

# Ćusqənelə News

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*"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*I want to commend our students for their exceptional behaviour and respectful conduct at our Gatherings so far. The Halloween Parade, though a loud and vibrant event, students remained kind and respectful allowing everyone to have a great time! Our Remembrance Day Gathering was met with the same kind and respectful behaviour as we honoured Veterans and those lost, hopefully we can learn from our past and live in a time of peace.*

*We are incredibly proud of our four volleyball teams who have represented our school. Their dedication during practices and games has been inspiring and they've shown what it means to be both competitive and compassionate teammates. Thank you to our coaches and staff who have supported these athletes on their journey.*

*November is a busy time; our calendar has been filled with many fun activities, field trips, and a spirit day for staff and students to look forward to!*

*Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where every child feels safe, valued, and inspired to learn. We look forward to a joyful and productive month ahead!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Poppies:** Thank you to everyone for your support with poppy donations.

**Volleyball:** Our grade 6/7 volleyball teams are in the middle of an exciting season! We have four teams this year that include the competitive girls' team, competitive boys' team, recreational coed, and recreational girls' team. Players have been working hard and have shown a lot of improvement so far. Good luck to all four teams as they finish out the season.

**PAC Announcement:** Thank you for all of your support for our PAC initiatives in October! Our first community event of the year, Movie Night, was a great success! We've been able to introduce a few new Hot Lunch vendors, we hope you've enjoyed the variety so far. The Kleenex Drive brought in over 200 boxes, which is sure to last us through the cold season. We also celebrated World Teachers' Day by providing coffee and snacks for the wonderful staff at CQE! Just a reminder that we still have several fundraisers open – Purdy's, FundScrip, and Growing Smiles, please see the upcoming events section for closing dates. We hope to see you at our next PAC meeting!

## Upcoming Events

- Nov 7 Remembrance Day  
Gathering 10:45  
Treat Day – Frozen Yogurt
- Nov 9-16 Treat Day ordering open
- Nov 10 Non-Instructional day  
No school for students
- Nov 11 School closed  
Remembrance Day  
PAC Purdy's ordering closes
- Nov 13 Lockdown Drill 9:45
- Nov 16 PAC FundScrip closes  
PAC Growing Smiles closes
- Nov 18 PAC meeting 7:30pm  
In person at CQE
- Nov 19 Spirit Day – Twins Day
- Nov 20 PAC Hot Lunch –  
Mary Browns & Dominos
- Nov 22-29 Hot Lunch ordering open
- Dec 2 PAC Treat Day –  
Kernels Popcorn
- Dec 3 Entrepreneur Fair
- Dec 9 PAC Meeting 7:30pm  
Via Zoom
- Dec 11 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- Dec 12 Conferences  
No school for students
- Dec 15 PAC Hot Lunch  
White Spot & Subway
- Dec 20 – Jan 4 Winter Break

## 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. Please see the attached map if you are unsure of the parking lot guidelines.

**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.

**Bikes and Scooters:** Students have been asked to walk, not ride, scooters and bikes on school property and we request they get locked up on the bike racks found around the school. E-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed on school property. Please note, the school is not liable for any lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

**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.

**PAC:** ćəsqənelə PAC meets on the second Tuesday 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>

**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.

**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.