



Chase River Elementary School Newsletter

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School Goals – 2008/2009

Goal #1 – To improve student achievement in reading.

Goal #2 – To maintain and increase the level of respect, courtesy, cooperation, and responsibility in all students from Kindergarten to Grade 7. We endeavour to continue to create a safe and responsible learning environment.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

It is hard to believe that it is November already and there are only 4 weeks to the Winter break! There is lots of positive energy and enthusiasm in the building and on the school grounds. We have lots of great things planned, both in individual classrooms and as whole school, and are looking forward to the next 4 weeks. One event we are looking forward to is our Winter concert. The students have been busy practicing in music class and in their regular classroom. This event will take place on Wednesday December 10th. See you there.

A REMINDER FROM THE BUS DRIVER:

For safety purposes, the Motor Vehicle Act does not permit equipment such as skis, poles, toboggans, sleds, skateboards, hockey sticks, etc. on a regular school bus.

NO SNOWBALL THROWING RULE

As the winter months approach, there is a strong likelihood that a snowfall could occur soon. It is time, therefore, for our annual "no snowball throwing" reminder should the white stuff appear one morning. This rule is enforced for the safety of students. It is important that our students understand the rule and our concern that snowballs can cause serious injury, especially to a person if struck in the eye. The consequence for a first time offender will be a 30 minute detention and a letter to parents. A second offence would result in suspension.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO SNOW

Now that the cold weather has started, we would like to restate the procedures for school closure. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, School District #68 will have public announcements made on the local radio stations WOLF 106.9 AND WAVE 102.3. Announcements are usually made around 7:00 a.m. Parents are advised to tune in to these stations, rather than phoning the school.



WINTER CONCERT EVERYONE WELCOME

On Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 our classes will be having a Winter Concert. We will have an afternoon concert at 12:20 p.m. and an evening concert at 6:30 p.m. Ticket request forms will be sent home on Thursday, November 20th. Tickets will be issued starting Monday, December 1st. Tickets must be issued to maintain the "Maximum Capacity Count" for the Fire Regulations.

TREE PLANTING

The Janes' Family, on behalf of Linda's husband Rick, has kindly donated two beautiful Star Magnolia (Magnolia Stellata) trees to our school. These trees are now planted in the front of the school near where our big Fir was.

The trees will provide a beautiful display of white fragrant star shaped flowers through the spring months, with gorgeous foliage until early November. On behalf of our school and community, we would like to thank Linda and her family for such a wonderful bequest.

Reminder: the students need to be mindful of the trees and they are strictly out of bounds while they are adapting to their new homes.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be issued on November 28th and is an opportunity for you and your child to celebrate the excellent effort they have put into their work.

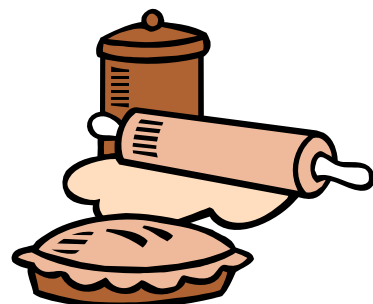
Remember that the mark is only an end product and should reflect the effort they have put into their work. Take the time to talk to them about what they can do specifically to improve their final scores. Progress and improvement in learning is more important than the final product or mark.

Talk with your child about what their strategies are to understand what they are learning. Have them tell you specifically why they are doing a particular assignment (and don't accept "because the teacher told me.")

Knowing what our goal is in an assignment focuses on the learning and not the letter grade.

APPLE PIE FUNDRAISER

Rose McCulley's 17th Annual (Secret Recipe) Apple Pie Campaign/Fundraiser. Pies are frozen, unbaked, have either crumb or crust top, and sell for \$10 each. Diabetic-friendly pies are also available. All proceeds are given to Chase River School. To order pies, please call Rose McCulley at 250-754-8351. Anyone who has apples to donate or could peel (at your house or mine), or roll out pastry, please call the above number. This recipe took three years to perfect, and I will share it with anyone who volunteers!



