

# Ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #2 – November

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*I can't believe we are already at the beginning of November! I guess it is to be expected that time flies when we are busy with so many exciting activities! We certainly have had a lot going on in the month of October at Ćəsqənelə such as: Triple Ball, Cross Country, Terry Fox, Hot Lunches, Field Trips, Gatherings, Movie Nights, and more! I want to take a moment to acknowledge the unbelievable work done by our Staff and PAC to offer so many experiences for students at school and in our community. I was absolutely amazed by the amount of school spirit during our Terry Fox Run and our Halloween Gathering! Well done Ćəsqənelə!*

*We will be having our Remembrance Day Gathering on November 8<sup>th</sup> and please note that there will be no school on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Remembrance Day and on November 12<sup>th</sup> for a non-instructional day.*

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

*Here's to a great month at Ćəsqənelə in November!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Terry Fox Fundraising:** The grand total is in, collectively we made \$4,809, thank you to everyone for their generous support!

**Student Picture Retakes:** If you missed our photo day, or didn't like the images, photo re-takes are Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

**Poppies:** Every child will receive a poppy on November the 8<sup>th</sup> for our Remembrance Day Gathering. The yearly Poppy Campaign, by The Royal Canadian Legion, raises funds to support our Veterans and their Families. We will be placing bins in classrooms and hope parents could send in a donation to be collected.

**Remembrance Day Gathering:** The grade 2-7 choir will be performing at our Remembrance Day Gathering on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming School Events

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| Nov 1          | Jars by Jodi Fundraiser                              |
| Nov 6          | Photo re-takes                                       |
| Nov 6          | Growing Smiles Fundraiser                            |
| Nov 8          | Remembrance Day Gathering                            |
| Nov 10         | Purdy's ordering closes                              |
| Nov 11         | Remembrance Day<br>School not in session             |
| Nov 12         | Non-Instructional Day<br>School not in session       |
| Nov 13         | Pizza Hot Lunch                                      |
| Nov 14         | PAC Meeting 7:00 pm                                  |
| Nov 15         | Spirit Day – Pajama Day                              |
| Nov 20         | Fresh to You Pickup                                  |
| Nov 21         | Grade 6/7 Immunizations                              |
| Nov 22         | Purdy's Pickup                                       |
| Nov 28         | PAC Paint Night                                      |
| Dec 4-5        | Entrepreneur Fair                                    |
| Dec 12         | Early Dismissal: 11:30<br>Conferences<br>PAC Meeting |
| Dec 13         | Conferences<br>School not in session                 |
| Dec 16         | Whitespot Hot Lunch                                  |
| Dec 20         | Last day of classes!                                 |
| Dec 23 – Jan 3 | Winter Break!  |

**PAC Paint Night:** Tickets are selling fast, get yours before it's too late! Refreshments are available for pre-purchase on Munchalunch. Unfortunately, we are unable to make substitutions to the charcuterie boxes. These snacks and pop/buble are only available by preorder. In addition to the refreshments being sold on Munch, we will also have some fun mocktails available for purchase at paint night!

**PAC Announcement:** CQE PAC is excited to be hosting several fundraisers, events, and a hot lunch this month! Keep an eye on the PAC Facebook page to see information about Purdys, Poinsettias, Jars by Jodi, a pizza hot lunch, and the much anticipated paint night! We hope to see you at our next PAC meeting on Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in the HIVE. All are welcome!

**Young Entrepreneur Fair:** Families are welcome to come and purchase hand-made items from Divisions 1-5 on Thursday December 5, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Schools Out Program:** This is a free after school drop-in program for ages 10-13. Please see attached flyer for more information.

### **SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...**

**Litter-less Lunches:** To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment *časqənelə* 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 including wrappers from packaged goods. 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.

**Parent complaints:** If a parent is concerned about a decision made by a teacher, the parent first has an obligation to raise the concern with the teacher directly. If the concern is not resolved, the parent may request a meeting with the teacher and the principal to discuss the issue. If after this meeting, the parent is still dissatisfied with the decision made or action taken, a meeting with the principal and the assistant superintendent may be requested to resolve the matter. This information can be found in your child's planner as well as on the SD42 website: <https://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>

**Lost and Found:** The lost and found boxes are located by the gym doors please feel free to come look through the bins to find your child's missing items. Please be sure to label your child's clothing items, especially coats, to help enable these items return to your family!

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

**Parent Portal:** It is really easy to "unsubscribe" from portal communications, if you stop receiving regular messages please check your status.

**PAC:** *časqənelə* 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](mailto:cusqunelapac@gmail.com)  
Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2769354153092188>

**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 designated lanes for parking, kiss and go drop off/pick-up, and thru traffic. 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 colder, 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.



# SCHOOLS OUT

FREE  
After School Pre-Teen  
Drop-In Program

**Age:** 10-13Y | **Time:** 2:30-4:30PM

**Days:** Mondays, September - June  
(Excluding Holidays & School breaks & Pro D Days)

**Location:** Albion Community Centre  
(Multi-Use Room #3)

NOV 4	NOV 18	NOV 25
NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT & SMORES	SLIME	STRUCTURE BUILDING

DEC 2	DEC 9	DEC 16
ICE CREAM CONE CUPCAKES	HOLIDAY MOVIE & POPCORN	HOLIDAY CRAFT



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