

ćəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #9 – May

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's amazing how quickly April has passed and that we are now well into our final term at ćəsqənelə for the school year! Spring is always a wonderful time, filled with so many exciting opportunities for students, including Track and Field, Cross Country, Public Speaking, our School Leaving Ceremony, Fun Day, and more.

This is a particularly busy time as we head into the last stretch of the year while also starting to think ahead and plan for next year as it is the season of both celebration and preparation!

As always, please feel free to connect with Tara or me when you see us outside supervising before or after school!

Wishing everyone a bright and sunny May!

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC: Please see page 2 for PAC updates.

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. No advance ticket reservations necessary, donations will be accepted at the door, these funds go towards our Fine Arts Programs.

Track & Field: CQE Track Attack has recently wrapped up and students in grades 4 to 7 will find out which events they have been selected for (if any) during the week of May 11th. Upcoming Track & Field meets will take place at MRSS: Grades 4&5 on Tuesday, June 9th, Grades 6&7 on Wednesday, June 10th. Students are encouraged to check the CQE athletic board and connect with their coaches for practice times. Events include 100m, 200m, 600m, relay, shotput, discus, high jump, and long jump. Good luck to all of our athletes as they prepare!

Grade 6 Immunizations: Fraser Health nurses will be returning to our school Thursday May 21st to administer immunizations for any eligible Grade 6 or 7. Please return consent forms to the office by May 12th.

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

Upcoming Events

- May 10-17 Hot Lunch ordering open
- May 11 Frozen Jr. Dress Rehearsal
All casts @ ACC
- May 12 Frozen Jr. Cast 1 @ ACC
PAC AGM 7:30 pm
In Person
- May 13 Non-instructional Day
No school for students
- May 14 Frozen Jr. Cast 2 @ ACC
- May 15 Frozen Jr. Cast 3 @ ACC
- May 18 Victoria Day – No School
- May 19 Intermediate Cross Country
- May 20 Grade 8 Day
Primary Cross Country
- May 21 Grade 6 Vaccinations
- May 22 Spirit Day – Disney Day
Fire Drill – 1:45 pm
- May 25-26 High Jump Semi-Finals
- May 27 PAC Hot Lunch –
Subway/Dominos
- May 28 Fun Day!!
- June 3 Welcome to Kindergarten
2026-2027
- June 9 Track & Field – Gr 4 & 5
PAC Meeting – 7:30 pm
Zoom
- June 10 Track & Field – Gr 6 & 6
- June 11 Fire Drill – 11:30 am
- June 12 Treat Day



Casqanelā Elementary PAC

MAY NEWSLETTER

April Review

- We were so fortunate to have a beautiful, sunny day for our first ever Ice Cream Sundae Day! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success by bringing in donations of toppings. An extra thank you to the parents who spent their day volunteering!
- Our Spring Growing Smiles fundraiser brought in over \$500 in funds we can use towards future events!

Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting - AGM (at CQE)
Tuesday, May 12th, 7:30pm

Hot Lunch (Subway/Dominos)
Wednesday, May 27th
Ordering open May 10-17

Fun Day!
Thursday, May 28th
Families welcome to join @2:20



Fun Day is coming up!

Fun Day!
May 28th



Students will have a chance to bounce during the day with their classes.

After school, families are welcome to join in the fun from 2:20-4pm. There will be food trucks, a tattoo station, music from DJ Eagle Beat, and more!

Check out the Facebook page for more details, or if you'd like to volunteer!

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.