

# ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #4 – January

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to a new year at ćəsqənelə!! We hope everyone had a restful winter break and we are excited to welcome everyone back! We are also very excited to have our House Post installed at the front of the school and are in the process of planning our ceremony for the unveiling! January is always a busy and productive month with the start-up of basketball and many events such as Art Starts, our Lunar New Year Gathering and many other events and field trips! Again, thank you to the teachers and the PAC for making these events possible as they help maintain a wonderful sense of community in the building. I can't believe we are already at the month of January! Here's to another great month at ćəsqənelə!*

*As always, feel free to say hello to Mrs. Tait or myself when we are outside supervising in the morning or after school.*

*All the best!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Art Start:** Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we are kicking off Lunar New Year celebrations with a performance by Dumpsta Dragons! They come very well reviewed and sound fun and original. Students will be gathering in the gym from 1:00-2:00 pm, make arrangements with your classroom teacher if you need to pick up early.

**Reading Link:** The Reading Link Challenge is only for grades 4 & 5 and already underway! Meetings are held Thursdays at 12:00 in the Hive, bring your lunch with you!

**CQE PAC:** Please join us for the January PAC meeting being held over zoom on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The link will be sent out by portal and can also be found on our PAC Facebook page. All parents and guardians of CQE students are members of the PAC and are welcome and encouraged to attend. Hope to see you there!

**Bookfair:** The scholastic book fair is coming to the Hive March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> keep an eye out for more information!

## Upcoming School Events

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| Jan 6     | First Day Back                                    |
| Jan 7     | CQE TV Gathering                                  |
| Jan 8-15  | Munchalunch ordering open – Fuel                  |
| Jan 10    | Artstart:<br>Dumpsta Dragons                      |
| Jan 16    | PAC Meeting                                       |
| Jan 20-27 | Munchalunch ordering open – Boston Pizza          |
| Jan 24    | <b>Fuel Hot Lunch</b>                             |
| Jan 27    | Lunar New Year Gathering                          |
| Jan 28    | Non-instructional Day                             |
| Feb 2-9   | Munchalunch ordering open - Brownies              |
| Feb 3-7   | Mobile Planetarium                                |
| Feb 7     | PAC Family Dance<br><b>Boston Pizza Hot Lunch</b> |
| Feb 13    | PAC Meeting                                       |
| Feb 14    | Non-Instructional Day                             |
| Feb 17    | Family Day – No School                            |
| Feb 18-28 | Hip Hop   |
| Feb 26    | Pink Shirt Day<br><b>Brownies Hot Lunch</b>       |

## SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

**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. ***Parents should never be in the building or going to classrooms without first checking in at the office, this includes the portables.***

**ćəsqənelə Tuesday:** Wear your ćəsqənelə Spirit Wear, shirts with kind messages, Terry Fox or orange shirts on Tuesdays to help your class win a visit from Spark, our resident eagle, and other prizes like Giants tickets!

**Litter-less Lunches:** To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment ćəsqənelə 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:** ćəsqənelə PAC meets on the second Thursday of each month, with a few exceptions, please come to a meeting, let your voice be heard and help do good things for our students! 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.

**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.