



# École Nestor News

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Dear Parents:

October 20, 2011



## Principal's Message

I think many people now take technology for granted. I don't, but perhaps that's an indication of my age! When I began my career, technology in schools consisted of Oregon Trail, a game in which students tried to plan for a trip on a make believe trail. Technology was, quite bluntly, a tool for fun or a means to publish written work with no spelling errors. I can remember being excited when I could edit words on a screen on my space age typewriter. A lot has changed! Nestor has had a few developments in our technological world and I thought I would share these with you:

- We have wireless capability in most of our school, but will soon have 100%
- We now have work stations for students in the Learning Centre and E.S.L. Room
- We now have 6 teacher-use laptops
- Our Newsletters are now electronic
- Nestor students regularly use our computer lab which has computers that were new to our school as of last year
- Our school calendar is updated regularly on our school website
- Virtually every form that I complete for our District is uploaded to a site called my43
- Mrs. Boekhout is our school's site contact and she keeps our technological world organized and efficient
- Next year we will adopt e-forms which will allow parents/guardians to electronically complete verification forms and many other school based documents
- We currently have wish list items of 3 student-use Macbooks and more projectors and document readers.



I will admit that I am still struggling to learn all of the new technological gizmos (i.e. I just learned how to Skype!), but a willingness to learn is perhaps just as important as the ability to use the latest and greatest devices and Apps! And now, back to Space Invaders...

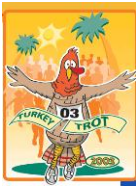
Mr. Sean Della Vedova  
Principal

There is a Provincial wide non-instructional day on tomorrow, **Friday, October 21st**. Teachers at Nestor will be meeting in various professional development activities. **Students do not attend school on Friday.**



**Professional  
Development Day**

## Terry Fox and Turkey Trot



We raised \$625.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation and enjoyed a beautiful day for our run. The Turkey Trot was also a raging success with lots of smiles, rosy cheeks and even prizes. Recently, a group of students joined Mr. DV, Mrs. Sibley and a number of parents to run our cheque to the Terry Fox Foundation Office. The Foundation was very pleased to see us and Mrs. Olley greeted us with oranges. Mr. DV would like to thank all of our runners who trained hard – Terry would, indeed, have been proud of you.

## Traffic/Parking

Thank you to those who have been adhering to posted signs regarding drop off and pick up. By-Laws officers appear regularly and respecting the signs could thus save you money!



## Lates

We still have a number of students who are regularly late. This is disruptive and harmful for student learning. As a school, we will be focusing on assisting families with this important issue. Being on time is an important life skill and the patterns set early in life are frequently continued later on. If you need help, don't hesitate to contact Mr. Della Vedova.

## Pumpkin Patch @ Nestor

A notice was sent home earlier this week to parents of Kindergarten to Grade 2 students. There is a correction to the date! Please note that the Pumpkin Patch at Nestor will take place on **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** and not the 26<sup>th</sup> as stated in the notice. Kindergarten to Grade 2 students at Nestor will be participating in our own Pumpkin Patch activity. With the volunteer driver policy in our district, and the costs associated with renting a bus, we decided that instead of us going to the pumpkins, we will bring the pumpkins to us!

## Hallowe'en Activities



Again the year on Monday, October 31st we will have our traditional Hallowe'en Parade. Children who wish to participate simply change into their costumes during the afternoon. We then parade around the school so that children, parents and guests can view and enjoy one another's costumes. The parade this year will begin at 1:00 and last for approximately 30 minutes.

### A special note about Hallowe'en costumes



Once again, I am really looking forward to seeing the students dressed up on Hallowe'en for the parade, but want to make a comment about 'appropriate' dress. I realize some of the older students especially will dress up in 'scary' costumes – and I think this is great, however, I am going to make a rule that **no toy 'weapons' will be allowed in the school**. This would include guns, knives, nunchucks etc. I suggest these items are kept at home and brought out for trick-or-treating or fun at home only. Please call Mr. Della Vedova if you have any questions on this topic. Also attached to this newsletter is a letter from the Children of the Street Society raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes.

