

Cape Horn News

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Cape Horn Elementary is a very special place... a place where the staff and parents believe in working together to help our students achieve their personal best! We have a dedicated Staff that always puts students first. They put their hearts into teaching and helping our students to be challenged, encouraged, and excited to learn! They work hard to make Cape Horn a warm and friendly place, while at the same time maintaining high standards for student learning and behavior.

Our goal is to help your child to be successful in school and to acquire the skills necessary to be successful in life. This goal can best be accomplished through a strong partnership between the teacher and the parent. In addition to working with your own child, we hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities available for parents to become involved in our school.

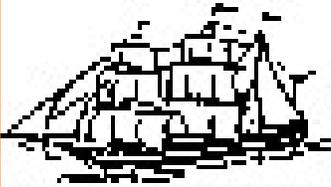
The PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meets once a month – please join in, as it is great way to meet other parents and learn more about your child's schooling. Our PAC spends many hours organizing activities and special events that enrich our students' school experience, as well as providing funds for field trips, and school equipment and classroom supplies that we would not otherwise have. The more parents who volunteer, the more enriching a program we are able to provide!

Last, but not least, our students are the best! They are respectful and responsible, appreciative and cooperative. We really enjoy working each day with all of our students.

Please let us know if you have questions or would like more information about our wonderful school!

We look forward to a great year as we work and learn together!

Bill McGovern
Principal



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"

Pro-D:

Friday, October 24th

STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL



CALENDAR



October		December	
24	Pro-D - no school for students	2	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 for parent/teacher interviews
30	PAC Treat Day - Worms & Dirt (\$1.00)	4	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 for parent/teacher interviews
31	Halloween	5	Report Cards go home
November		17	Christmas Concert 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
7	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45	19	Last Day before Christmas Break
10	District Non-School Day (schools closed)	January	
11	Remembrance Day (schools closed)	5	Back to school after Christmas Break
14	PAC Ice Cream Day	26	Pro-D—no school for students
17	Photo Retake Day	February	
19	PAC Hot Lunch Day	9	BC Family Day - schools closed
20	"Dream Rider" Performance @ 11:00 a.m.	20	Pro-D - no school for students
28	PAC Treat Day		

Photo Retake Day
Monday, November 17th

PAC Treat Day
Thursday, October 30th
Worms & Dirt - \$1.00



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STUDENTS' SUPPORT PROGRAM AND SERVICES



At Cape Horn, the various educational needs of our children are met both within the classroom and by specialized professionals within the school. Our student support staff work as a team to provide additional service to children in many areas. These include learning assistance and resource programming, ELL, challenge or gifted programs, counseling and speech and language support. These services are provided to children with identified needs, in both in-class and pull-out programs. The following staff comprise our Student Services team:

Mrs. Kristina Dressel provides skill development instruction and support to Kindergarten to Grade 5 students, and coordinates the schedules for the EAs.

Mrs. Julie Mott provides English Language Learners (ELL) support and instruction. She provides classroom support for Learning Assistance and writes Individual Education Programs for students with identified learning difficulties.

Mrs. Tia Turner will be working with gifted learners, providing learning assistance support and teaches Music to all our students.

Ms Anya Bayley, our Speech and Language Pathologist, works with those children requiring articulation support or language development. Ms. Bayley will be at Cape Horn every Wednesday.

Mr. Bill McGovern is our school counselor and can be contacted at anytime.

Ms. Jackie Toombs is our Aboriginal Youth Worker. She will be at Cape Horn on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. Angie Bermisa, Mrs. Charlene Dalke, Mrs. Jacqueline Dobson, Mrs. Joyce Donald, Mrs. Terri-Lynn Girond, Ms Margaux Jackson, Mrs. Monique Power and Ms Jennifer Young are the Education Assistants (EA's) who work with individual students who have special needs as well as groups of students who require support and assistance.

Please contact any of the above staff members if you have any questions regarding their programs or the support they are providing your child.

SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Please remember that the front parking lot is for teacher use and for students with a handicap and should not be used for student drop off.

PHOTO RETAKE DAY



Photo retake day is on Monday, November 17th. If your child missed Photo Day or you would like to replace the photos you received (or will receive soon), please have your child come and get a retake done.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



Please plan to join us on Thursday, November 7th at 10:45 a.m. for our annual Remembrance Day Service. Our service will pay tribute to the countless men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. Students are invited to wear their club uniforms to school as well, e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides, etc. The Legion will drop off poppies at the school for each student, if you would like to send a donation with your child for the Poppy Fund, it would be much appreciated!

STUDENT PLANNERS

Thank you to those of you who so promptly paid \$10 for your child's planner. If you have not yet done so please send your payment in as soon as possible in a ziploc bag or envelope with your child's name clearly marked. Please send EXACT CHANGE or a cheque made out to Cape Horn Elementary. If you are paying for more than one child with one cheque please be sure to indicate this on the envelope. If you have any concerns with respect to payment of planners please speak to your child's teacher or Mr. McGovern.



