

# ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*It's hard to believe we are already wrapping up another year at ćəsqənelə Elementary! We have a school community filled with creative, thoughtful, and kind students. Our staff continue to go above and beyond to show care and dedication, and we are so appreciative of their work with our students this year.*

*Academically, I have seen so many examples of exemplary work while students were presenting to their classmates or sharing with their families at conferences. Artistically, I have seen our halls plastered with beautiful works of art or had the pleasure of watching our students' many fine arts performances. Socially, I have seen students of multiple ages working together with their buddy classes or coming together out on the field to play their favourite games in inclusive ways.*

*Some of our highlights this year have included the Terry Fox Run, Track and Field, Spirit Days, Fun Day, Cross Country races, Volleyball, Basketball, Chess Club, our House Post Ceremony, and our musical of Wizard of Oz. We are still looking forward to many class field trips and our Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony. We are so thankful and appreciative of everyone who helps to provide these many opportunities so our students may pursue their passions and interests here at ćəsqənelə!*

*I would like to thank the staff, parents, students, PAC, and all other volunteers for making ćəsqənelə such an amazing community.*

*Have a wonderful summer and take good care of each other!  
Walking Together as One, Learning Together as One*

## Upcoming School Events

- June 4 Grade 4/5 Track & Field  
Fire Drill 1:30
- June 5 Grade 6/7 Track & Field
- June 6 Hive: All books due back  
PAC Treat Day: TCBY
- June 17 Celebration Gathering  
1:00 – 2:00  
Spirit Day: Wear What Makes you Happy!
- June 19 Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony
- June 25 Last Day for Students  
Early Dismissal 12:00

*Have a great summer! We will see you again September 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Hive:** It's time to look under beds and behind sofas to find all outstanding Hive books! Notices will be sent home shortly with students who still have overdue items.

**Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony:** Wishing our grade seven students the best of luck in high school next year, thank you for being great members of our CQE community!

**Track and Field:** Our school sent 91 athletes in grades 4-7 to the district track & field meet at MRSS on June 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>. Great job to all the CQE athletes!

**Cross Country:** We represented as a school and did amazing! Great job to all participants!

## 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.

**ćəsqənele Tuesday:** Wear your ćəsqənele 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:** ćəsqənele 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>

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