

ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #8 – April

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are already in April and entering our final term at ćəsqənelə for this school year. Spring is a busy and exciting time, with many events to look forward to, including the Terry Fox Run, Track and Field, Cross Country, Public Speaking, the School Leaving Ceremony, and Fun Day.

As we begin planning for next year, parents who have educational information they wish to share for class placement purposes are invited to complete a Parent Input Form, available in the office. Please note that class placements are based on many factors, and submission of a form does not guarantee a specific placement. The deadline for forms is May 31. More information is outlined below. Wishing everyone a wonderful final term!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coin Drive: It's time to look under the couch cushions! Our Terry Fox coin drive will take place from April 13-17th, please see attached flier on page 2.

Terry Fox: On April 17th we will have our Terry Fox Gathering at 10:45 am, followed by our run at the Albion Sports Complex after lunch.

Track Attack: The week of April 20-23rd the intermediate students will participate in various track and field events each afternoon at school and the Albion Sports Complex.

PAC Ice Cream Day: PAC is very excited to introduce a new event this year. All students in the school will be able to enjoy ice cream sundaes (a dairy-free option will also be available) with their class on April 20th. This is a PAC funded event, free of charge to families. Thank you to all who have made topping donations.

Spirit Day: April 24th will be Dress Like a Teacher Day!

School Musical: Students have been busy this winter/spring learning our parts for our school musical, Frozen Jr.! Performances will take place during the week of May 11-15th. Please check the Parent Portal for when your child is performing and with your classroom teacher about costume requirements. All performances take place at the Albion Community Centre and will start at 1:00 pm, doors open at 12:45 pm.

Class Placement: We have begun the class placement process for next year, a thoughtful and collaborative process that takes place over the next several weeks and continues into September. Staff carefully consider each child's social-emotional development, learning styles, strengths, and needs to create balanced, inclusive classrooms. Parents who wish to share additional information for consideration may submit a Class Placement Parent Input Form to the principal by May 31st. These forms are available in the office.

Please note that requests for specific teachers or peers cannot be accommodated.

Fundamentals Childcare Centre: Registration for Preschool, ages 3-5, are currently open for the September 2026 – June 2027 school year.

Upcoming Events

- Apr 3 Good Friday
School not in session
- Apr 6 Easter Monday
School not in session
- Apr 8 Reading link challenge
In school competition
12:45 – 1:45 pm (Hive)
- Apr 13-17 Terry Fox Coin Drive
- Apr 14 PAC meeting
Zoom 7:30 pm
- Apr 15 Reading Link District Comp
ACC 9:30 – 12:00
- Apr 17 Terry Fox Gathering & Run
10:45 am
- Apr 20 PAC Ice Cream Day
- Apr 20-23 Track Attack 1:00– 2:00 pm
- Apr 21 Fire Drill – 11:30 am
- Apr 22 PAC Growing Smiles
Pickup 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- Apr 23 Public Speaking in Gym
Gr 4 & 5 – 9:00 am
Gr 6 & 7 – 10:45 am
- Apr 24 Primary Talent Show
Gym: 9:00 – 10:00 am
Spirit Day:
Dress like a teacher day!
- Apr 28 PAC Hot Lunch
Subway & Dominos
- May 2 District Public Speaking
Finals Gr 4 & 5
- May 6 Class Photo Day
District Public Speaking
Finals Gr 6 & 7

COIN DRIVE

FOR THE TERRY FOX RUN!

APRIL 13 TO 17

Monday, April 13 - Nickels & Dimes

Tuesday, April 14 - Quarters

Wednesday, April 15 - Loonies

Thursday, April 16 - Toonies

Friday, April 17 - Any Amount!
(Terry Fox Run Day!)

Donate **\$50** for
a Chance to Win!

**PIE IN THE
FACE DRAW!**

** Each \$50 donated = 1 entry in the draw!



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
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.