

ćásqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #1 – October

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy October Everyone! I can't believe how quickly September has flown by and now all our students are settling into the routines of their new classes. Some of the highlights we have had this month so far were our Truth and Reconciliation Gathering, our Open House, our Terry Fox Run and some very exciting Volleyball games! These types of events help make the culture of ćásqənelə so positive and I look forward to seeing our students thrive in these activities and other events to come!

I am also looking forward to our Primary Cross Country, our PAC Movie Night, Boy and Girls Volleyball and our Intermediate Cross Country! Thanks to our amazing staff and PAC for making all of these events possible for our students!

Please feel free to say hello to Ms. Tait and myself while we are outside supervising students before school, recess, lunch, and after school.

All the best and have a wonderful October!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Litter-less Lunches: To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment ćásqənelə has a litter-less lunch policy. As part of this process students are asked to pack out whatever they don't eat from their lunch each day.

Volleyball: Volleyball season is underway! Congrats to all the participants on our grade 6/7 volleyball teams. Players are hard at work every week, and they have done a great job representing our school.

Terry Fox Fundraising: The total number isn't in yet but we are close to \$5000! Exact number in November. Thank you to everyone who donated!

PAC Movie Night: October 18th Movie Night! Doors open at 5:00 pm, movie starts at 6:00 pm. This event is to help raise money so we can replace the wood chips on the playground with rubber. This is a parent supervised event meaning children need to be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there!

Halloween: Many classes will be doing special activities on Halloween. We ask parents to provide their children with guidance around costumes that are appropriate for an elementary school setting. If your costume has a weapon(s), please be sure to leave it (them) at home.

Upcoming School Events

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| Oct 17 | Great Shake Out
Primary Cross Country |
| Oct 18 | PAC Movie Night |
| Oct 24 | Intermediate Cross
Country |
| Oct 25 | Non-Instructional Day
School not in session |
| Nov 6 | Photo re-takes |
| Nov 8 | Remembrance Day
Gathering |
| Nov 11 | Remembrance Day
School not in session |
| Nov 12 | Non-Instructional Day
School not in session |
| Nov 13 | Pizza Hot Lunch |
| Nov 14 | PAC Meeting |
| Nov 21 | Grade 6/7 Immunizations |
| Nov 28 | PAC Paint Night |
| Dec 4-5 | Entrepreneur Fair |
| Dec 12 | Early Dismissal: 11:30
Conferences
PAC Meeting |
| Dec 13 | Conferences
School not in session |
| Dec 16 | Whitespot Hot Lunch |
| Dec 20 | Last day of classes! |
| Dec 23 – Jan 3 | Winter Break! |

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Lost and Found: Lost and found boxes always seem to be full. These boxes are located by the gym doors please feel free to come look through the bins to find your child's missing items. Outdoor clothing is our most frequently found "lost" item as children wear them outside then discard them during breaks when they get hot running around. Please be sure to label your child's clothing items, especially coats, to help enable the items get returned! We usually donate what is left in the bins during the school breaks: winter, spring, and summer.

Student Picture Retakes: If you missed our photo day, or didn't like the images, photo re-take day is Wednesday, November 6th.

Medical Alerts: Just a reminder that if you have a child with health-related issues that may need medical intervention while at school, proper paperwork is required to be updated *each year*. Please drop by the office to complete the necessary forms.

Parent Portal and Consent Forms: The parent portal allows parents/guardians to fill out school consent forms, receive announcements, and make secure online payments. It is essential to register in order to receive and keep updated with school information. All field trip permissions will be via the parent portal. If you haven't already done so, please complete the consent forms. These consent forms are vital to the school for such things as iPad use, yearbooks, and consent to go on walking fieldtrips. The emergency release forms are required in case of natural disasters. If you are having parent portal issues, please see Mrs. Baird in the office.

PAC: Cusquenele PAC meets on the second Thursday of each month, with a few exceptions, please come to a meeting and let your voice be heard. The PAC also has a Facebook group that is updated frequently, you will need to ask to join and fill out questions prior to approval, this ensures the safety of our staff and students.

Email: cusqunelapac@gmail.com

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2769354153092188>

Lunches: Please note: There are no utensils, and no microwaves in the school for student use. Please send items that need to be hot in a thermos and send utensils.

Bikes and Scooters: There are a lot more students riding bikes and bringing scooters to school. It is great to see our students being active! Students have been asked not to ride them on school property and we request they get locked up on the bike racks found around the school. Please note, the school is not liable for any lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

Parking Lot: Please remember that our parking lot is one-way with lanes designated for certain purposes and can be very congested. It typically takes 10-15 minutes for the congestion to dissipate in the morning and afternoon. If we all remain patient and kind this will go much faster.

After School Arrangements: To minimize phone calls to the office and class disruption, please ensure that your children are aware of lunch and/or after school arrangements when they arrive to school in the morning. Notes in your child's planner or emails to the teacher are great communication options as well. All teacher emails can be located under the staff tab on the school website. We are pleased to be of assistance when unexpected problems arise, however, we do appreciate your efforts to keep those occurrences minimal. Thank you for understanding.

Arrival and Departure: Please ensure your child is going in their pod door in the morning and leaving through pod doors in the afternoon. Students must check in at the office after 8:40 am. Please note, parents should never be in the building without first checking in at the office.

Dress for the Weather: As the weather is getting rainier, it is important your child is sent to school dressed appropriately. As well, an extra set of clothes kept at the school will enable your child to change should they get wet or muddy while playing during recess or lunch. We send the students out during these breaks rain or shine. Please encourage them to dress for the weather.