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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 events. Our students are always very keen to show off during performances. As well, we have had a great turnout of parents for D.E.A.R. and Flashlight Fridays on Friday mornings. We at Cherry Hill are strong advocates of "parents as partners" in education so it is amazing seeing so many of you engaging in our school community.

A few weeks ago I sent out a survey asking parents for their feedback regarding the timing of our parent-teacher conferences. The feedback overwhelmingly indicated that our parent community was happy we had our conferences in October as opposed to December like most other elementary schools in our District. Moving forward we will continue to have them in October but will consider having them a little later in the month next year. Messaging around timing of our Spring conferences will come out in the new year.

We have a few important dates coming up:

Nov 16th Kindergarten Bottle Drive, 10am-2pm

Nov 22nd Early Dismissal, 11am

Nov 27th PAC Open House, gym (2:30-3:30pm)

Nov 29th Month End Assembly (10:30am), Gym

Dec 4th PAC Meeting, 6:30, Library

Dec 5th Term 1 Report Cards Go Home

Dec 6th Non-Instructional Day, No School

Dec 19th Christmas Concert (10:45am and 1:00pm)

Dec 20th 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, Saturday Nov. 16th, 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.

Math Club

In addition to all our other wonderful clubs that are running afterschool and at lunch this year, we have just added a math club. This is a great opportunity for students that either love math or need extra help. The club runs on Tuesdays at lunch in the library. A huge thank you to Ms. Sandhu for spearheading this club and volunteering her valuable time. Sign up for the club is at the front of the library. There is a lot of space still available.

Formal Report Cards

This year our first formal report cards will be going home on Thursday December 5th. A reminder to parents to please return the envelope with your signature on it. This helps 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.

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 Thursday, December 19th. Like previous years, it will be a daytime concert. We will offer a dress rehearsal to extended family in the morning at 10:45am. Immediate family are invited to attend the main concert in the afternoon at 1pm. Our Christmas Concert theme this year is 'Holidays Around The World'. More details to come as we get closer to the date.

Parking

I would like to thank parents for their continued efforts in following parking rules in our parking lot. I'd also like to thank one of our parents, Ms. Davison, for

volunteering her time to help with parking lot management. Please see the attached parking lot map for a diagram of our parking lot and appropriate ways for parents to park. Please note, I have had some reports that parents are illegally parking on some of our side streets (blocking driveways, parking on the wrong side of the road). This creates potentially dangerous situations for our students that are walking home as it interferes with regular traffic flow. Should this turn into a continued concern the only remedy the school has for off-ground parking is notifying the RCMP. Please remember, your convenience **DOES NOT** trump student safety. Thank you everyone.

PAC Open House

Our Cherry Hill PAC will be running a pot luck meet and greet on November 27th from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. The goal of the event is to discuss PAC visions and ideas for this school year. As well, it's a great way for our new families to be introduced to PAC. Remember, if you have a child at Cherry Hill Elementary, you are already a member of PAC and have voting rights when it comes to how fundraised money is used around the school. Past moneys have been used for art projects such as the mural, special events (Pink Shirt Day for example), emergency preparedness, classroom teacher funds, and student giveaways just to name a few. PAC has some really great ideas for this year so please come to the meet and greet to learn more about them. All decisions must be voted on, and this occurs at PAC meetings. The next one is December 4th at 6:30 pm. On a final note, we would like to acknowledge that all PAC time is on a volunteer basis. Many of our active PAC parents spend countless hours each week making Cherry Hill a better place. For that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Hope to see many of you at the PAC open house on November 27th.

Month End Assembly

We would like to invite parents out to our month end assembly on November 29th at 10:30am. Our Green Team will be doing a presentation to the whole school around waste disposal. As well, we will honour students of the month for Courage and have our regular 'Cherry Hill Five Great Things' presentation. Hope to see you many of you there!

Weather and Clothing

With our weather becoming wet and much colder in the last few weeks, we remind parents that students should be arriving with jackets and appropriate footwear. We only have inside days when there is very heavy rain.

Most times we will go outside for recess and lunch when it is raining. As well, for our younger students, a change of clothes at school is recommended.

'Great Things' at Cherry Hill



Ms. Dhaliwal and some her students at the costume parade.



Student leaders with local veterans and school district trustees at our Remembrance Day Assembly.



Savage Chickens Book Talk. Thank you to our public library and Ms. Huffer for making it possible.