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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As we head off to a much deserved Spring Break I would like to thank parents for participating in our parent-teacher interview evenings this week. It was great to see so many of you engaging teachers and acting as 'partners' in the development of your son or daughter's education. If you were unable to make the scheduled time, I encourage you to contact your teacher to schedule an alternative appointment.

I'm excited to announce that our Term 2 report cards showed amazing growth for many of our students. The hard work of both students and teachers has paid off tremendously. It will be important for our students to continue to work hard after spring break. This can be difficult with the weather getting nicer and the feeling that school is almost over. Parents, please remind your children that although the weather is nice and it feels like summer is around the corner, we still have one third of the school year to go!

With that said, I wish everyone a relaxing, safe and fun filled spring break!

Here are a few important dates when we return:

April 4th School Re-opens

April 10th PAC Meeting, 6:30pm

April 17th Class Photo Day

April 20th Hatzic Middle School transition visit to Cherry Hill, 9:15am

April 19th Cops for Cancer Kick-Off, 12:30pm

April 24th PAC Carnival

April 27th Earth Day Assembly, 9:00 am

May 7-11 Schoolwide Mural Project

Thanks,

Shane Sliziak, Principal

Parking Lot Safety

Over the last couple of months I've had to remind our students to not run or ride scooters/skateboards through our parking lot. We have also reminded them to look both ways when entering areas that cars travel. Although we haven't had any major incidents, several near misses have been reported. To keep our parking lot safe for students, I'd like to remind parents to follow driving and parking rules when in our parking lot. Please refrain from parking in "no-parking areas", as it blocks traffic and important lines of sight. If you intend on entering the school at the beginning or end of the day, please arrive with enough time to find a legal parking space. If none is available you will need to park on the road and walk onto school grounds. If you are simply picking up your child from your car, please wait in your car off school grounds until the bell goes, at which time you can use the roundabout to pick up your child. Our school was built in the 1970s when most students walked to and from school. As such, Cherry Hill does not have a large parking lot. *We cannot compromise the safety of our children so that we can park near the school.* Parents, please use common sense before and after school when in our parking lots. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal directly.

Report Card Feedback for Parents

A separate email was sent out to parents earlier this week regarding parental feedback on our new district report card format. We have used this format in both Term 1 and Term 2 of this year. I encourage parents to fill out the online survey as it only take a few moments. The information will help the district revise the report card format in future school years. The online survey link can be found in the original email I send out this week, as well as in the email containing this newsletter. The survey will stay open until April 12.

Cherry Hill Carnival

Our PAC has been busy planning a spring carnival on April 24th from 4-7pm. A lot of hard work has gone into this event and we hope to get a great turnout. Fliers were sent home with students on the last day before spring break. Information is also available on the PAC

facebook page. There will be a lot of fun games, face painting, treats and more! Community member can also try their best to dunk the principal in the dunk tank ☺ It will be a night to remember and is very affordable for all families! Come one, come all!

Schoolwide Mural Project

We are very excited to announce that all students at Cherry Hill will be involved in a schoolwide mural project with local artist, Kris Kups kay. Kris is a well-known graffiti and mural artist from the Lower Mainland who currently resides in Whistler, BC. Kris has done several schoolwide art projects at schools around BC and we are extremely lucky to have him at Cherry Hill this spring. From May 7th to 11th, Kris will be at Cherry Hill working with students and staff to create a large mural at the front of our school. All students at the school will have the opportunity contribute to the mural! The project will not only give Cherry Hill a fresh face, but also foster a sense of pride and belonging in our school community. Please visit the PAC facebook page to see a video of a similar project Kris did last year.

School Cash Online

I would like to thank all our parents who have signed up for School Cash Online. A reminder that all school payments are to be made online now. For those parents still needing help, our secretary can help. Please call or visit the office for one-on-one help signing up!

Great Things at Cherry Hill Elementary



Our 'Sea of Pink' at our Pink Shirt Day Assembly!



Cherry Hill Volleyball players at the district tournament.



Some of the amazing artwork coming out of our Division 13 Kindergarten class!



Grade one student, Jaxson, making a special guest appearance at our Play Safe Presentation put on by The War Amps. Well done Jaxson!