



Weekly Update from Cinnabar Valley Elementary School



December 15, 2017

CONCERT REMINDERS – The big show is Wednesday December 20th @ 7:00 PM

(Shared November 24 – Red comments are new this week)

- **Costume requirements – PJ's!** Our show is based on the theme of the Night before Christmas. Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Brown and Mr. Sharpe will share the costume requirements for students with speaking roles. (All leads know what they need to wear – if in doubt, connect with Mrs. Edwards). Some of our younger students may want to bring a small blanket or stuffy to hold on to. This will keep their hands busy when they are not singing.
- There is one show only! Ticket orders will come home next week (Sent home Dec 4). There is no charge for tickets thanks to the generous support of the PAC and Hot Lunch. Each family will have access to 4 tickets. Families can request extra tickets, yet we will wait to see how many extras we have before we make any decisions. (We are at capacity in the Port – MOST requests will be honoured – however, families requesting more than 3 additional tickets may not receive them all. We will do our best to ensure that we have an accurate count for the night to be able to accommodate everyone. Ticket requests were due last Friday yet a number of students did not return their forms on time).
- Children need to be dropped off at the back (stage door) of the Port Theatre between 6:10 and 6:30. Doors for seating in the Port open at 6:45. Please ensure you keep your child's coats and other belongings with you! (We will be signing the students in. Please pick up your child from the stage door as well – we will be signing the students out).
- We will be doing an "essential item" donation drive for this event – stay tuned for more information from the PAC

PERSONAL CARE/HOUSEHOLD NECESSITIES DRIVE

On December 20, we will be holding our annual Christmas Concert at the Port Theatre. As in prior years, we will be accepting donations for the less fortunate. This year we are focusing on personal care items/household necessities.

Some recommended items are:

Diapers	Formula
Shampoo	Conditioner
Deodorant	Bar Soap
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Toilet Paper	Feminine Products
Laundry Soap	Dish Soap

COUNTRY GROCER HAS ONCE AGAIN GENEROUSLY OFFERED TO MATCH OUR DONATIONS ITEM FOR ITEM!

We will also be accepting cash donations for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.

Thank you for your support!

- **PLEASE ensure that your child has returned the permission slip for the rehearsal during the day at the Port Theatre. Buses leave @ 11:00. Students will have a big snack BEFORE they go to the rehearsal and then finish their lunch when we get back. They will have a big break as well (long recess) when we return.**

Students staying after School

We had a lengthy conversation at Tuesday's PAC meeting in regards to the protocols for students staying after school to play. Here are the considerations brought forward.



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1. In British Columbia, there is no legislated minimum age for leaving a child alone for a short period. However, according to a **B.C. Supreme Court decision (2017)**, children under the age of 10 should not be left unsupervised at home. The decision stems from two court cases where the Ministry of Children and Family investigated claims of child neglect. Given this ruling, we must insist that children 10 and under are supervised directly by a responsible adult after our regular supervision ends (1:52 or 2:52). If an older sibling is going to be responsible, please send a note or call the school so that we know this arrangement has been made.
2. Staff will ask students, "What is your plan" as they complete their supervision at the end of the day. Sometimes, students will be waiting for a ride! This is well within the regular expectations of what schools do. We do ask that students waiting for a parent stay close to the front door OR inside the building. Parents wishing an alternate plan, please let the school know. We always err on the side of caution, and we will ask students to wait closer to the office if we are unsure of the plans.
3. Please ensure that your child knows the expectations at the end of the day. We realize that plans change and we are happy to pass on messages to students when "things happen".
4. We often have students working on developing independence in walking to and from school, with support. This may look like students coming into the school to phone when they arrive in the morning, or calling home from the office phone at the end of the day to let parents know they are on their way. We are happy to support these safety plans!
5. The office phone is a business phone; for this reason, we do not permit students to use the phone to arrange last minute play dates or ask for permission to stay afterschool. We need to keep the lines open for parents who are calling to let us know that they are running late – this is a safety-related matter.
6. Best practice for students wanting to play at school past our supervision time: go home, check in, and then return. While you may have the upmost faith in your own child, other children may choose to stay as well without permission. Every year, we get phone calls from parents who are in a panic, as their child did not come home as expected. These are heart-wrenching calls to take!

End the end, all of these steps are in place to ensure that our Cinnabar students are safe, and families know where their children are. The ruling from the Supreme Court has made it necessary for increased supervision for our younger students. If you are interested in the case law, please click on this link of the related news stories.

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2015/09/17/bc-supreme-court-kids-home-alone_n_8155074.html

http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/04/01/when-can-kids-stay-home-alone_n_9585774.html

<http://www.ca.momtastic.com/parenting/578489-court-rules-that-kids-cant-be-left-home-alone/>

https://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjMt_mSs43YAhWIJ-wKHQzDDb4QFggpMAA&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theglobeandmail.com%2Fopinion%2Feditorials%2Fbc-to-parents-please-lock-up-your-kids%2Farticle36204157%2F&usq=AOvVaw3hXANngycYZkYuUZQJ2_p

Kindergarten Vision, Dental and Hearing Screening

We had quite a few of our Kindergarten students miss the VIHA screening for hearing, vision and dental this week. Families have the choice of connecting directly with the Health Unit to have the screenings completed or waiting until February, when the Health Nurse will return to Cinnabar.

Location

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December Assembly

We will be celebrating the end of 2017 with an assembly on December 21st at 11:00 am. Our kindergarten students from Division 1 and 2 will be sharing their knowledge from their Space unit. We will also be welcoming Cam Whipper, who will be speaking to the school community about his work on the big Island of Hawaii as a researcher at the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope! The students have already had the opportunity to have "Zoom" conversations with Mr. Whipper from Hawaii. This will be an exciting day! <http://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/en/>
We will also be celebrating both November and December Birthdays, and, if time permits, singing some seasonal songs! Please join us if you are able.

Customer Support for Yoyo products

If your child is having trouble with their yoyo, please visit the NED website @ <http://www.thenedshow.com/product-help-center.html>. There are quick fix ideas there as well as instructions to receive replacement yoyos should the product break.

Calendar Updates December 18-22

Full Rehearsal	December 18 @ 10:30
Full Rehearsal	December 19 @ 9:30
REHEARSAL @ PORT THEATRE	December 20 @ 11:00-1:30 – Permission Slips are needed!
Month End Assembly	December 21 @ 11:00
PJ Day!	December 22
No Hot lunch!	December 22