



February 13, 2020

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Flu and cold season has hit Cherry Hill Elementary quite hard this year. While our teachers are diligent in maintaining appropriate hygiene practices in class, such as washing hands and covering mouths during coughing, many of our children and staff are falling sick each week. If your son or daughter catches a cold or flu, it is a good idea to keep them home until they don't have any symptoms. This allows them time to rest and recover while also helping to minimize the spread of cold and flu germs.

A letter from Fraser Health was emailed to parents at the end of last week outlining prevention procedures for coronavirus. Please review this letter if you haven't had a chance yet. I would like to remind our community that BC currently has only 4 confirmed cases of coronavirus. While we want to ensure caution and preventative measures, it is also important not to panic, as the prevalence rate in BC is extremely low. As more information comes from Fraser Health, we will continue to keep our school community well informed.

Here are a few important dates coming up:

**Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** ProD Day, school not in session

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup>** Family Day, school not in session

**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** Pink Shirt Day, 1:00pm Assembly

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** 11:00am Dismal

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** Term 2 report cards issued home

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** School Not in Session

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** First Day of Spring Break

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** School Re-opens

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday, school not in session

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Easter Monday, school not in session

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conference Night

Thanks,

Shane Sliziak, Principal

## Kindergarten Registration

Do you or anyone you know still need to register their son or daughter for kindergarten next year? We are still accepting registrations for next year! Although registration is an ongoing process, it is always best to register as soon as possible. Knowing how many students we will have in kindergarten helps the school plan appropriately for next year, and avoids your son or daughter being put on a waiting list.

## Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminder

We would like to remind parents that in the morning children and parents should wait outside at their designated school entrances. Students and parents will be allowed to enter the building following the 8:25 warning bell. For end of the day pick-up, parents are asked to wait outside at designated entrances until students are dismissed or wait until the bell before going to classrooms. These policies are in place to maintain appropriate student supervision/safety and limit disruptions to morning and afternoon routines. For the most part, families have done an amazing job following these school drop-off and pick-up procedures. We are very thankful for your continued cooperation.

## Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser

Planner inserts went home on Wednesday outlining a Pink Shirt Day themed school fundraiser. If the school can raise \$1000 or more (for our new iPad lab) Principal Sliziak will dye his hair pink for Pink Shirt Day! Contributions can be given to classroom teachers and will be tallied throughout the week. Check out the tally board at the front of the school to see our running total!

## Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is on February 26<sup>th</sup> this year. Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink that day to support our collective efforts to stand-up to bullying. We will have an assembly at 1:00pm which will include some classroom presentations. As well, we will honour students of the month for their efforts in showing Love (Eagle) around the school. Parents are encouraged to attend!

## Early Dismissal (11am): February 28<sup>th</sup>

A reminder to parents we have an early dismissal February 28<sup>th</sup> with students going home at 11am. This

early dismissal day is designed to give teachers extra time to assess student progress and write report cards.

### **Report Cards**

Report card season is quickly approaching again. Term 2 reports will be sent home with students on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day. Once you have reviewed the report card, please sign and return the envelope. As always, if you have questions please contact your son or daughter's teacher as a starting point.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences at Cherry Hill will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> this year, from 2:30-7:30pm. As a school we decided to move our conference night from March to April to serve as a mid-term update for Term 3 (most other schools do it in March as a follow up to Term 2 reports). The advantage of doing this is to allow students to make necessary adjustments for success before final reports go home in June. As in the fall, we will follow up with a parent survey to see how families liked the change this year. If we have positive feedback, we will continue to do this in future years. Conference sign-up information will be sent home by teachers at the beginning of April.

### **Cherry Hill Water Bottles**

We would like to thank our PAC for their efforts in sponsoring the purchase of Cherry Hill water bottles for every single child at our school. They have arrived and look amazing! Our Healthy Schools Student Committee is in the middle of planning a school challenge aimed to promote water consumption at school instead of sugary drinks. Water bottles will be distributed to students together with the schoolwide challenge before the end of February. Please keep a look out for information regarding this. Management of water bottles (storage, cleaning, etc) will look different from class to class and will reflect the age level of students. Again, thank you PAC and our Healthy Schools Committee for making this possible!

### **7 Sacred Teachings Pouring Art Therapy Project**

Our Aboriginal Education and Inclusive Support Program have teamed up again this year to embark on an art therapy project inspired by Aboriginal perspectives. This year students are using pouring art to make personal connections to one of the seven sacred teachings. All 277 students in the school are involved in the project and will have a beautiful canvass to take home with them at the end of the year. Cherry Hill will have an art show in the spring to show them off to our school community. A huge thank you to Ms. Osoup, Ms.

Abbott, and all our staff for making this learning experience possible.

### **Healthy Schools Moment: Importance of Sleep**

Good quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things and behave well, which helps them be a successful learner. Children who don't sleep well, or who don't get enough sleep, are more likely to feel tired and have difficulties learning. If you notice that your child is having trouble concentrating, remembering things or learning, consider whether they're getting enough sleep.

Learn more about how to help your child develop healthy sleep habits on the Fraser Health School Health webpage here: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/children-and-youth/healthy-sleep-for-children#.XBrcK8uWx9B>

### **Great Things at Cherry Hill Elementary**



Pouring Art in Division 1.



Energy Champions presentation by the BC Lions