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Sunset Elementary School

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Welcome Back!

Last Thursday, students joined their new teachers and learned about the expectations for the school year. This week, classes will be beginning their regular routines and students will need to bring their school supplies in if they haven't already done so. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.

If you have children in primary grades, please send a change of clothes for us to have on hand for muddy days.



The t-shirts that students painted last week look great! Thanks to Mrs. Casson and her crew for working with all classes so that every student in Grades 1-7 had a chance to make one.

Cross-Country Meet

A.J. Elliott will be hosting the District Cross-Country Meet in Sointula on October 14, 2010. Parents are welcome to join us Tuesday and Thursday at lunch to run with us as we train.

Peanut-Free Policy

Sunset School remains peanut-free to ensure the safety of students with nut allergies. Please ensure that your child's lunches are made with peanut-free products.

Parking Lot Safety

Please remember that when you are picking up or dropping off your children, you need to drive through the parking lot and not through the bus loop at the front of the school. Students leaving the school building do not expect vehicles to be in this no-drive zone and this creates a potentially unsafe situation as they cross the lane.

If you need to leave your vehicle in the parking lot while you come into the school, please do not leave it in the drive-through area of the parking lot, but rather, pull into a parking spot off to the side.

Thank you for helping to keep our parking area safe!

Please remember that if your child needs to ride the bus but is not registered as a bus student, you will need to send a note to school.

Lunch Hour Policy

In the event of an emergency at lunch, it would be important for school staff to be able to quickly account for all students. Thus, students who leave the school at lunch will need to sign out at the office and sign back in when they return. If your child will be leaving the school grounds at lunch, you will need to send a letter to the school that gives your permission for this.

If you plan to have your child go home every day at lunch, please state this in your letter, and he/she will not need to sign out each day.

Sunset Staff

This week, a collection of staff photos will be posted in the hall to introduce our staff. A warm welcome to several new staff members:

Miss Woodford, Grade 4 teacher;
Ms. Lok, Grade 5/6 teacher;
Mr. Ogren, Grade 6 teacher; and
Mrs. Mork, Special Education Worker

You will have an opportunity to meet teachers at our Open House on September 21. We will meet together in the gym at 6:30, and then parents will visit their children's classrooms in two sessions, 6:45 and 7:00. Following the classroom visits, PAC will serve refreshments in the library. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Hot Dog Day
September 23
\$2/ hot dog; \$1 chocolate milk

Forms to be Returned

Your child will soon be bringing home a Verification Sheet and School Authorization Form. These forms need to be returned to the school as soon as possible to ensure that we have up-to-date phone numbers, addresses, and emergency contact information. The form will look different from other years, due to our new student data system.

Picking up children?

Please remember to let Ms. MacKinnon in the office know if you are picking up or dropping off a student during school hours.

Concession Volunteers Needed

Beginning next month, we will be offering students the option of purchasing a hot lunch once a week. If you are able to help with this program, please contact Ms. Sweeney.

Ms. Fraser will continue to organize the Fruit and Vegetable program, which provides each child with a free serving of fruits or vegetables every two weeks.

Cops for Cancer Fundraising

Sunset School will be collecting donations this week for the Tour de Rock. Mr. Gough will lose his hair at an assembly Friday morning if we raise \$1000!

Pancake Breakfast at Black Bear Resort
Monday, September 21
7:25-9:25; by donation

Tour de Rock riders will leave Black Bear Resort at 9:30 as it will be an Inservice Day and students won't be at school to send them off this year.

Positive Behaviour Program

Sunset School will be beginning a program to reinforce positive behaviour. Students will take part in small group and class activities to make sure they understand the expectations for appropriate behaviour, with some students acting as ambassadors. More information will be sent home soon.

Upcoming Events

Cops for Cancer Assembly

Friday, September 17, 9:30

Inservice Day

Monday, September 20

PAC Meeting (babysitting available)

Monday, September 20

Meet the Teachers Night

Tuesday, September 21

Hot Dog Day

Thursday, September 23

Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 5 and 6

District Cross-Country Meet

Thursday, October 14

School Picture Day

Tuesday, October 26

Please feel free to contact Ms. Sweeney, Acting Principal, or Mr. Neilson, Acting Vice-Principal, with any questions or concerns.

If you prefer to have this newsletter emailed to you, please email Ms. Sweeney at rsweeney@sd85.bc.ca