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A note from the office ...

What a difference a month makes! The plants are alive, the weather is warm (or not so much!), and our students are on the move. Teachers are taking the opportunity of moving learning outdoors, including more than just PE as an outdoor activity. We have been also presenting days where learning is done without lights and other modern conveniences in conjunction with our Energy Cup challenge. If you notice not as many lights on in the building it is because we are saving energy!

The last few months of school seem to move along very quickly. We are actively working on Track and Field for students in grades 3-7, many teachers are planning activities to extend learning off of the school grounds, and we are beginning our planning for the upcoming school year. We are also welcoming early learners to our school for Ready Set Learn. The sessions continue April 21st and 28th at 1:30 and then move to 6:00 PM to 7:30 on May 5th,

12th, 26th and June 2nd.

Finally, Please remember to let the school know if you are planning on moving. I am including some more registration information in this newsletter.

Enjoy the wonder that Spring brings! It is truly amazing,

Yours truly,
Ms. Charles

Calendar Updates

Please look on the back page! There are many dates of importance as the year draws to a close.



For More information or to report incidents of bullying please go to <http://www.erasebullying.ca/>



Snap the Snake! Our Valley "Viper"

Snap, the corn snake that lives in the tank in the front office, is on the move! Just like our students who are enjoying the warmer weather and the chance to run and play, Snap is extremely active. Spring is when corn snakes explore more readily. Over Spring Break Snap shed his skin, signaling a time of renewed activity. It has been fun to listen to the students who visit the office window who are surprised to see that there ACTUALLY IS a snake in the tank. Ms. Leah, the snake's proud parent, will take him out of the tank and take him to classes. Students are getting a chance to feel his skin. Some students eagerly await the news that it is time to feed Snap! Snap is a non-venomous snake. While he does have teeth he does not bite unless he feels very threatened. Ms. Leah monitors all students who are visiting the snake. Nature is alive!

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

We are working on building our school organization for the upcoming school year. We base the organization on our predicted enrollment based on our current student population and new registrations, plus Kindergarten projections. It is extremely important that we get the numbers as close to accurate as possible! Please let us know if you are moving. As well, please ensure that new registrations, including kindergarten, are in by the following dates:

If space and facilities allow, Applicants will be offered registration after June 15, in the following order:

1. **In-catchment** students who attended the school during the previous year (all students currently registered remain on our class lists)
2. **New in-catchment** students, who have applied by **June 15** based on the date of application, with siblings of students already at the school accepted first.
3. **New out-of-catchment** students who have applied by **March 31**, based on the date of application, with siblings of students already at the school accepted first.
4. **New out-of-district** students who have applied by **March 31**, based on the date of application, with siblings of students already at the school accepted first.

Applicants will be advised of the decision, usually **no later than June 30**. Applications for out-of-catchment and out of-district attendance will be valid until September 30, 2016. After that date, the school will accept applications for mid-year transfers.

News from the PAC

The PAC has been meeting once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month in the Viper Den. This dedicated group of volunteers works tirelessly on behalf of all of the students and families here at Cinnabar. One of the recent acquisition has been two fabulous Buddy Benches! The Buddy Bench concept was developed by an elementary student in the States who wanted to be able to help peers find friends on the playground. The benches are a place for students to go and sit if they are in need of a friend, and all students know that they are to watch out for people and ask them to join in. The benches are also used as a place to solve conflicts between friends. The new benches were placed in the “big forest” area, overlooking the field. We are going to dedicate two of the concrete benches in the primary area as Buddy Benches as well—these ones will be decorated by the students! Please click on this link for more information on Buddy Benches. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JNtAtGGNRU>

Upcoming events: Movie Day, Friday April 22—the movie is free! Other information was sent home on Tuesday. Parents are encouraged to join in with their children.

PAC AGM: May 10 @ 6:30—Elections for the new PAC will be held at this meeting.

PAC Sponsored Talent Show: June 16

PARENT APPRECIATION DAY! MAY 18TH –Coffee and treats to be served as you arrive to school in the morning!

