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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

I would like to thank parents for their active participation at recent Cherry Hill events. It was great seeing so many parents at our Halloween and Remembrance Day assemblies. Our students are always very keen to show off during performances.

Report card and parent teacher interview season is just around the corner. If you think it is a bit late this year, you are right. As a district the decision was made last year to extend Term 1 reporting by a few weeks. This allows teachers a bit more time to get to know their students and complete appropriate classroom assessments. Reporting for Term 2 and 3 will follow the same schedule as in the past.

We at Cherry Hill are strong advocates for "parents as partners" in education. I encourage all parents to attend parent-teacher interviews as a way to partner with teachers in this educational journey.

We have a few important dates coming up:

- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Bottle Drive, 10am-2pm
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Stat Holiday, No School
- Nov 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> PAC fundraiser, Neufeld Farms ordering
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup> PAC Cookie and Hot Chocolate Fundraiser
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> PAC Hot Lunch (Pizza)
- Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am dismissal
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup>-Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Report Cards Sent Home
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day, No School
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert (Day Time)
- Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Last Day of School Before Winter Break

Thanks,  
Shane Sliziak, Principal

## Kindergarten Bottle Drive

We'd like to remind parents of the Kindergarten bottle drive this weekend between 10am and 2pm. Proceeds are used for Kindergarten graduation, a wonderful event for our school community. Please drop off bottles at the school parking lot. As well, we are always looking for parent volunteers! The bottle drive will go ahead rain or shine.

## Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is approaching very soon. Get your Christmas shopping done for those avid readers on your Christmas wish list. Mark the dates on your calendar. It starts on November 27<sup>th</sup> until December 4<sup>th</sup> (except for the Nov 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>). The Library will be open before school, during lunch, and after school for shopping. If you cannot make it out to our Book Fair during those times, we will be open Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening until 5:30pm. Families attending the Book Fair will be able to enter for a chance to win \$25.00 worth of books. There will also be a *How Many Candies in the Jar* contest for students. Also, *we are in need of Parent volunteers during the Book Fair to help out on some of the days.* Contact Janet Kaszonyi, the Teacher Librarian.

## Homework Club

We would like to remind parents that we have a homework club running on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30. Ms. Dhaliwal and Ms. Blair support students in the club. This club is especially useful for intermediate students that need a little extra help or support for homework assignments. Please contact your son or daughter's teacher for more information.

## Formal Report Cards

This year our first formal report cards will be going home on Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A reminder to parents to please return the envelope with your signature on it. This let's us know that you have had a chance to review it with your son or daughter. Our report card format will look very much like it did last year with just a couple of minor tweaks. As always, any questions you may have about your son or daughter's report card should first be directed towards the classroom teacher.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences will run from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup> after school and into the evening. Each classroom runs their parent-teacher conferences differently so please refer to specific communications from the classroom teacher for details around conference style, sign-up process, and available times. If you have not received any information from the classroom teacher yet, it should be out by next week. If you are unable to attend a scheduled conference time, you are always free to make alternative arrangements to meet with the teacher.

**2018 Cherry Hill Christmas Concert**

With Halloween and Remembrance Day behind us, staff at Cherry Hill have begun Christmas Concert planning. We can confirm that our concert will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Like previous years, it will be a day time concert. Although we have not set exact times yet, we will offer a dress rehearsal to extended family in the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>, while immediate family can attend the concert in the afternoon. More details regarding the concert theme, performances and show times to follow.

**School Recycling Program**

I would like to remind parents that School District 75 has implemented a new district-wide recycling program this year. While several recycling centres are located around our school, individual classrooms no longer have garbage cans or recycling receptacles. To minimize hallway traffic during lunch and recess, *all Cherry Hill Elementary classrooms are “pack in pack out” with regards to snack and lunch items.* This means each day students will put snack/lunch recyclable and garbage items back into their lunch kits to be disposed of at home. If you have any questions about “pack in pack out” please feel free to contact the principal directly.

**We Need Lego!**

Hello parents and greater community. To go along with our Art and Homework Clubs, we would like to start a Lego Club. However we need more Lego! If you or anyone you know would like to donate lego it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

**‘Great Things’ at Cherry Hill**



Mr. Sliziak duct taped to the wall. This fundraiser raised over \$900 for the Terry Fox Foundation, with division 6 raising the most money. Mr. Sliziak reports that it was fun being a “fly on the wall” for our Halloween assembly



Students learning Punjabi Folk Dance to celebrate Diwali. Thank you Ms. Dhaliwal for organizing this! Our students had a blast!



Our Gr. 5/6 students at Remembrance Day Assembly. Well done everyone!