

Ćásqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #3 – December

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December is always a bustling time with many festive activities as we prepare for the Winter Break. In the hallways you can hear the sound of students working on holiday crafts and the excitement for the Entrepreneur Fair, Talent Show, and upcoming break is tangible in the building.

I wanted to extend a huge congratulations to our volleyball teams for their successful seasons finishing 1st and 3rd respectively! The matches were very exciting and our students represented our school so well! I also wanted to thank our coaches for dedicating their time so our students could have these amazing experiences! We have another banner going up in our gymnasium! Great job!

We are looking forward to welcoming our families into the building for our Student-Led Conferences where our students can celebrate their learning with you.

As always, feel free to say hello before or after school while we are out supervising the students. All the best to our Ćásqənelə families this holiday season!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entrepreneur Fair: Divisions 1-5 have created products to sell for the Young Entrepreneur Fair on December 5th. Come check out what they have made, and support student-run businesses. Partial proceeds go to charity. Visitors are welcome from 9:00-10:00, 10:40-12:00, and 12:45-1:10. Follow this hyperlink to view the catalogue: [Entrepreneur Fair Catalogue 2024.pptx](#)

PAC Announcement: Big thank you to everyone who came to paint night and supported all the recent PAC fundraisers. Your support is always so appreciated. We have one more PAC meeting in 2024 on Thursday, December 12th, hope to see you there. The CQE PAC executive would like to wish all families a restful winter break!

Ćásqənelə Tuesday's are back! On Tuesdays, wear your Ćásqənelə Spirit Wear, shirts with kind messages, Terry Fox shirts or orange shirts. The Primary class with the most participation will get a visit from Spark our resident eagle while Intermediates will receive varying prizes!

Upcoming School Events

- Dec 2 Red Robin Hot Lunch
- Dec 2-11 8 days of Christmas giving
- Dec 5 Entrepreneur Fair
Holiday Greenery Pickup
- Dec 6 Fundscrip Closes
- Dec 12 Early Dismissal: 11:30
Conferences
PAC Meeting
- Dec 13 Conferences
School not in session
- Dec 16 Whitespot Hot Lunch
- Dec 18 Power of Yet Gathering
Intermediate Talent Show
- Dec 20 Winter Hat Spirit Day
Last day of classes!
- Dec 23 – Jan 3
Winter Break!
- Jan 6 First Day Back
- Jan 10 Artstart
- Jan 16 PAC Meeting
- Jan 27 Lunar New Year Gathering
- Jan 28 Non-instructional Day
- Jan 29 Fuel Hot Lunch

Basketball Skills Mini-Camp: There will be a mini basketball skills camp for Grade 6 or 7 students held after school from 2:30-3:30 pm on December 6, 9, 11, 16 & 18th. Parent permission required. Forms are available on the Sports Bulletin Board.



Volleyball: Congratulations to all of our volleyball teams! The recreational team has completed their season and had a lot of fun in the process. We had wonderful results with our competitive teams: our boys' team placed 3rd in the district, and our girls' team placed 1st bringing home a championship banner to add to our gymnasium wall! Great job to all of our players and coaches!



SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Litter-less Lunches: To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment *casqanel* 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: *casqanel* 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>

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.