Davies  
 SHINE Program – Charlotte Hagedorn

### Non-enrolling Teachers:

Jackie Reid – Teacher Librarian/Reading Support  
 Meredith Bingham - Music Teacher  
 Jennifer Marquis – Inclusion Support Teacher  
 Giselle Hood – Reading Support  
 Desiree Harris - Indigenous Education  
 Suzanne Diamond - School Counsellor  
 Pam Pence - Student Support Share/Field

## 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 will need to sign it at the office.

## NOTE ABOUT NEW CLASSES

Many educators are involved in the process of making classrooms. Different criteria are looked at when creating a classroom. It is important that we have the big picture of the whole class in mind as well as the individual needs of each child. When creating a classroom, the staff at Cedar Grove must consider: total number of students, number of students with learning and language needs, social emotional needs, friendships, leadership, and ensuring there is a balance of academic needs. With the class size and composition language, we also need to follow these guidelines.

A new class is a new learning opportunity. It is a time to meet people, work with different teachers and students, and make new friends. The family's role in supporting this process can have an important impact on how well your child adjusts to their new environment. Please continue to have a positive attitude and encouraging words about the changes this year. We will be allowing time for relationships to form and students to experience the new classrooms for themselves. Soon families will have the opportunity to meet with classroom and support teachers. Details will soon be communicated.

### Office Staff:

Theresa Whalen - Administrative Assistant  
 Marilyn Jares - Library Assistant

### Education Assistants:

Claudia Hovden  
 Melissa Lyons  
 Louise Parent  
 Tracey Adams  
 Anneke Van Swieten

### Education Assistants, District Programs:

Jennifer Campbell  
 Fiorella Nygren  
 Dawn Bartlett  
 Jodi Conlin  
 Chelsie Koberwitz  
 Sarah Villeneuve  
 TBA

### Custodians:

Bernice Hill  
 Ben Hancock

### Administration:

Olwen Cowan - Principal

## 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.

## 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



## WATER BOTTLES!

Our drinking fountains will be available, however, it is encouraged for students to bring their own water bottle to school.

## PAC CORNER

Welcome back everyone and hello to new CGE families!. Our first PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 15th at 7pm on Zoom. Meeting details will be emailed to everyone the day prior to the meeting. If you have a CGE student, you are a member of the PAC. These meetings are a great way to keep informed about what's happening around the school and a great way to meet other CGE parents. Hope you can join us!

There are many ways you can keep in touch with the CGE PAC in addition to our monthly meetings. These include:

- Facebook.com/Cedargrovecpac
- Instagram.com/Cedargrovecpac
- www.cedargrovecpac.com
- Watch our notice board at the school's front entrance walkway
- Or email us a cgepac@gmail.com"

Tracy Aiken, PAC Chair

## DAILY HEALTH CHECK

Every day, everyone (staff and students) must do a daily health check before coming to school!

The [K to 12 Health Check website](#) (right click on this or google) and app is an easy way to decide if your child should attend school based on their symptoms. It includes current health guidelines and offers an age-appropriate user experience for K to 12 students.

These are the key symptoms:

- Fever higher than 38°C
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Difficulty breathing

We appreciate sick gnomes staying home!

## THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!



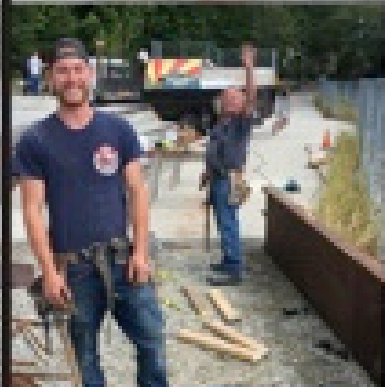
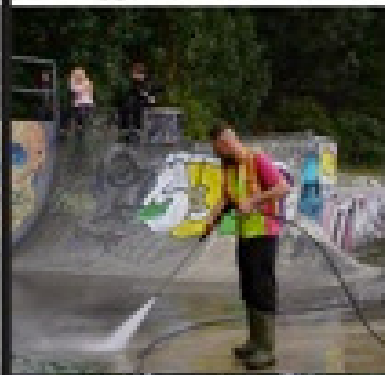
## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

At School District 46, we do not ask for families to purchase or pay for school supplies. In order to ensure that all of our students have high quality learning tools and that we reduce financial challenges for all of our families, school supplies will be provided.

Rotary Skateboard Park



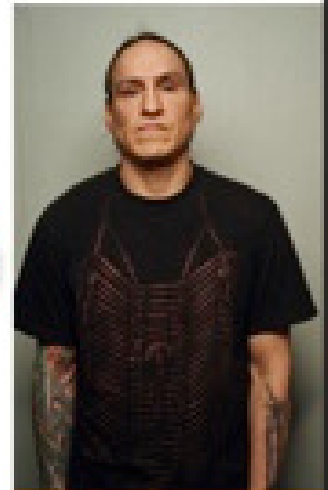
# GRAND RE-OPENING



The restoration is done.

## Now it's time to party!

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, skateboarding demonstrations, raffles, displays and more surprises hosted by The Rotary Club of the Sunshine Coast. Emceed by Trent Alcock of Coast FM.



Meet our special guest Joe Buffalo, professional skateboarder and actor.

### Admission is free by donation!

- When: Sept. 12, 2021. ■ Time: 1-3 p.m.
- Where: Rotary Skateboard Park, next to Chatelech HS.



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