COMMUNICATING BY READING

Open the lines of communication by reading children's books. Some children seem to want to talk about any problem they face. Others clam up in the face of trouble. That's where a good children's book can really help open up communication. If you and your child read a book with a situation like the one your child is facing, it can often make it easier for you to talk with your child. Here's why:

- Stories help children see others who are facing the same issue. That helps reassure them that they are not alone. Often, just seeing that someone else has faced the same issue can give a child confidence.
- Books also help children see how the person in the story felt, what she said, and what she did. That opens the door for a talk between you and your child. You can talk about how the character felt and then ask, "Did you ever have those feelings?"
- Stories also encourage your child to think about how the character solved the problem in the story. Did it work? What could the character have done differently?

A children's librarian can help you find books about situations your child may be facing. You can ask your child's teacher for recommendations, too.

Source: Cheryl Coon, "Children's Books: A Secret Ally for Parents and Teachers," *Our Children Magazine* (National PTA, 1-800-307-4782, www.pta.org).

SPORTS SUPER STARS

We had many students participating in cross country, soccer and football this term. We are proud of all of our athletes. Throughout the season, they improved their fitness, developed and improved their skills and demonstrated great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Soccer Team:

<i>Alanah Tilley</i>	<i>Kassidy Soros</i>
<i>Olivia Murphy</i>	<i>Emmalee Koryzma</i>
<i>Rayshell Doyle</i>	<i>Jewel Cooper</i>
<i>Angel Burgess</i>	<i>Nicole Buckle</i>
<i>Mikayla Bulloch</i>	<i>Olivia Jantzen</i>
<i>Erin Johnson</i>	<i>Sarah Matheson</i>
<i>Shayna Mutter</i>	<i>Taelon Pinto</i>
<i>Amy Rampanen</i>	<i>Emma Rampanen</i>
<i>Grace Vukelich</i>	<i>Misha Zvekic</i>

A big thank you to Mr. Dean for volunteering to coach this team.

Football Team:

<i>Bryson Beute</i>	<i>Tyler Bouchard</i>
<i>Colby Brown</i>	<i>Brayden Koryzma</i>
<i>Chayse Laskosky</i>	<i>Zach Smith</i>
<i>Jordan Terris</i>	<i>Chris Clark</i>
<i>Brett Owen</i>	<i>Brandon Scott</i>
<i>Brendan Bahl</i>	<i>Jacob Rysz</i>

A big thank you to Mr. Greenway and Mr. Shane Terris for volunteering to coach this team.

Cross Country:

Zone Meet

<i>Christopher Schill</i>	<i>Griffin Hughes</i>
<i>Kristy Boxrud</i>	<i>Matthew Cooley</i>
<i>Jazmyne Wells</i>	<i>Andre Nicolini</i>
<i>Cale Emes</i>	<i>Hayden Dodds</i>
<i>Dario Rossetto</i>	<i>Garrett Petschauer</i>
<i>Miranda Mackie</i>	<i>Sydney Deimert</i>
<i>Bailey Jantzen</i>	<i>Domenic Dillon</i>
<i>Olivia Murphy</i>	<i>Nicholas Avender</i>
<i>Quinn Mackie</i>	<i>Brittany Dean</i>

Carmen Murphy
Keely Dodds
Brayden Koryzma
Tyler Bouchard
District

Andre Nicolini
Dario Rossetto
Olivia Murphy
Matthew Cooley
Jazmyne Wells
Brittany Dean

Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Arabsky for volunteering to coach Cross Country.

Chelsea Smidts
Lindsey Kean
Colby Brown

Garrett Petschauer
Hayden Dodds
Miranda Mackie
Carmen Murphy
Keely Dodds

Volleyball season is now underway and we are pleased to see so many students signed up to play. Volleyball schedules have been sent home with players and they are also posted on the sports board outside the library. Special thanks go out to the staff and parent who have volunteered to coach teams this season.

