



Cape Horn News

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Learning: The Voyage of Discovery

Our Mission Statement:

To provide a safe, caring and challenging environment so that students will be prepared for their lifelong "Voyage of Discovery"

Monday, November 10th
District Non-School Day
and

Tuesday, November 11th
Remembrance Day
 (no school)

PAC HOT LUNCH DAY



Wednesday, November 19th

PAC TREAT DAYS

Friday, Nov. 14th and
Nov. 28th



This is an important document. Please arrange to have it translated

此為重要文件，請翻譯成中文。

이것은 매우 중요한 서류입니다, 정확한 번역을 부탁드립니다.

این مدارک از اهمیت ویژه ای برخوردار است لطفاً ترجمه شده آن را در خواست فرمایید.

ESTE ES UN DOCUMENTO MUY IMPORTANTE. POR FAVOR, TRATE DE QUE SE LO TRANSLADEN AL ESPAÑOL LO MAS PRONTO POSIBLE.

To jest ważny dokument. Prosimy o przetłumaczenie go.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

I'll wear a little poppy
As red as red can be,
To show that I remember
Those who fought for me.

~ from the poem, "Little Poppy", author unknown ~

How do we explain the significance of Remembrance Day to a generation of children far removed from the war to end all wars? For those of us fortunate to have lived in Canada all our lives, we adults have little direct experience with the ravages of war and therefore rely on what we have seen or read in the news.

Living peacefully does not mean living without conflict; it means solving problems without violent actions or hurtful words. As a school community, we are always working to solve problems in peaceful ways by showing respect for others and taking responsibility for our actions.

Children will be given poppies to wear on Friday and you are asked to bring a donation to support the work of the Royal Canadian Legion. Their donations will be collected prior to the Remembrance Day Assembly. Please join us on Friday, November 7th at 10:50 am as we commemorate this reverent event.

Bill McGovern
Principal

CALENDAR

Important DATE!

NOVEMBER

- 7 Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:50
- 10 District Non-school Day
- 11 Remembrance Day (no school) 
- 14 PAC Treat Day
- 17 Photo Retake Day
- 11 Remembrance Day - No school
- 19 PAC Hot Lunch Day
- 20 Dream Rider Presentation @ 11:00 am
- 26 PAC Meeting @ 7:15 pm - Library
- 28 PAC Treat Day
- 25 Kindergarten dental screening
- 26 Div. 2 field trip to Lynn Canyon
- 27 PAC Meeting - 7:00 pm library
- 28 Div. 1 field trip to Lynn Canyon
- 29 PAC Ice Cream Day

DECEMBER

- 2 Early Dismissal @ 2:00 for parent/teacher interviews (report cards home)

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- 4 Early Dismissal @ 2:00 for Parent/Teacher Interviews (report cards home)
- 5 Remaining Report Cards go home
- 10 Hot Dog sale at lunch time
- 10 • Div's 6 & 7 field trip to Grouse Mtn.
- 17 Christmas Concert (afternoon & evening)
- 18 PAC Treat Day
- 19 Last day of school before Christmas brk

JANUARY

- 5 Return to School
- 26 Pro-D - no school for students

FEBRUARY

- 9 Family Day (no school)
- 20 Pro-D—no school for students`
- 27 PAC Poker Night



Weather Days

In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back.
- The district website posting is official.
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates.



If parents believe the local conditions are unsafe, they should keep their child(ren) at home. Please do not call the school to request information about closure, as staff are attempting to make it to work under adverse conditions and may be trying to call in their location. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Interviews



On Tuesday, December 2nd and, Thursday, December 4th, there will be early dismissal for students at 2:00 p.m. to facilitate Parent-Teacher Conferences. Sign-up schedules will be posted on Wednesday, November 26th, in the front hall across from the office.

Report Cards

Formal Report Cards will be handed out to parents at the Parent/Teacher Interviews on the above two days. If you are unable to make a time to meet with your child's teacher on either of those days, then the report cards will be sent home with the students on Friday, December 5th.

Emergency Release Form/District Policies Form



If you have not already done so, please complete and return your child's emergency release form to the office. This is the form that our staff will use to release your child to someone that you designate, if you are unable to get to the school in case of an emergency. If we do not have an Emergency Release Form on file your child will have to remain at the school until you are able to pick them up. We also have this form available online at www.sd43.bc.ca/capehorn under "Parent E-Forms". Please note that the form cannot be submitted electronically, it must be filled in and printed and dropped off at the office.

Also the District Policies and Permissions E-Form should be submitted online if you have not done so. This form does submit electronically and provides permissions for photo release, walking field trips, social media consent, etc.

Scholastic Book Fair

The fall book fair was a big success, with total sales topping \$2,000. With the credits awarded to our school, we were able to purchase books and classroom items. Thank you to everyone who attended, and especially to Gina Papa, who volunteered at the cash desk, helped set up, and take down the book fair. Congratulations to all the draw winners! We'll be hosting another book fair in the spring.



Christmas Concert



It's hard to believe that we are thinking about Christmas, but it will be here before you know it! Once again we will have an afternoon and an evening concert here at the school, on December 17th. The purpose of the afternoon concert is so that younger children not yet in school can attend. The evening concert is generally for an older audience, same performance. Mr. McGovern will be raffling his parking spot in the front of the school and "VIP seats" (front row). These tickets will be made available closer to the concert.

