



Cumberland Community School

Principal's Report to PAC For January 2022

School Operations:

- Criminal Record Checks are needed by many now – our collection process started at the end of December. Volunteers in classes, non-staff coaches, and even volunteer drivers, please ask your teacher or the office for the web link / cumberland – some received now. CRC will remain valid for 5 years and also will be sharable between schools if you have children at Royston or Vanier - I have tried to send parents a confirmation note that it has been received (for their info – but some do slide past – asking if received is OK).
- Snow was plentiful, as were piles from plows / shovels. I heard from many parents how bothered they were by the poor travel access and even about neighbours not permitting access to the sidewalk (snow humped up) – I did engage the Village for some help and they did reply back and give some nudges where needed. Students helped out a lot with the icy walkways on the CCS property (the low temperatures were not in our favour) – we made some good gains
- New attendance app (school messenger) seems to be working well – thank you for reporting the reason for your child's absence to save us phone calls.
- We have completed our “continuity of learning plan” for the district that includes a “redeployment of staff” plan in the event of TTOC / sub shortages or extreme absences. Please ask questions about the phases of closure, if need be
- New staff – over Christmas holiday, gr 7 Toby Beck left us to return to Vancouver. He was replaced by Ms. Grace Christian. Also, EA Karaliina Kolkka left us to return to her home and she was replaced by Ms. Corrina Cherrett. We are still seeking one more EA to hire.
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Community Engagement:

- Quiet start to the new year (2022). I have met with one parent about restorative justice (it is a practice well used in schools, so she was pleased)
- Kindergarten registration beings at the end of January – birth year is 2017 (will turn 5 in 2022)
- Royston / Cumberland / Courtenay EI boundary catchment process is currently underway. Add your feedback on the form on the SD71 website so your voice can be heard.

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/royston-courtenay-elementary-boundary-review/>

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Covid updates:

- School is feeling stress of the pandemic and the realities of the infections presence in our community. Parents are certainly wearing a lot of stress, too.
- Schools no longer have a role in contact tracing – all goes directly to the affected. THANK YOU for advising us when one of your children is infected, and thank you more for monitoring them for optimal health before they return
- Attendance reports are in alignment with past years, number of absences due to “sick” (could be covid, could be cold, could be many items) – past years have always had flu / cold absences
- We are holding a poster contest for students to make encouraging (or humourous) posters to support mask wearing.

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Events:

- B-ball is rolling – gr 8/9s have already started their season in Dec. Gr 6/7's will start up toward the end of Jan – practices are currently on. No spectators are permitted (unfortunately) due to new covid protocols back to reducing adults in the building.
- CCSS afterschool programs are permitted to continue – most adult user groups were cancelled after the holiday, but children groups will continue.
- Student Learning Survey (gr 4 & 7 students, and their parents) is on right now, MDI will conclude this week (gr 5 student survey – middle year development instrument)

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