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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I'd like to welcome everyone back from a much deserved winter break! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. We are very excited about the start of the New Year. Cherry Hill has several exciting opportunities and activities for our students and school community between now and the end of the school year.

Although weather is warmer than usual, high humidity and wind is chilling the air. While most of our students usually dress appropriately, there are still a few that attempt recess and lunch breaks outside in t-shirts. Although these students are always asked to go back inside to put on jackets, it would be very helpful if parents could continue to have conversations with their children around appropriate dress in the winter.

Here are a few important dates coming up:

Jan 9th Healthy Relationship/Sexual Health Parent Information Night, 6:30, library

Jan 11th PAC hot lunch orders due

Jan 12th PAC bottle drive, 10am to 2pm

Jan 14th-18th Kindergarten Registration

Jan 14th Booster Juice orders due

Jan 16th Booster Juice Day

Jan 16th First day of Guitar Club, 2:30-3:15

Jan 17th First Day of Lego Club, 2:30-3:30

Jan 25th School Assembly, 9:00am

Jan 28th to Feb 1st Lunch time martial arts lessons

Jan 30th Aboriginal Cultural Day

Feb 12th PAC Meeting, 6:30, library

Feb 15th Pro D day, no school

Feb 18th Family Day, no school

Feb 28th Pink Shirt Day, 1pm Assembly

Thanks,
Shane Sliziak, Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration runs this year between January 14th and 18th. Please visit the school or district websites for a list of documentation (proof of age, proof address, etc) you will need to bring with you. Parents must enroll children at their catchment school. If you already have a son or daughter attending Cherry Hill but you are not within our catchment, a cross-boundary application for the incoming Kindergarten student will need to be filled out at your catchment school. Priority is typically given to students that already have siblings at the requested school of choice. After reviewing information on our school or district websites, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Grade 6 Cross-Boundary Request for Middle School

Parents of students in Grade 6 should have received a letter indicating their catchment area middle school. Grade 6 students will automatically be registered at these schools. However, if parents would like to request attendance at a different middle school, a cross-boundary request will need to be made. If you would like to make a cross-boundary request, please visit our school office to pick up a form. Once complete, please give it to our office and it will be faxed over to the requested school. If the application is approved, parents will be contacted by the requested middle school. Please do not contact our office, as we are not part of the decision making process.

Aboriginal Cultural Day

This year Cherry Hill will participate in Aboriginal Cultural Day on January 30th. This is an all-day morning event at Cherry Hill that exposes our students to various aspects of Aboriginal Culture. Classroom divisions will participate in 2 group sessions with activities including beading, archeological digging, drumming and much more. The Aboriginal Cultural Day will begin at 8:45 with an opening ceremony in the gym.

Report Card Envelopes

We would like to remind parents to please sign and return report card envelopes as soon as possible. This process is two-fold. Firstly, it indicates to teachers that

parents have read report cards and are aware of student progress. Secondly, it cuts down on paper waste as envelopes are re-used for each term report card.

Lego Club

We are happy to announce that Cherry Hill will be starting a Lego Club next week. Many thanks to Ms. Hodson, who will be the Lego Club facilitator. The club will meet every Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 in the library for fun and exploration with Lego. We have space for 20 students and sign-up will be a first come first serve process. A sign-up sheet will be posted at our library entrance the morning of Thursday, January 9th. The Lego Club’s first meet will be January 17th. Please note, priority will be given to students that are not already in the Art or Guitar clubs. As well, if we get a lot of interest, we will likely rotate students after a few months.

Guitar Club

Prior to Winter Break, Ms. Midzain (formerly Ms. VanNoord) sent registration forms home for students in Grades 5 and 6 that might be interested in joining our new Guitar Club. The club will be facilitated by Spencer Turpin, who has previously taught guitar at Hatzic Elementary. Space is limited to 15 students and is first come first serve. Please refer to the informational package for more details. The first session is Wednesday, January 16 from 2:30 to 3:15.

‘The Elders are Watching’ Schoolwide Art Project

We are very excited to announce a schoolwide art project that will be beginning next week. The project was organized by our Aboriginal Liaison Worker, Susan O’Soup, and ISP teacher, Anna Abbott. The project is based around the book, ‘The Elders are Watching’, written by David Bouchard and illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers. The project will involve all students in the school (K-6) creating a landscape painting following the same unique art style found in the book. Once the entire school has completed their landscape paintings, we will invite our parent community to a schoolwide art show where students can show off their paintings. Although an exact date of the art show has not been determined yet, it will likely be in May. Painting sessions will begin in our intermediate divisions next week and will continue down into our primary divisions. We are very excited about this project and cannot wait to show it off in the spring. More to come on our art show date!

Great Things at Cherry Hill Elementary



Thank you Cherry Hill Community for all of your food donations!



Intermediate students learning how to code robots!



Grade 4 students using the green screen!