



April 6, 2018

April Showers bring May Flowers!

This is a kindly reminder to send extra clothes to school, as students will be outside playing most days, even if it is raining. We have a very small supply of emergency clothes (mostly for our wee ones) and it is quite uncomfortable to sit in wet things after being outside. Socks, pants and underwear seem to be the most needed items this year!



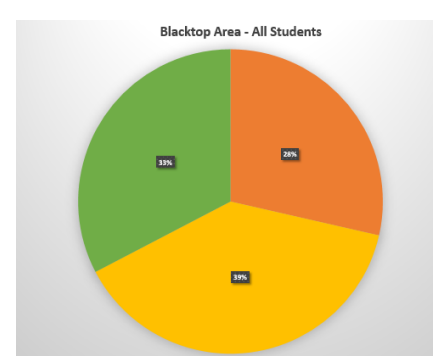
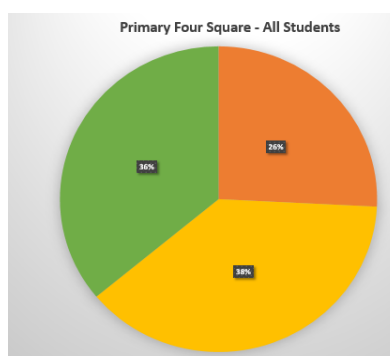
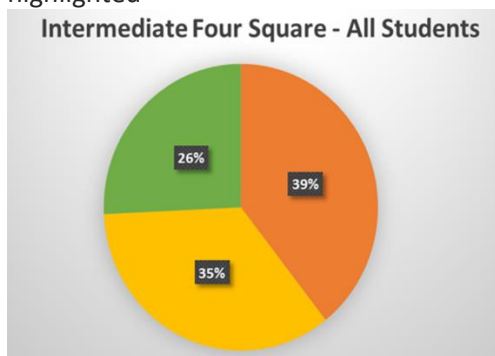
... Nevertheless, remember to have dry socks to put on!



Climate Survey Information and Next Steps

The students have participated in a two-part Climate Survey, looking at their feelings about a number of areas at Cinnabar School. The first survey involved students using three crayons – red, yellow and green – to colour a map of the school. Green indicated the areas students felt safe in, yellow indicated they were cautious or unsure, while red indicated areas they did not feel safe. I shared the following with students at the assembly today:

- ❖ Some areas look okay – the gym, the little forest, the primary playground, the swings, and the field
- ❖ Some areas not so much – the primary 4-square area, the intermediate 4-square area, and the blacktop were highlighted



We asked the students for their ideas as to why this may be so. Some of their insights were amazing:

- ❖ Too many balls flying around
- ❖ Too many kids, not sure where to walk to be safe
- ❖ Lack of understanding of how the games work

With a huge thank you to the PAC, we have moved to provide students with multiple things to do at the long and short recess breaks by providing equipment to classrooms. This way, students will be able to utilize the field more successfully, as well as other areas in the school. We spoke about ways to keep the equipment safe (return it!) And, we spoke about cooperating and be aware that we have almost 300 students playing outside as students need to be aware of who is around them.



Weekly Update from Cinnabar Valley Elementary School



There will be many more discussions around what the data means for our school. It was wonderful to see our students fully engaged in the conversation on how to move things forward in a positive way. They all agreed that it is not a student issue or an adult issue – it is a Cinnabar Community issue and together we can make it better!

Outside Hockey coming to an End

With the arrival of the new outside equipment early next week, the introduction of indoor soccer (thanks Mrs. Edwards), and the morning and after school programs with Pacific Sport, next Friday, April 13th will be the last day for outside hockey. Thank you for understanding.

BUSES FOR NEXT WEEK

There will be a bus arriving on Friday morning at 8:50 and again at 11:00 am. Please remember to keep the parking lot clear so the bus can get in.

Calendar Updates – next week and beyond

PAC Meeting	April 10 @ 6:30
Gymnastics with Selena Div 1-8	Afternoons in April (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
Kim's Cardio Fitness Div 9-13	Fridays, April 13, 20, 27
Class and School Photos	April 26
Swim to Survive+ Grade 7	April 26, May 3
Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off	May 3
Curriculum Implementation Day	May 10
Professional Day	May 11