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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

It has been great to see so many parents take advantage of our parent teacher interviews this week. When parents take an active role in their child's education, research shows that educational outcomes improve dramatically. I encourage everyone to embrace the "parents as partners" model. Even though our parent teacher interview week has almost passed, you can always reach out to your son or daughter's teacher to set up a time to meet.

I would also like to thank many parents for offering their time to volunteer around the school. Without your help, many of the wonderful things we are doing here at Cherry Hill would not be impossible. Thank you!

We have a few important dates coming up:

- Nov 24<sup>th</sup> No School
- Nov 25<sup>th</sup> PAC Bottle Drive
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Neufeld Farm Delivery, 1:15pm  
Basketball Playoffs, Hillside, 2:45pm
- Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Gr. 6 Immunizations
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Cookie/Hot Chocolate & Pajama Day
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> School Assembly, 9am
- Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Hot lunch, pizza
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert, 1pm (10:30am dress rehearsal)
- Dec 18-22 Cherry Hill Spirit Week
  - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Toque Day
  - Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Red and Green Day
  - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast & Santa Visit
  - Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Ugly Christmas Sweater/Carrol Singing
  - Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Movie Day
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> Last Day Before Winter Break!
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup> School Reopens, first day back

Thanks,  
Shane Sliziak, Principal

## Cherry Hill Newsletters

If you or someone you know did not receive this newsletter by email, that means we do not have an updated email address on file. Our secretary can update your email account so that you will receive our newsletters when they are sent out.

## School Cash Online

A continued reminder that Mission Public School District is using School Cash Online for school purchases. Please visit our school website ([www.cherryhill.mpsd.ca](http://www.cherryhill.mpsd.ca)) to register your son or daughter. Marion our secretary is offering to help. Please see her at the office. At the moment we are in a transitional phase, but **we will eventually shift all school payments to the online system in the new year.** A switch over date will be announced shortly. With this in mind, the sooner you start using School Cash Online, the smoother the transition will be for you and everyone.

## Cherry Hill Christmas Concert

A reminder our Christmas Concert is being held on December 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Similar to last year, it will be a day time event. The concert will begin at 1pm and will have a theme of "Love". Each division will be paired up with another during performances. Due to space constraints, we are asking parents only to attend the 1pm concert. Extended family is invited to attend our dress rehearsal at 10:30am on the same day.

## Cherry Basketball Team

We are very excited to announce that our basketball team has made it to the playoffs this year. They went 5-1 in the regular season with a very narrow loss in their only defeat. On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> our team will play in the first round of playoffs at Hillside. Come join us after school at Hillside to cheer on our team!

## WITS Anti-Bullying Program

We have begun to implement WITS anti-bullying strategies at Cherry Hill. Teachers are currently in the process of introducing their students to the program's four strategies: **Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Seek help. These four strategies are used during conflicts with peers. Typically conflict occurs on the playground at recess and lunch. If your son or daughter experiences conflict with another peer, we are strongly encouraging them to use one of these four strategies, or a combination of strategies to effectively deescalate and eliminate any conflict. We are hoping over time the WITS strategies will become common language around the school, helping our students to become better problem solvers on the playground, ultimately reducing peer conflict at Cherry Hill. Please visit [www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca) or come to our December 8<sup>th</sup> assembly to learn more about the WITS program.**

**PAC Reminders**

A reminder to parents that you are already a PAC member! If you would like to have a voice in our school community please join us at our general PAC meetings. The next meeting is December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in our library. PAC also has a facebook page for Cherry Hill parents. Search Cherry Hill PAC when logged into your facebook account and request to be added to the group. Please check our ‘important dates’ section of the first page of the newsletter for dates and times for upcoming PAC happenings including: PAC bottle drive, Neufeld Farm Delivery, hot chocolate and cookie sales, pizza hot lunch, and the free pancake breakfast with Santa!

**Winter Jacket Drive**

Thank you families for donating gently used winter jackets to the jacket drive. We have had some really nice items donated! Donations will be passed over to Rhonda Taylor, our EA who is in charge of our food programs, and she will reach out to students in need. If your son our daughter is in need please call the school!

**End of the Day Student Pick Up**

We are kindly reminding parents not to wait outside their son or daughter’s classroom near the end of the day. Instead, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please wait until the end of the day bell before meeting your child. There are two reasons we ask for this to occur. First, we need to maintain safety in the building by asking all visitors to sign into the office during school hours. Secondly, when parents wait outside classrooms it becomes a distraction for students and they are often unable to complete end of day tasks in an orderly fashion. Thank you for your continued support with this.

**Great Things Happening at Cherry Hill**



Ms. Abbott teaching Divisions 2, 3 and 4 line dancing. What a great sight to see 70 students all dancing at the same time!



Buddy classes Divisions 11 and 8 working on their totem pole project.



Division 11 and 8’s totem poles displayed in our hallways. If you get a chance, check them out. Through this project students learned about spirit animals and the positive traits they possess.



A ‘crazy hair day’ participant from Division 2, learning how to add artifacts to her e-portfolio in ‘All About Me’.