

ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #5 - 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 to school! January is always a busy and productive month with the start-up of basketball, special events and field trips!

Thank you to the teachers and PAC for creating so many opportunities for our students 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.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC: Please see the PAC Newsletter on page 2.

Basketball: Basketball season is now underway! We have four teams this year, including a competitive girls team, a competitive boys team, and two boys recreational teams. In total, over 50 grade 6 and 7 students are participating. Best of luck to all of our teams this season!

Parking: We understand that parking around the school can be challenging. However, we must remind families not to park in the townhouse complex across the street. It is private property and parking there not only inconveniences residents but also creates safety concerns for the children and families who live there.

When possible, please consider walking to help ease congestion. Otherwise, use only designated school or public parking areas. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us support a safer school environment and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

Bookfair: The scholastic book fair is coming to the Hive March 2 - 6th, keep an eye out for more information!

Upcoming Events

Please refer to emails from teachers and Parent Portal posts for any field trip information

Hot Lunch ordering open Jan 4-12th
Boston Pizza/Subway

Jan 12 Grade 6 Vaccinations

Jan 13 PAC Meeting 7:30pm
In person

Jan 16 Indigenous Intramurals
~ Intermediate

Hot Lunch ordering open Jan 17-26th
Opa/Dominos

Jan 21 PAC Hot Lunch
Boston Pizza/Subway

Jan 23 Spirit Day – Hat Day

Jan 27 Non-Instructional Day
No school for students

Feb 6 Indigenous Intramurals
~ Intermediate

Feb 9 PAC Hot Lunch
Opa/Dominos

Feb 10 PAC meeting 7:30 ~Zoom

Feb 12 PAC Glow Dance 6-8pm

Feb 13 Non-Instructional Day
No school for students

Feb 16 Family Day
School Closed

Feb 25 Pink Shirt Day


Feb 27 PAC Hot Lunch



Cusquanela Elementary PAC

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

December Review

- A huge thank you to our school community for supporting the CCW Christmas Hamper and Wishlist! It was a big success and because of your donations, each CCW student was able to receive an item from their list. 
- Our first ever Family Skate was so much fun! Thanks to everyone who attended. We look forward to making this an annual event!
- With both a Treat Day (Kernels Popcorn) and Hot Lunch (White Spot/Subway) in such a short month, December was a busy one! Thanks to the volunteers who helped with those.

Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting (in person*)

Tuesday, Jan 13th @7:30pm

*may switch to Zoom (weather dependent). Any changes will be announced a few days in advance.

Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza/Subway)

Wednesday, Jan 21st

Ordering **open** Jan 4th - 12th

Hot Lunch (Opa/Dominos)

Monday, Feb 9th

Ordering **open** Jan 17th - 26th



**Need
more
info?**



Main Email:

cusqunelapac@gmail.com

Hot Lunch Email:

cusqunelahotlunch@gmail.com

PAC Facebook Group:

[Ćasqənele - cusqunela - Elementary Parent PAC Page](#)

Volunteer Facebook Page

[C'usqunela Volunteers](#)

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 *ćasqənele* 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.

ćasqənele Tuesday: Wear your *ćasqənele* 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: *ćasqənele* 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
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.