Photo Retake Day - Monday, November 17th



If your child was absent for the original photo day, or if you have chosen not to order from the first previews, you will have a second opportunity to have your child's portrait taken on Monday November 17th, at 9:00 am. Your child does NOT need a special photo order envelope for this photo session. New photo order envelopes with preview prints will be returned to the school in 7 to 10 days.

Safety Drills

Throughout the year we are required to hold fire drills, earthquake drills and code "yellow" drills with our students so that they are familiar with the routines of evacuating the building, regardless of where they are at the time of the drill. Should you ever be in the school during a drill, it is your responsibility to vacate the building as quickly and quietly as possible, meet on the soccer field and wait for instructions once outside. We are very pleased with the way in which our students conduct themselves during these drills.



Outside Recess and Lunch

**Rain, rain go away
We are still going outside to play**



"There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes"

Students will be going outside at recess and

lunch on most days and should come to school prepared to play outside. Boots and water-resistant jackets with hoods will help keep children warm and dry. **Please make sure that your child has a change of clothing at school.**

Poppy, Poppy

The Royal Canadian Legion dropped off one poppy for each student and staff. Students will receive their poppy prior to the assembly on Friday, November 7th at 10:45. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly. Donations will be collected throughout the week to be given to the representative from the Legion. Thank you in advance.



Lost and Found



If you are joining us for our annual Remembrance Day Assembly, please take this opportunity to check out the "lost and found" opposite the washrooms on the main floor. It is amazing how many items were "lost" in the first two months of school! Please think about labeling your child's clothing, especially running shoes, coats, jackets and lunch containers. We would rather return things to their owners than send these items to SHARE at Christmas, requiring parents to buy more clothing with money that could be better spent on other family needs. A little time spent labeling could save a lot of family dollars. Thank you!

Staying Healthy

The cold and flu season is upon us! Some of children have already had a bout of one or both of these. We have lately been talking to the children about what they can do to stay healthy:

- Eat properly
- Get plenty of rest at night
- Wear appropriate clothing for rainy days and cool mornings

- Wash their hands! With soap! Often!
- Health authorities tell us this is one of the most effective ways to ward off germs. After all, there are over 230 people in our school every day and that makes for a huge variety of

**Wash hands
front & back
for 24 seconds
(singing Happy
Birthday or the
ABC song)**

germs to combat. Please reinforce this with your child. No one likes being sick, and if we can stay healthy, let's!



Food Drive

Beginning Monday, December 8th we will be supporting the Share Christmas Food Drive, sponsored by Student Leadership, the Burquitlam Lions and the Coquitlam Fire/Rescue, through the collection of non-perishable foods. Boxes will be placed in classrooms and in the main entrance of the school. Also, you will be able to make a contribution at our Christmas concerts on the afternoon and evening of December 17th.



Thank You to:

- The parents who remember to phone in when your child is absent or will be late. Your help is sincerely appreciated as it not only saves us time in phoning, but also removes the stress and worry we have if we can't reach you.
- Those parents who turn up regularly as helpers, particularly with the primary reading program.
- All our parents who support the fundraising efforts of our PAC either in time or purchasing goods.
- The parents who helped with the Halloween Fun Day.

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Canadian Tire Money

If you find that you end up recycling your Canadian Tire money, we would be very happy to take it off your hands! Our school would like to use the money to purchase school items. Thanks to those people who have donated to our courtyard bench fund!



Reminder to Parents re \$40 a day

The Ministry of Finance announced the Temporary Education Support for Parents to help with learning and supervision during the labour disruption. The temporary education support payment of \$40 a day will be paid from Sept. 2/14 to Sept 18/14, the day teachers ratified the agreement.

The parent or primary caregiver of eligible students 12 years old and under attending BC public schools is eligible to receive the payment. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2015.

You can apply on line at: bcparentinfo.ca
Or by phoning 1-250-387-3332 (Victoria) to receive a paper application.

PAC News

Pac Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on November 26th at 7:15 p.m. There will be no PAC meeting in December as it is a short month.

CHPAC Class Representatives

I want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to the parents that have stepped up and volunteered to be the Class Representatives for this school year. The class representatives are an integral part of the communication between all class parents, corresponding Teachers and the CHPAC. I hope you all enjoy your experience and continue to engage in your child's education.

Your Class Representative will be contacting you shortly, please extend them a warm welcome!

Michelle, CHPAC Chair
mjstebi@shaw.ca

Fundraising News:

Treasure Trays

Our popular Treasure Trays will be featured again this year. Each class will be responsible for putting together a theme basket that will be wrapped by PAC volunteers and on display throughout December. We are asking if each child could bring an item pertaining to the theme chosen for its division or a \$5.00 to \$7.00 cash donation. In the past, some parents have chosen to pool together to purchase a more expensive theme item. All cash donations are used to purchase items pertaining to the theme baskets. Tickets for the Treasure Trays will be available for purchase in December and will be sold until the end of the day on Wed, Dec., 17th. Ticket order forms will also be sent home. Please be sure to put your name & phone number on the back of each ticket before placing in the draw boxes. All draws will be held in the school gym after the evening Christmas Concert on Dec. 17th.



Delivery Date Reminders:

QSP magazine orders:

You can order online at www.qsp.ca and use group #3012 all year! Great gift idea!

Cookies, Pies & Puddings:



Order forms will come home soon, with delivery the first week of December. Please remember, if you can't make it to pick up your order, please arrange for someone to pick up for you as there is no freezer space available at the school.

Poker Night:

The CHPAC will be holding Poker Night on Friday, February 27th. Stay tuned for more information regarding this popular Cape Horn fundraiser!