Bantam Boys – Mr. Terris & Mr. Dean

Bantam Girls – Mr. Greenway

Peewee Boys – Mr. Schultz

Peewee Girls – Mr. Dean

Lastly, A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the parents that have volunteered to drive our athletes to their events. Without rides we would not be able to participate.



SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students:

October Awards went to:

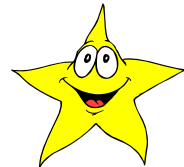
Jay Paugh for being a good friend.

Connor Nesvog for helping with the recycling.

Ember Sulkys for helping with the recycling.

Tyler Bouchard for being a good friend.

Drew Bennett for helping a younger child through a doorway.



NEWSLETTER DRAW WINNER

Our October newsletter draw winner for a \$10 gift card to Chapters was Kanwar Parmar.



PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITION AWARDS

Every month teachers nominate up to 4 students to be recognized by the principal.

The purpose of the award:

- Praise students for their accomplishments
- Give recognition to students
- Promote pride in students' work

Nominated students meet with the principal to receive a certificate and a treat and to display their accomplishment to peers and the principal. Students recognized for October are:

Diana Newton

Colby Neff

Airin Banasky

Zachary Kelly

Taylor Newton

Ember Sulkys

Cale Emes

Jonah Wylie

Livvy Murphy

Riley Bellerose

Jenna Emes

Misha Zvekic

Sonya Anzai

Mathew Grimes

Matthew Horvath

Linda Matheson

William Kegler

Ayden Reeves

Bailey Jantzen

Autumn Simpson

Nicole Buckle

Angel Burgess

Mikayla Bulloch

Sarah Matheson

HEADLICE

- Headlice is a nuisance and not a disease.
- Lice are common where children play or work closely together.
- Lice live only on a person's head and do not jump or fly.
- Lice can move quickly on dry hair so they are difficult to see.
- There is a safe way of getting rid of head lice that does not include pesticides and is inexpensive.
- Sharing combs, hats or touching heads promotes the spread of lice.
- Dry head checks are not always accurate.

Headlice is a pain, no matter how you look at it. It is so much work. Pediatrician Moshe Ipp of The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto has come up with a super treatment. He recommends a 50/50 solution of Mineral oil and vinegar. Massage it into the hair, cover for one hour with a shower cap and then shampoo out with regular shampoo (it may take 2 shampoos to remove the oil from the hair). This treatment can be repeated as often as needed.

The vinegar detaches the nits from the hair shaft while the oil suffocates any live lice and makes for easy and smooth combing out of any detached nits and dead lice. Dr. Ipp claims 100 percent success using this process. "It has been a lifesaver for our parents who are beside themselves after unsuccessfully using repeated courses of potentially toxic therapeutic shampoos" says Dr. Ipp.



GREEN THUMBS NEEDED ☺

Mrs. Rowan Butler, an E.A. at Chase River, is taking care of the gardens around the school. These garden areas were planted by parents for all of the families in the community to enjoy. There are herbs for the taking, medicinal plants to learn about, shade for the students, and the little ones love the flowers and the butterflies that come back year after year to our school. Mrs. Butler is looking for volunteers to help prepare the gardens for winter. If you think you can help us with the gardens, there is a sign-up sheet in the office lobby.

BEAR SAFETY

Thank you to all the parents who have informed us of bear sightings. We have received a significant number of calls this fall and have sent bear sighting letters home. We will continue to inform you of bear sightings in your child's planners. Please check your child's planner daily and review the following safety tips with your child:

In the spring, summer and fall, bear sightings in the vicinity of schools are fairly common and occasionally there is a sighting of a cougar. All sightings should be reported to 1-800-663-WILD (9453). Ask for the conservation officer on duty.

Below are a few basic safety rules with regard to bears. More detailed information is available on the internet at

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cos/info/bearaware/index.html>

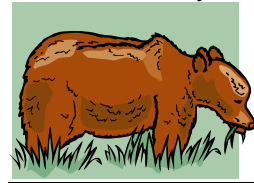
- Respect **all** bears – they can be dangerous
- Never approach a bear
- Never attempt to feed a bear
- Be defensive – never surprise a bear
- Learn about bears. Anticipate and avoid encounters
- Know what to do if you encounter a bear
- Each bear encounter is unique. No hard and fast rules can be applied when dealing with a potentially complex situation.