## School Meals Program

If you are interested in purchasing daily school lunches through our School meals program, we have attached the order form. Note: it is a full month commitment with no substitutions.

# Emergency Preparedness

A group of parents and Mr. DV recently assessed our Emergency Bags and the Emergency Hut. Once we have organized all of these materials, we plan to put together food and water rations in various places and spaces. Comfort Kits containing games, drawing/colouring material and other items that would help create a sense of connectedness in the event of a true disaster will also be created. These will be generic (i.e. all students receive the same items).

## Entertainment Books

**Entertainment Books need to be returned to the school or monies sent in please.**

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser is winding down and we would like to thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser by purchasing a book or more. We know that you will find it to be a great value and by purchasing this book you have helped to support our school fundraising.

There are still a number of outstanding payments or Entertainment Books that have not been returned to the school. So, if you still have an Entertainment Book please either send payment (cheques should be made out to Ecole Nestor Elementary PAC) or send the Entertainment Book back to school with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Agostino by telephone at 604-944-2551 or by e-mail at [suedanagostino@shaw.ca](mailto:suedanagostino@shaw.ca).

## Remembrance Day



On Thursday, November 10 at 10:45, we will have a Remembrance Day Assembly. We will feature our choir and student speakers. Please join us for this important event.

## Picture Retakes

Picture re-takes will take place on **Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** for those students who were absent on picture day or who requested a re-take. Proofs will be sent home asap after the photo date and your orders will arrive before Christmas.



## Dates at a Glance

Oct. 21	Professional Development Day
Oct. 26	Performance – Canadian Musical Theater@ 2:00
Oct. 27	Great Nestor Pumpkin Patch (K's to 2)
Oct. 28	Good Stuff Awards
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade @ 1:00
Nov. 2	Div. 2 & 4 to Stave Falls Power Dam
Nov. 3	Div. 1 & 3 to Stave Falls Power Dam
Nov. 4	Photograph Re-takes 9:10 a.m.
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:45
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day Holiday (no school)
Nov. 14	School Closed
Nov. 25	Good Stuff Awards Assembly 9:05
Dec. 7	Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 14 & 15	Winter Concert Event
Dec. 16	Good Stuff Awards Assembly 9:05
Dec. 16	Last day prior to Winter Break
Jan. 3	Students return to school

# Community News



- **Canadian Parents for French Night Out**

Dates: Nov 4 and Dec 9, 2011

When: 5-9 PM

Where: Place Maillardville, 1200 Cartier Avenue, Coquitlam

Do you need time to yourself? Go shopping? Go out for a nice quiet dinner? Bring your children to Canadian Parents for French Parents Night Out. We will look after your children, while you do whatever you wish. The cost is \$20 per child which includes pizza and beverage. For families with multiple children, the cost for members is \$20 for the 1st child and \$5 for each child after. The cost for non-members is \$20 for the 1st child and \$10 for each child after. Space is limited. Email [tricitiecpf@gmail.com](mailto:tricitiecpf@gmail.com) with child name, age and pizza choice today. The choices of pizza are cheese, pepperoni, Hawaiian and vegetarian.

- **The City of Port Moody is offering the following:  
“SPECIAL EVENT SKATES!!”**

**PRO D- DAY TOONIE SKATES** - \$2.00 per/per  
GAMES + PRIZES = Tons of fun!!

**Friday, October 21st, 2011 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 1:00pm -3:00pm**

**HALLOWEEN HOWL SKATE** - \$3.50 per/per  
GAMES + PRIZES + HOT CHOCOLATE = SPOOKY FUN!!!

**Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 1:00pm – 4:15pm (Come in costume and win prizes!!)**

**Our Public skate schedule can be viewed on line at [www.portmoody.ca](http://www.portmoody.ca)**

- **Celebrating the Return of the Salmon**

Hyde Creek Recreation Centre and Hyde Creek Educational Centre & Hatchery  
November 13, 2011 11:00am-3:00pm

