



Cumberland Community School

Principal's Report to PAC For November 2021

School Operations:

- Preparing for conference day – teachers are offering a variety of ways to attend (F2F, virtually via Teams or a phone call. Some teachers are preferring an open air space to meet with families - all is permissible so that each (teacher, parents, children) feel safe to attend and engage in a conversation
- Book fair will be held this year! Covid protocols remain intact (mask must be worn, physical distancing is recommended, hand hygiene is required)
- WET! Lots of standing water on the b-ball court outside and in the forest space in front of Strathcona
- Coming projects – childcare facility is a reality – to be located on treed corner of Strathcona field (across the field from existing buildings) – we (Village of Cumberland and SD71 Operations) are already thinking parking, access to the site and how to discourage fast moving vehicles & random parking jobs so vision lines remain clear for all

Community Engagement:

- FSA – student work will be returned to families this week – school staff has an opportunity to look at the data to make next step plans unique to our school based on our results
- We worked with the Village of Cumberland and SD71 Operations around a parent complaint about dangerous travel to school (on Egremont Road area) – concern is valid as it names many issues that have been on the Village's radar for awhile (lack of parking, better flow toward safe crossing zones) and was a great catalyst to have the school helping with communication for the village on the transportation master plan
- inclusivity wall mural proposal – Warren has a few words to share about this. Erica will add a layer of kindness learning to go with it.

Covid updates:

- Travel advisories / returning to school following an international trip for a non-vaccinated child remain proposed by Border Measures Canada <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/diseases-conditions/fully-vaccinated-travellers-without-covid-19-symptoms-returning-canada.html>
- receiving more mask exemption notifications from parents
- conference day will require mask use by all attendees, as well as sign in / out for contact tracing.

Events:

- Hosted a virtual Remembrance Day ceremony that included poetry from classes (original and group read) and one song. Our media class did a super job filming and weaving the production together
- This year's winter concert will also be virtual – another fabulous video weaving opportunity for our gr 8/9 media elective
- Book fair hosted by the library was very successful. It raised a couple concerns about have / have not families, as well as the draw toward commercial junk “stuff” vs books. FYI
- CCS is hosting the zone tournament for gr 8/9 girls on Wed this week – they placed 4th in the zone 😊
- Boys attended their zone tournament (gr 8/9) in Campbell River on Mon this week – they placed 1st at the tournament 😊
- Gr 6/7 V-ball is on until early Dec.
- Gr 8/9 b-ball is starting with sign ups on Friday this week.