

Hello families,

A few news items and important dates to share as we continue through September. If you want quick dates and nothing more – please use the CCS website.

**Bus Students - Students riding regular school buses will be required to show bus passes starting, Monday, October 3.**

**We are working to process registrations that have been received in the last two weeks and are aiming to have printed passes out to all students considered regular riders that have registered for bus passes, up to this point, out by the end of the month. Incoming registrations will continue to be added to the processing que and processed in the order received.**

#### **Debriefing yesterday:**

- I had a thorough message on my computer last night, ready to send and my computer crashed. I feel sorry that this message is coming to you a day later
- We received a report about a bear patrolling the neighbouring area and then the school grounds, more specifically the frisbee golf course on the other side. The bear was reported as actively wandering. We contacted the conservation officer for support. WE contacted our School Board Office to request feedback how keep all safe. We also contacted the RCMP for support at dismissal time. We were advised to “shelter in place” – emergency protocol that alerts classrooms to be inside and not wandering between buildings. WE contacted parents for pick up and held students in class until an adult arrived.
- Thank you to the many parents who were able to pick their children up as requested. We appreciate your responsiveness
- Some kind parents were trying to help by permitting children other than theirs to leave with them. That frightens parents who have not kind friends as “pick up people” on their verification form. Please talk with your children about who you list on your form as an emergency pick up, or how you will communicate with your child about who has permission to pick up so no one is surprised when they get home.
- **Some of our older students were overly curious and chose to chase down the bear and were reported throwing rocks at it. Onlookers were not impressed.**
- Our office staff is exploring a better communication strategy (maybe School Messenger) to send a common message out to all as quickly as possible.

#### **Important info:**

- We do not have disposable cups available in the office. Please remind your child to bring a water bottle each day for water as needed
- Bike locks are recommended to keep bikes safe. Helmets are required for safety.
- Verification forms have all been sent home now (or today) – this is important info we use to update our student info system with phone numbers, email addresses and who can pick up your child. Please check the accuracy of your form and return to your teacher asap.

- Supplies and planner fees – each class will be given a total owing for what has been spent for consumable supplies – Primary classes have centrally purchased supplies, and some have planner too. Some intermediate students have planner only. Some may have no fees. Please pay to your teacher (chq to Cumberland Community School, exact cash or e-transfer to [ccs@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:ccs@sd71.bc.ca) is also possible – ensure your child’s name is used in details so we can check off who has paid.)
- If payment of supplies or planner fees will cause your family financial stress, please email Principal [erica.black@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:erica.black@sd71.bc.ca). we do not want to pester families for payment if this is a challenge. Give us heads up.
- Photo day has been changed following the closure of schools on Sept 19. – the new date is Sept 23. Previous online orders will still be valid. Proofs will be sent home after photo day for families who wish to order, too. (or log onto your myLifetouch account.
- Yes, there is a local Covid Immunization Clinic opening up next week at the Cumberland Lodge. The Village is aware of the potential for increased traffic that can be created around the Beaufort Building and Windermere Road. Great opportunity for residents to have local options and the school will be monitoring the impact of traffic. More info below.
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#### Important dates:

- Mon., Sept 19 is a day of mourning following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. **Schools will be closed**
- Tues., Sept 20 – Terry Fox Run (in the am) – please bring a Toonie for Terry.
- Tues., Sept 20 – Hero Day – our first spirit day of the year – superhero costumes will earn house teams points!!
- Wed., Sept 21 – Michael Bortolotto “the Positive Rebel” who speaks about social inclusion and resiliency. Michael is a fantastic speaker and person who addresses many current issues, including his own reality of having CP and struggling with mobility and how he is perceived by others. He will speak to many groups at the Strathcona Gym on that day.
- Wed., Sept 21 – Family Food and Fun opportunity with parents, teachers and students 4-6 pm on the Beaufort field.
- Thurs., Sept 22 – Our Inclusion Mural will be “unveiled” to the public. Mural artist Sham and funding cooperative between PAC and CCS will be on site for a photo and to be recognized by the committee.
- Fri., Sept 23 – photo Day - all students will be photographed for yearbook and for our student info system. Retakes are booked for later in the fall.
- Sept 26 – 29 – Orange Shirt Week – we will encourage all to wear orange all week as classes work on Truth & Reconciliation with their students.
- Fri., Sept 30 – Day for Truth and Reconciliation – holiday, schools are closed.

#### School news:

- **Cross country** running practices will start on Tuesday September 20. **Anyone in Grades 2-7 interested** in running can join at 8am outside the Strathcona office on Tuesday and

Thursday mornings. We welcome adults to join us for the runs! Usually, the runs go down to Community Forest to trails like Big Log, Tied Knot and Space Nugget. We aim to be back at the school by 8:35am. Permission forms will be available at practices or from Ms. Spearman. The **meets are for grades 3-7** and will be Wednesdays at the following locations:

- September. 28 – **Cumberland (parent volunteer marshalls are welcome – contact [erica.black@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:erica.black@sd71.bc.ca) to volunteer)**
- October 5 – Valley View
- October 12 - Huband
- October 19 - Au Coeur de l'île
- October 26 – Brooklyn

This year, there is only a fall cross country season, no spring season. Come run with us!

- **Family Food and fun event** – PAC had a vision to bring back the Community Connections CCS was once well known for. Join us – meet your children's parents, meet your teacher, mingle with other parents. Enjoy a hotdog, drink and treat while you mill around. This event is 100% outdoors, located on the Beaufort Field. We will even put out the division cones we used to start the year so parents can find their teacher and others within your class. Very informal, no presentations – join us so your child can introduce you to his / her new friends.
- Go By Bike Week (2 weeks) will happen Oct 3 – 14. Every day will be Wheels are Welcome at Recess and Lunch in the “zone” – bus loop between Beaufort & Perseverance. If the population continues to grow, we can rotate by Primary and Intermediate at recess and lunch. Until demand grows, both continue to be welcome. Plan to join us 😊
- Please keep in touch with your classroom teachers if you have any questions about class ongoings or learning questions.

#### Community news:

##### **Cumberland's Foggy Mountain Fall Fair hits the streets this Saturday!**

- The [Foggy Mountain Fall Fair](#) hits the streets of legendary Cumberland this **Saturday September 17th from 10 am till 4 pm!** Head to the legendary Village of Cumberland for a classic fall fair - Mountain Village style. Over 90 vendors of art, crafts, clothing, plants, jewelry, eats and treats will be taking to the streets. Community info booths will be sharing all the news about local projects and initiatives and how to get involved, and local merchants will be sharing their unique wares. Live music is always a big part of any event in Cumberland and the Foggy Mountain Fall Fair is no exception. Be sure to take in the live music on two stages running all day long.

##### **Village Square**

11:30 Sue Pyper

12:30 Pat The Wheel

1:30 Fanfare

2:30 Coal Dust Gang

3:30 Cheko Y Su Combo

**Uptown Stage**

11 Alan Jossul

12 Last Band Awake

1 Pranatricks

2 Cafe Ole

3 Ian Skorscha

FB event and stage schedule for

sharing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/383046840476034/>

- **Cumberland Covid Immunization Clinic** - Message received from Island Health informing CCS that an upcoming Covid Immunization clinic that will be taking place at Cumberland Lodge beginning September 20th and will run five days a week (Tuesday through Saturday) from 8:30am to 4:30pm. This email is to inform you there will likely be an increase of traffic in and around the lodge and roads leading to the Cumberland Community School.

Enjoy a sunny and happy long weekend!