Free Family Event

Environmental, community groups exhibits

Arts & Crafts, entertainment, BBQ salmon

Sincerely,

Mr. Sean Della Vedova  
Principal



**REMINDER: Day Light Savings – Turn your clocks back  
One hour @ 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM CENTENNIAL SCHOOL LUNCH ORDER FORM

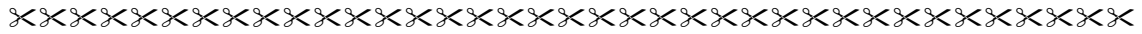
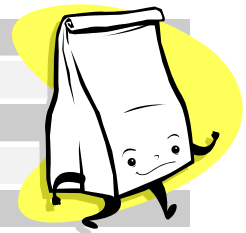
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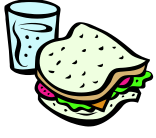


**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_



## NOVEMBER 2011

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<p><b>1</b> Fruit Juice BBQ Chicken Wrap Veggies &amp; Dip Fruit Yogurt</p>	<p><b>2</b> Chocolate Milk Deli Meat on Whole Wheat Kaiser Cookie Grapes</p>	<p><b>3</b> Fruit Juice Potato Salad with Turkey Grapes Pudding</p>	<p><b>4</b> White Milk Ham on Multigrain Bread Cookie Fruit Salad</p>
<p><b>7</b> Fruit Juice Tuna Salad on Multigrain Bread Sun Chips Fruit Yogurt</p>	<p><b>8</b> Chocolate Milk Roast Beef Wrap Veggies &amp; Dip Banana</p>	<p><b>9</b> Fruit Juice Egg Salad on Whole Wheat Kaiser Fruit Stick Pudding</p>	<p><b>10</b> White Milk Chicken on Multigrain Bread Granola Bar Apple Sauce</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b></p>
<p><b>14</b>  <b>SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Fruit Juice Sausage &amp; Cheese Scone Granola Bar Fruit Yogurt</p>	<p><b>16</b> White Milk Chicken Taco Cookie Apple Slices</p>	<p><b>17</b> Fruit Juice Turkey on Whole Wheat Kaiser Veggies &amp; Dip Pudding</p>	<p><b>18</b> Chocolate Milk Tuna Salad on Multigrain Bread Cookie Orange Slices</p>
<p><b>21</b> Fruit Juice Deli Meat on Whole Wheat Kaiser Veggies &amp; Dip Fruit Yogurt</p>	<p><b>22</b> White Milk Egg Salad Wrap Cookie Grapes</p>	<p><b>23</b> Fruit Juice Chicken Caesar Salad Veggies &amp; Dip Pudding</p>	<p><b>24</b> Chocolate Milk Ham &amp; Cheese on Whole Wheat Kaiser Cookie Peach Cup</p>	<p><b>25</b> Fruit Juice Turkey on Multigrain Bread Banana Fruit Yogurt</p>
<p><b>28</b> White Milk Tuna Salad on Whole Wheat Kaiser Cookie Fruit Salad</p>	<p><b>29</b> Fruit Juice Roast Beef &amp; Cheese Wrap Veggies &amp; Dip Pudding</p>	<p><b>30</b> Chocolate Milk Chef Salad with Ham &amp; Turkey Cookie Orange Slices</p>		

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **WE DO NOT GUARANTEE A NUT-FREE ENVIRONMENT. ALL OF OUR BREADS AND BAKED GOODS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS.**
- **NO SUBSTITUTIONS TO MENU ITEMS.**
- November Lunches: 20 @ \$5.00 = \$100.00
- Please make cheque payable to the school.
- Orders due to office by Monday, October 24, 2011.

