

Late May and June info

Hello families,

Could someone please turn off the water and turn up the heat? Welcome to January – or another one I heard was it MAY rain, it MAY gust wind, it MAY snow, it MAY be colder than usual. It is May ... sigh!

May Long Weekend is upon us:

- PAC is hosting a Concession BBQ from 11-6 on sat, 11-8 on Sun and 11-2 on Mon (at Village Park by the tennis courts)
- CCSS is hosting a booth at Cumberland Village Market Day on Sat. Kids craft ideas will be there – stop by and say “Hi”
- And the MAY Queen parade is on Monday – see our fabulous May Pole dancers perform in the Village Park after the parade on Mon.

Thank you to the many parents and family members who are helping with field trip transportation or by accompanying the class. Your support of our school is valued and appreciated!! IF anyone ever has questions about driving info or volunteer info required, please check with our office ladies (Suella or Katie) – good news – Criminal Record Checks are good for 5 years, driving info is purged and needs to be replaced each year.

Communication encouragement:

- Please keep up the super contact with our office when your child is going to be absent. Ensure the code “sick” is only used if your child is sick as the Board Office is still monitoring our attendance (high number of “sick” causes worry) – it’s ok to report “parent excused absence” so not to cause a concern
- Keep in touch with your teachers if you have any questions about field trips, learning or social situations your child shares with you. We are stronger together. Class specific field trips will only be communicated through the teacher.
- Ordering lunch for June – check days your child will be absent on a field trip carefully – no shuttle will be delivering lunch.

Good news and challenges:

We are seeing more and more fun opportunities as the year winds down

- Karaoke Challenge (Gr 6-9) late in May – rehearsals / auditions are next week.
- Field trips are ramping up – many learning opportunities and fun team-building adventures
- Parachute visit on Friday., May 20 (if the weather cooperates) 3 parents will pop in to say hello!
- Gr 6-9 Dance on May 27 “Around the World” theme – costumes encouraged – no guests. (parent chaperones welcome)
- Active Travel week – May 30 – June 3 – get involved – helmet and wheels required
 - Wheels are welcome at recess / lunch each day in the zone

- Gravity MTB will offer clinics to gr 3-7 students – waiver required – ask your teacher if you have not seen one yet.
- Books for Bikes contest (K-gr5) to reward readers with a chance to win a scooter will wrap up at the end of May.

Challenges:

- Beaufort washroom vandalism has continued most of this year – is costing us money and valued time and resulting in disgusting (food smeared) or offensive (bad words) facilities we all share.
- Rude behaviour from students – ignoring adults' words of direction – willfully disobeying rules – we are seeking ways to reward those who are making peoples' days pleasant so people deserving of benefits can enjoy them – our encouragement each day is "choose to be the best you", and sadly many are choosing otherwise.
- Reports from community members about our students behaving in unsafe, dishonest or worrisome manner
- We are looking to tweak our Code of Conduct next year to make expected behaviours clear so the path to success is possible for all. If a rule or direction is not clear, we have always encouraged people to ask. It's time to leave Covid and the resulting negativity behind – move forward on a positive way 😊

Transitions:

- Gr 9's going to Vanier – you will be contacted soon about bus passes. You have a trip to your future school on Wed., June 1, too
- Gr 6's joining us from Royston (Tues., June14) – we will bring them to connect with our gr 6's so we can collectively build a strong and positive group of Grade 7's for next year. We are all on the same team – best effort / attitude is expected. NO "us" / "them" – we are a "we"
- Welcome to Kindergarten (Wed., June 8) -our new kindergarten friends and a parent will visit for a short time after school to discover the fabulous place Cumberland Community School is

September Planning:

- If you are moving away please let our office know now – we are increasing in numbers and every space counts
- Your teachers know your children well and will do some thoughtful and professional work placing them into next year's divisions for optimal learning. IF you have a detail you think your teacher does not know, please send him / her a note. You may send the note to Principal erica.black@sd71.bc.ca if you prefer, but the teacher is the best recipient. We will not accept teacher requests.
- Who is our staff for 2022-2023? Still in progress. We will announce all incoming / outgoing staff later in June

Sports / activities:

- Track has concluded for gr 4-7 and gr 8/9. Many positive results and stories were witnessed! Thank you coaches and athletes
- Rugby continues until June – two more games against CR teams will wrap up the season
- Ultimate frisbee (gr 5-7) is just beginning – coaches Erika Spearman and Tomiko Collins are ready to lead their crew through some weekly jamborees with others schools starting May 25
- High school sports MTB team is heading off for their event late next week

Couple more fun events:

- Fun Day??? – still inventing – still creating – info will be shared when it is available
- Indigenous Person's Day – we are celebrating with a buddy class, playing some fun indigenous games, sharing talents and info with each other, and perhaps enjoying some smoke salmon from our new smoke house (in progress)
- Gr 9 Final Assembly will be part of the Awards Presentation (gr 6-9) and likely be held on Tues., June 28. Gr 9's will follow up with a celebration of their own "Carnival theme"
- Whole School Final Assembly – June 29 to say good bye to the gr 9's, celebrate our year together and wish each other a fantastic summer – dismissal is at 12:00 on the final day.

What's happening?

May 23 – May Day parade in Cumberland – no school

May 24 – 27 – Karaoke rehearsal / auditions at lunch – Showcase will be early the following week.

May 30 – June 3 – Active Travel Week – every day wheels are welcome at recess / lunch in the zone (with a helmet)

June 1 – Gr 9's to Vanier to check out the school

June 8 – Welcome to Kindergarten 3:15 – 4:30 (staggered times)

June 14 – Royston gr 6's meet CCS gr 6's to prepare to be awesome gr 7's together

June 15 – Beach Day @ Airforce Beach – all invited!!! Students will travel by bus.

June 28 – proposed award assembly & gr 9 fun event

June 29 – final assembly for all students – dismissal is at 12:00