TRACK AND FIELD FRIDAY APRIL 29TH @ ROTARY BOWL

All students in grades 3-7 will be participating in the annual school track and field meet on Friday April 29th at Rotary Bowl. Permission Slips have been sent home.

Please note the following:

1. This is a curricular event. It is part of the PE program. Students are expected to participate to the best of their abilities. **PARENTS CHOOSING TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN OPT OUT OF THIS DAY WILL BE ASKED TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME AS THERE IS NO ALTERNATE PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL.**
2. Parents and other support people are more than welcomed to attend the meet and cheer on the athletes. We are in need of volunteers to help time and place judge the running events as well.
3. Students will be expected to stay in the stands when they are not competing.
4. If a parent chooses to take a student home from the meet early the student must be signed out by the classroom teacher and the student will need to go directly home. We anticipate being done at the track at 12:45 and being back at the school by 1:20. We may conclude a couple of the events at the school if necessary.
5. This event goes RAIN OR SHINE! Be prepared! It is always windy at Rotary Bowl.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

School District #68 Policy No. 3590 adopted February 28, 2001 states, "Each school will establish its own student dress code policy and will publish such policy in its School Handbook for parents/students/staff."

The appearance of any young person is primarily the responsibility of that individual and his/her parents. We expect students to wear clothing that shows respect for themselves, others and our school as a workplace and as a place of learning.

In School District 68 it is expected that students will dress in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to a positive and safe learning environment.

Appropriate dress is considered to be that which

- ◇ is respectful to the wearer, and others ie: no backless garments, see through or low cut clothing or exposure to undergarments
- ◇ is free of any reference to alcohol, drugs, gangs, hate, obscenity, profanity, racism/discrimination, sex and/or violence

When a student's appearance is felt to bring appropriate clothing for the



to be detrimental, the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked student. If the problem persists, a parent/administrator conference may be requested.

Please consider the following:

LASAGNA not SPAGHETTI (Straps on tops need to be the width of lasagna noodles)

TOPS MUST MEET BOTTOMS

IF WE CAN TELL THE STYLE OF UNDERWEAR ONE IS WEARING SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE CHANGED

Calendar Update

April 21 – Swim to Survive Grade 3 9:00-10:30
April 21– RSL in Library 1:00-2:30
April 22 –PAC Movie after school
April 26 – Fire House Safety Grade 3 – will need MPR
April 28 – RSL in Library 1:00-2:30
April 29 – School Track Meet
May 3-5 – Healthamongus – TBD
May 6 – Band Concert 10:00 (gym not available from 9:30)
May 11 – Div 11 Milner Garden
May 12 – Swim to Survive Plus Grade 7 11:00-1:00
May 13 – School Based Pro-d—Schools not in session
May 16 – Curriculum Implementation Day—New Curriculum—Schools not in session
May 18- Parent Appreciation Drive Thru
May 19 – Class and all school Photo
May 19 – Swim to Survive Grade 7's
May 20 – Milton Randle full day drumming workshop and assembly
May 23 – Holiday –Victoria Day
May 26 – Assembly 1:40 PM—Div 1&2
May 27 – Zone Track Meet
June 3 –WTK Gym Closed
June 9 – District Track Meet
June 16 – Swim to Survive Grade 7's Westwood Lake
June 16 – Talent Show
June 17 – Fun Day
June 22 – Div 11 to Milner Garden
June 23 – Transfer Beach Div 3-7 – All day
June 23 – Grade 7 Pizza, Cake evening
June 24 – Grade 7 Assembly
June 27 – Div 10 and 11 to Splashdown Park
June 28 – Swim sessions
June 29 – Last Day, Report Cards, Assembly @ 10:30
June 30 – Admin Day

Criminal Record Checks

Update on doing a criminal record check:

Visit this site:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> You will be prompted for the NLPS access code which is as follows: **Access Code: UQ4T7XXBHE**

Once you have completed and submitted the form for the online criminal record check, **please provide your school principal with your full name and date of birth.**

All adults who volunteer in any capacity in the school are required to have a Criminal Record Check. This would include all PAC members and those people who help out with Hot Lunch on Fridays.