# 12 Hour Crop & Craft Fundraiser

Brought to you by Central Elementary School PAC

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 10:00am to 10:00pm**

**Located at 2260 Central Ave in Port Coquitlam**

**\$30 per person\***

Join us for our third annual scrapbooking fundraiser! This is the perfect chance for all scrapbookers, card makers, and crafters to get your projects done while socializing, having fun and supporting a local school.

**Space is limited.**

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- ✓ At least 3 feet of space to spread out
- ✓ Reserved seating
- ✓ Goodie bag and door prizes
- ✓ Lunch (sponsored by Sunset Gourmet)
- ✓ Dinner (pizza and salad)
- ✓ Free make and takes

## WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

- Fully stocked on-site store
- Local direct sales consultants tables
- Raffle draw
- Concession for snacks and beverages
- Use of a Cricut, stamps, punches & more
- Additional classes for a small fee

Please fill out a separate registration form for each attendee and return it with your registration fee. Adults only. To reserve your seats please call Natasha Milligan @ 604-941-6445 or email [centralschoolfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:centralschoolfundraising@gmail.com) . Please make cheques payable to Central Elementary PAC

\*\$30 per person when registered before October 27<sup>th</sup>. \$40 for registration after.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

A detailed email will be sent out 7-10 days before the event. You will be given a chance at that time to request your seating and pizza choices.

October 11, 2011

Dear School Administrators and Educators,

**Re: Appropriate Halloween Costumes:**

Halloween is fast approaching and once again Children of the Street Society is raising awareness about inappropriate Halloween costumes, which glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, the gang lifestyle and costumes which sexualize children and youth.

Dressing up as a “pimp” or “ho” glamorizes the sexual exploitation of children and youth, which is a form of abuse and modern day slavery. In reality, the sexual exploitation of children and youth leads to multiple, long-term disadvantages to the victim including homelessness, mental illness, drug and/or alcohol addiction, sexually transmitted infections, HIV and AIDS, drug affected babies, post traumatic stress syndrome from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, social stigma, and barriers to future employment.

Recruiters often attempt to lure children and youth by making false promises and offering gifts or intangible things such as popularity, love, and belonging. Children and youth can be recruited *anywhere*, including school grounds, shopping malls, and online through social networking sites and chat rooms.

Once again this year, the Society would like to take this message one step further. ***Not only are we asking the community to be socially responsible by wearing Halloween costumes which do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of our children and youth, we’re also asking children, youth and adults to take the notion of social responsibility one step further by not wearing costumes which glamorize the gang lifestyle.***

With troubling similarities between recruitment into a life of sexual exploitation, youth who are recruited into the gang lifestyle are also made false promises of money, power, respect, a sense of family, and protection – promises which lead to violence, criminal activity, and the risk of death. The issues of sexual exploitation and gangs not only have similarities, they can also be connected. Girls can play a variety of roles in a gang, including participating in criminal activity, and being sexually exploited by male gang members.

This year, the message is simple: it’s not socially acceptable to dress up as a ‘pimp,’ gangster, or sex trade worker this Halloween. Earning a profit off of the buying and selling of children and youth, glamorizing the sex trade or a gangster lifestyle, is only further contributing to our false perceptions about these harsh realities.

Please encourage your school community to choose socially responsible Halloween costumes that do not glamorize the sexual exploitation of children and youth, sexualize young people, or glamorize gang involvement. Instead, please encourage children and youth to choose appropriate costumes that represent their own individuality and creativity.

Children of the Street Society is a provincial Society and federal Charity dedicated to the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth since 1995. The Society’s mission is to take a proactive approach through public awareness, education and early intervention strategies to prevent the sexual exploitation of children and youth while offering support to families. The Society’s vision is a world where children and youth are safe and free from all forms of sexual exploitation. For more information visit [childrenofthestreet.com](http://childrenofthestreet.com).

We wish your students a safe and fun Halloween. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 604-777-7510 or at [info@childrenofthestreet.com](mailto:info@childrenofthestreet.com).

On behalf of Children of the Street Society,



Diane Sowden, Executive Director