Children should not:

- Run or play in areas with dense bush
- Play unsupervised in bear country
- Make animal-like sounds while hiking or playing
- Approach bears, especially bear cubs
- Be encouraged to pet, feed or pose for a photo with bears, even if they appear tame

Students walking to and from schools should:

- Walk in groups
- Stick to the roads; do not walk through the bush
- If you encounter a bear and have food in your backpack, drop your backpack and move away from the bear.



QSP MAGAZINE SALES

QSP Magazine sales are now underway. A "kick-off" presentation took place on Wednesday, November 5th. Students have been given magazine catalogues and order forms and are working hard to make this fundraiser a success. We hope that families will see magazines that they like and will make an order. The money collected will be used to support educational programs, fine arts, field trips and sports programs. As was the case last year, I would like to have special events happen when students raise a certain \$\$\$ amount. If the students reach:

\$500 Staff will sing O'Canada after the morning announcements.

\$800 Staff pudding eating competition – Mr. Greenway will try to defend his title.

\$1000 Raw egg catching (any volunteers??)

\$1500 Dress Mr. Dean for the day or Mr. Dean takes a pie in the face at an assembly.

A BIG THANK YOU to Carol Bowman who has again volunteered her time to organize this fundraiser.

LOST AND FOUND

Many items have accumulated in our Lost & Found. These items will be on display until November 28th. Items not claimed, will be donated to one of the charitable organizations in Nanaimo.

PAC NEWS

➤ SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you so much to the PAC for hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. This event helps us to purchase books for the classroom and library.

This year, because of the number of books that were purchased by students, parents, families, and staff, \$1,600 worth of new books are in the library.

➤ **CHRISTMAS STORE**

Our PAC has organized the Christmas Store once again this year. The shop will be set up in the library on December 4th and will be open for business from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each class will have an opportunity to come through the store so the students can buy gifts for their families.

➤ **WINTER FUN NIGHT**

Come join in on the fun on Monday, December 8th from 6pm – 8pm in the gym. This fundraiser will have a cake walk, bake sale, pictures with Santa, and crafts for kids to make.

➤ **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Brought to the Chase River gym by *Film Buff Video Rentals* and the Chase River PAC. The November movie was Kung Fu Panda. There will not be a movie in December, but movie night will resume in January. Limit of 5 children to every one adult. No children are to be left unattended. There will be popcorn for 25 cents. Please do not bring any hard to clean up snacks or drinks into the gym. Suggested donation is \$1 or 1 canned good per person. Bring a pillow or blanket to sit on, get comfy, and enjoy the show!

*It is always appreciated when people stay behind to help put away mats and sweep the floor.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Nov. 25 th | PAC Meeting in the library @6:30pm |
| Nov. 26 th | Wacky Wednesday–Crazy Hair Day |
| Nov. 26 th | Month End Assembly @ 12:30pm |
| Nov. 28 th | Report Cards go home |
| Dec. 4 th | Christmas Gift Shop |
| Dec. 8 th | Winter Fun Night from 6-8pm |
| Dec. 10 th | Christmas Concert – one hour performances at 12:20pm (dress rehearsal) and 6:30pm (evening performance) |
| Dec. 17 th | Wacky Wednesday-Red/Green Day |
| Dec. 17 th | Month End Assembly |
| Dec. 19 th | All-School Skate |
| Dec. 19 th | Last day before Winter Break |
| Jan. 5 th | School Re-opens |



Chase River School Comment Slip

Newsletter No. 3 It is important that all comment slips are signed and returned to the school to indicate that you have received this letter. If you have any comments regarding the information in this newsletter, you may also include them below. Thank you.

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Comments: _____

Slips returned will be included in a draw for a \$10 gift certificate from Chapters.