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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians;

I can't believe we are already six weeks into our new school year! By this time of the year, classroom routines are well established, and students are fully immersed in their grade-level school work. For the most part, I have been very impressed with how well our children are doing. With that said, it is quite common around this time of the year for some students to feel overwhelmed and a bit stressed about the increasing demands of school life. We encourage parents to have discussions with their children about how they are doing at school. If there are any concerns at all we suggest connecting with classroom teachers as a starting point.

The weather is changing quite rapidly at this time of the year. It can be quite cold in the mornings but very warm by mid-afternoon. A reminder to parents to please make sure their children are coming to school appropriately dressed for cold mornings.

Finally, as we are entering cold and flu season we suggest parents take a few precautionary measures to help reduce the spread of germs. Washing hands after school is a great way to make sure germs at school are not coming home. As well, if your son or daughter is sick (and especially in the contagious stage), we recommend staying home until things have cleared up.

We have a few important dates coming up:

Oct 12th School Assembly, 9:00am

Oct 19th Pro D Day, *no school*

Oct 25th Ready Set Learn Event, 6-7pm

Oct 24th PAC Hot Lunch

Oct 25th Books for Bedtime, 6-7pm

Oct 31st Halloween Costume Parade/Assembly, 1:15pm

Nov 1st Photo Retakes

Nov 7th Remembrance Day Assembly, time TBD

Nov 12th Stat Holiday (Remembrance Day), *no school*

Nov 12th-23rd PAC fundraiser, Neufeld Farms ordering

Thanks,

Shane Sliziak, Principal

Cherry Hill Website

We would like to inform parents that we have a new school website. The address is still the same, www.cherryhill.mpsd.ca, but the look and design is very much improved! We encourage parents to check the website regularly for updates and information about events going on around the school. It is also your starting point for registering for School Cash Online (the only way to make school purchases).

Books For Bedtime

Books for Bed Time is quickly approaching. The event will be held on October 25th, from 6-7 pm in our school gym. Pre-school to Grade 2 children and their parents are invited to attend (parents must stay at the event with their children). We will have many activities this year including crafts, stories, and educational games. Children are strongly encouraged to wear Halloween costumes! Each child that attends will receive a gift bag to take home!

Halloween Festivities

On October 31st we will have some Halloween festivities going on around the school. Firstly, our PAC will run another pumpkin carving contest. Students are encouraged to bring carved pumpkins (carved at home) to enter the contest. Judging will be done through the day for various categories, and winners announced by the end of the day. Winners will receive PAC sponsored prizes. Secondly, students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes (a letter outlining school appropriate costumes will be emailed next week) and participate in our schoolwide costume parade in the afternoon (1:15 start). Parents are encouraged to attend the parade. Following the parade, we will have a school assembly with a special surprise for the entire school (hint: it may contain duct tape). In addition to these events, classrooms may be holding their own festivities on the day.

Homework Club

We are happy to announce that we will be running a homework club on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30. Ms. Dhaliwal and Ms. Blair will support students in the club by offering extra help with any unfinished school work they may have. Space in the club is limited to 15 students and is first come first serve (please sign up on

the sign up sheet in front of the library). The first day from homework club is October 24th. Sign up ASAP to get a spot!

School Recycling Program

School District 75 has implemented a district-wide recycling program this year. Each school now has several recycling centres around the school for various recyclables including compost, paper, plastics, glass and cardboards. Individual classrooms no longer have garbage cans or recycling receptacles. It is the job of each classroom to make sure recyclable materials and garbage make it to one of the centres each day. 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.

School Cash Online

Another reminder that Mission Public School District is using School Cash Online for school purchases. Cherry Hill Elementary *no longer accepts cash payments* for school purchases. Please visit our school website (www.cherryhill.mpsd.ca) to register your son or daughter. It is very important to enter registration information (student name, birth date, email, etc.) in the exact same way it was reported on our school registration form. For technical assistance, please visit our school secretary during school hours.

Thank You Parents!

Thank you parents for your cooperation around pick-up and drop off rules. All our students are using their appropriate entrances in the morning and parents are in a great routine of waiting for the afternoon bell before going to classrooms to pick up their children. As well our parking lot seems to be much less chaotic in the morning and afternoons. Thank you for obeying parking rules, it is very much appreciated.

‘Great Things’ at Cherry Hill



Students working in Cherry Hill’s Art Club. Visit our Art Club board in the intermediate wing to see all the cool stuff that is happening in the after-school program.



Cherry Hill students make a giant peace day symbol for Peace Day. It was filmed by a drone!



Our District Cross Country team before their race at Heritage Park. Both Keely and Skylar finished in the top 10 in their age divisions. Job well done everyone!