



Whonnock Elementary

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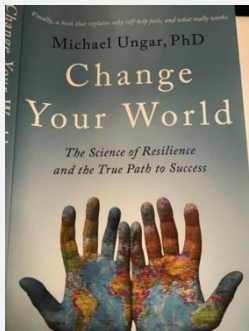
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Message from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a great Hallowe'en we had at school today! I was so impressed to see the efforts our students (you!) made to dress up and share their Covid friendly treats with their classmates. It seems that each of us, in our own ways, are adjusting to life with Covid restrictions. As a quick health and safety update I want you to know that we continue with the twice daily disinfection of high touch surfaces, restricted access to the building, high traffic area flow adjustments, no assemblies, single class learning cohorts, multiple hand washings, and teacher supervised lunch. While many of these changes are challenging, we are grateful to have our students and staff at school learning. In fact, I continue to be so impressed with the resilience and grace our community is showing that I was inspired to read a book about it.



And finally, as a testament to the kind of kids we have at Whonnock I want to share a little social experiment from this week. I bought a few boxes of candy with the intention of passing it out to students in their classes however it then occurred to me to try something different. I left a pile of candy on a table outside the library with no explanation. What happened next was awesome! A few passing students asked about it and Chalaine, our amazing secretary said they could take one if they needed

one. Some kids did and thanked her. There was no grabbing, hoarding, or rudeness, just Whonnockian kids being their usual polite, compassionate selves. I'm sure there will continue to be many important lessons to be learned from our new Covid reality and I'm so grateful to be learning them together in our Whonnock community.

Respectfully,

Stuart Richardson 604 626 1772 srichardson@sd42.ca

Upcoming Events

November 4

Picture Retakes

Neufeld Delivery

November 11

Remembrance Day – No School

November 12

Non-Instructional Day – No School

November 18

Purdy's Orders Due

November 20

Joy Fundraiser Orders Due

NOTE: READ newsletter carefully and keep as a reference as there are numerous important school information items. Many of these items will not be repeated in future newsletters.

PORTAL News



THANK YOU for taking the time to fill out the online consent forms and the Emergency Release Forms. If you have not completed these forms, please go onto the parent portal and complete them ASAP. The school district requires you fill out all the forms. If you have any issues, please come and see Mr. Richardson.

Important School News

STUDENT ABSENCES: Thank you for remembering to submit absences over the parent portal or calling into the office. If your student is absent and we do not know, we will contact the emergency numbers available until we are sure your child is safe. Please continue to call or send portal messages if your child is going to be late or absent.

EXTRA CLOTHES: We are into wet and muddy season here at Whonnock! Please send an extra change of clothes to school for your student so we can avoid a call home. Thanks for your help!



BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE: Students are reminded to bring their water bottles every day. Some Primary classes have alternate arrangements with individual cups. However, it is solely at the discretion of the teacher. The office cannot supply cups to students all year, please remember to bring a water bottle.

C.A.R.E.

At Whonnock, we CARE about ourselves, each other and our school. We use our **Common Sense**, have a positive **Attitude**, **Respect** ourselves, others and the environment, and put forth our best **Effort**. We would like to thank the following students for demonstrating our Code of Conduct for the Month of October 2020.

Div. 1

Logan
Lily
Taeya
Isaac
Jonah
Kayden
Aviva
Magnus
Chayla
Payton
Aly

Div. 2

Tristan
Maddox
Gracie
Mateo
Ella W
Ambriah
Teya
Sloane
Santos
Gracie

Div. 3

Bryce
Justin
Colton
Wyatt
Cale
Anisa
Kayel
Wyatt
Kody
Marek

Div. 4

Pippa
Ayla
Nate
Brooklyn
Jonathon
Peter
Raquel
Ava D
Eva
Mackayla
Charlie
Ava P
Gemma O
Piper
Olivia
Kane
Brianna
Brooklyn
Isabella
Ronin

Div. 5

Paxton

Keagan

Div. 7

Senna
Maya
Jack
Dominique
Keira
Ella
River
Mira

Div. 9

Elena
Novelle
Lachlan

Div. 11

Elife

More Important News

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATES - Parent teacher conferences will be taking place on Thursday, December 3rd & Friday, December 4th. More information to follow on how our conferences will be running this year.

P.A.C.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19 – via Zoom

Thursday, December 17 – via Zoom

Fundraising: Currently there are two fundraisers running at Whonnock. Purdy's Chocolates and the Joy Catalogue. Information for both fundraisers can be found on the parent portal. All ordering this year is taking place online. Thank you for your support.