

Hello families,

Welcome back! A great first couple days in our packed building. Items to know:

- Many of our elective spaces (foods room, art room) have been converted to full time classrooms – it looks “different” but it will work well
- Lockers – will be offered to our gr 8 & 9 students only this year to help prepare them for high school
- Split classes – yes, we have more than usual in the intermediate years (gr 4-6) so we could split up some challenging year groups for optimal learning
- We have almost 650 students in our 3 buildings this year – 28 divisions
- Starting off our new Code of Conduct work – staff started with desired values / virtues and borrowed another school’s framework with positive statements. Currently this is being shared with students to get their feedback and additions. Is called a PBIS (positive behaviour Intervention and Support system) where we can re-brand past poor choices toward positive choices. Once we have a working copy that could become our school copy we will share it. Thank you for your support with our re-branding of cell phones at school (not at all for gr K-7), supervised only for gr 8 & 9.

Safe Travel to and from school:

- Road work on Egremont is a huge bonus for our community; a safe place for families to walk along the narrow, busy road is being created. However, we are aware that the sidewalk project has taken away some past parking spots that were used. Please do not obstruct the sidewalk with vehicles.
- If families are feeling that there is no parking, please consider walking to / from school, or even riding bikes as a family. We have plenty of cycle parking – locks are recommended. We strongly recommend helmets be used.

Essential paperwork:

- Criminal record checks are required for all parent coaches, parent drivers and parent volunteers (food program, reading with students...) – please contact Suella.price@sd71.bc.ca for assistance with this form (all online) – completed CRC remain valid for 3 years.
- Drivers’ abstracts require completion each school year – if you are driving for a field trip, bring in the paperwork required.
- My Ed verification forms will come home soon for you to correct (current phone numbers, etc) along with the yearly tech policy / emergency preparedness / code of conduct sign off). Both parents with school decision making responsibilities should be consulted on the verification form.

Photo day – student photos are on **Mon., Sept 19.**

- We use Lifetouch for photos – if you have children who attend other schools in SD71, if they use Lifetouch, you could be eligible for a family discount.
- All students will be photographed to update our information system – parent may choose to order packages or not.

- Retakes is on October 28/22.
- You can order and view online <https://my.lifetouch.ca/mylifetouch/#/> your student should know hi/her student number or choose Cumberland Community School

School Events:

- **Welcome back assembly** (whole school) – Fri., Sept 9 in the am – brief introductions and quick spirit check in (house teams)
- **Terry Fox Run** will take place on **Tues., Sept 20** – school will celebrate our first spirit event “**Hero Day**” – students wearing some kind of “hero costume” will earn points for their house team (Yellow Cougars, Green Bears, Blue Orca and Red Wolves). As well, we encourage a “toonie for terry” to be brought to school on Sept 20.
- **Tour de Rock** – Cops for Cancer will visit CCS on Thurs., Sept 29 at 9:32 in the bus loop. This is a fun day where we get to cheer on the tired bike riders and raise their spirits. We will be selling ice cream bars in advance (all funds to Tour de Rock)
- **Orange Shirt week** – Sept 26 – Sept 29 – this is in honour and celebration of the holiday on Fri., Sept 30 “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation” – no school on Friday.
- **Meet the teacher / Welcome back BBQ – Sept 21** – 4:00 – 6:00 – PAC is looking at a family, food and fun event where parents can meet each other and also say hello to their teacher. **AND, the first PAC meeting of the year will follow, so stick around if you want to learn more 😊** PAC meetings do provide childcare during the meeting



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