

Ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

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VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a fantastic Spring Break! With the arrival of Spring, we are looking forward to Ultimate Frisbee starting up as well as Track and Field later in April. Some of the events we are looking forward to this month are our BC Lions Power Smart Presentation, a Garibaldi Secondary Band Performance, as well as Intermediate Speeches! Thank you to the teachers and the PAC for making these and many more events possible in our school!

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

All the best!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bear Awareness Booth: In partnership with KEEPS and Metro Vancouver Parks, there will be a special Bear Awareness booth set up at the ACC on Tuesday, April 8th from 1:30 – 4pm. Your generous donations from our Kindness Shirts will be presented during this afternoon. Students will be invited to attend during the school day and families are welcome after school to learn more about how we can help to keep bears wild by being bear aware. Please join us!

CQE PAC: It's a busy time of year for the PAC! We are kicking spring off with hot dog day on Friday, April 4th. Giant thank you to all the volunteers helping make this day happen for the kids. Keep an eye out for the Growing Smiles Fundraiser for all your flowers and hanging baskets. There is also Subway hot lunch and treat day scheduled for April.

PAC Meeting: The next PAC meeting is Thursday, April 10th, where we will start to prepare for the AGM in May. All executive positions are up for election each year, more information about what each position entails will be shared on the PAC Facebook page in the coming weeks. Please consider volunteering to help do good things for CQE kids.

Book Fair Update: Thank you to everyone for supporting another amazing Scholastic Book Fair! Your efforts have raised \$5,400 for us to spend on books for the Hive as well as the intermediate novel collection and primary instructional reading materials. Thank you to all the parent and student volunteers, and the 8 SRT Link students who took the time to come and share their time with us. It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun behind the scenes!

Upcoming School Events

- Apr 1-2 Planetarium
- Apr 3 BC Lions PowerSmart Presentation 9:00
- Apr 4 PAC Hot Dog Day
- Apr 7 Fire Drill 9:30 am
- Apr 8 Bear Awareness Booth
Ultimate Game: Away
Highland Park
- Apr 9 Reading Link Challenge
10-12 at the ACC
- Apr 10 PAC Meeting via Zoom
- Apr 17 **Subway Hot Lunch**
- Apr 18 Good Friday No School
- Apr 21 Easter Monday No School
- Apr 24 Intermediate Speeches
- Apr 25 Intermediate Vote 9-12
- Apr 28 **TCBY Treat Day**
- Apr 25 – Apr 29 Intermediate
Track Attack
- May 5 – May 9 Intermediate
Track Attack
- May 12 Dress Rehearsal
Wizard of Oz
- May 13 Wizard of Oz – Cast 1
- May 14 Non-Instructional Day
- May 15 Wizard of Oz – Cast 2
- May 16 Wizard of Oz – Cast 3

Competitive Basketball: The competitive boys' and girls' teams had successful seasons. Boys finished 4th and girls finished 2nd in the district, well done!



Intramural Basketball: Over 60 students participated in lunchtime intramural basketball January – March. Congratulations to Team 2 as they won the championship game in overtime to claim the 2025 CQE Intramural Basketball Championship. Great job!

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Practices on Wednesdays

- After school on the field (or gym)
 - April 2
 - April 9
 - April 16
 - April 23
 - April 30

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.***

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. A map has been distributed via the portal and posted to the school website, please refer to this if you are unsure of the parking lot guidelines.

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.

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!

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

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 easy to "unsubscribe" from portal communications, if you stop receiving regular messages please check your status.

Bikes and Scooters: Students have been asked not to ride scooters and bikes 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.

Dress for the Weather: 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 no matter the weather. Please encourage them to dress for the weather.