TREAT DAYS



Thank you to our parent volunteers who coordinate our Treat Days this year. The following are the dates we have been given: October 30th is Dirt & Worms, November 14th is Ice Cream Day and November 28th is Nachos and Salsa.

We will remind students to bring their loonie a few days prior to treat day.

HALLOWEEN

On Friday October 31 classes be participating in a Halloween parade in the gym at 1:00 pm followed by spooky Halloween stations throughout the school until 2:30 pm. Students will return to their own classrooms for clean up and dismissal at the usual time.

In preparation for Halloween this year and to assist our police and district in their continuing effort to reduce vandalism, we are asking members of our community who are out with their children just to keep an eye on our school grounds. The District has added extra security staff in the hopes of reducing any vandalism throughout our school district.



ABSENT/TARDY



If your child is going to be absent from school or late for any reason, please remember to contact the school at 604.526.4428. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day for your convenience.

For the safety of your children, we have a Phone Home Program. If we do not know the reason why your child is absent, we will contact all emergency numbers available until we can be sure that your child is safe. Please be sure to advise the office if you have a change in any emergency contact phone numbers. We really appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep this time-consuming (and worrisome!) process to a minimum.

WET COAST WEATHER



So what does this mean to your child? This means that all students will be going outside regardless of the weather (rain or shine). We have found that having students outside playing with their peers every school day, encourages physical activity and gets them some much needed fresh air. Exceptions may be made on very rare occasions at the discretion of the Principal when extreme weather conditions exist. As our weather is often unpredictable, please help your child select appropriate clothing for the rain. Boots, rain coats, hats and umbrellas are welcome additions to everyone's rainy day wardrobe. Younger students may like to keep a change of clothes at school. We appreciate your support in keeping students healthy and comfortable.



STUDENT ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL DUE TO FAMILY HOLIDAYS

As a response to a growing trend that we are observing in the number of families taking vacations during prescribed school days, we have provided the following statement:

We strongly encourage families to plan vacations during scheduled vacation breaks and non-instructional days. This will provide your child with a consistent and sequential learning experience. Often parents will ask for work to take along on vacations with the thought that the work provided will keep them up with the rest of the class. Many lessons, however, are based on class oral work, hands on experiences, and group discussions. These lessons cannot be re-taught and it would be difficult to duplicate them on an individual basis. Please understand that work cannot be provided that will compensate for the time missed from school.

NO CHILD WITHOUT

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's No Child Without program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca To register your child you will need a NO Child Without brochure from the office. If your child is already part of the No Child Without program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications, or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1.800.668.1507 to update your child's file.



IMPORTANT FORMS



Last month you received a package of important forms. If you have not yet returned those forms, please return them to your child's teacher as soon as possible. This includes the white student verification form that has the contact information on how to get a hold of you or your alternates in case of emergency and the yellow Emergency Release form. A copy of this form is placed in our emergency classroom bags, and is needed so your child can be released to your alternate. Thanks to those of you who have returned them so quickly. Volunteer forms and medical forms are also available online or if you prefer, please visit the school office to pick up a copy.

HEAD LICE

Reminder, please check your child's/children's hair for head lice as it is head lice season. If you notice any of the following, please contact the office. This will be kept confidential and a standard letter will be sent out to the relevant classes informing parents of the presence of lice.

Evidence of Head Lice may be as follows:

- nits found on the hair
- live or dead lice seen on the scalp
- nit shells from hatched lice or dead eggs found in the hair

Please remember that Head Lice is determined by the Fraser Health Authority to be a nuisance, not a health risk.

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Check out the website for news
and announcements!
www.sd43.bc.ca/capehorn



Once again, if you end up recycling your Canadian Tire money, we would be very happy to take it off your hands! Our school was able to purchase a bench for our courtyard with all the donated money.



Please remember to call the office if your child is going to be late or absent.

604-526-4428

TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

We know that it's rainy season. We know that it's more convenient to quickly pull into the parking lot to drop off or pick up your child. Regardless of all of these reasons, transient traffic in our front parking lot presents a serious safety issue for our students.

Please plan to use the east side of Finnigan Street, the west side of Mundy Street or the north side of Kaptey Avenue as drop-off and pick-up locations. Students are not to be using the front doors for entrance to the school unless accompanied by an adult. We thank those who are already taking the time to park and walk with their children. Please know that this appeal is inspired by our concern for the safety of our students and ask that all families cooperate with this very important request.

FRUIT & VEGGIE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that beginning this month, Cape Horn will, once again, be taking part in the BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program. The objectives of this program are to increase consumption of locally grown fruits and vegetables and to increase awareness of the health benefits of this particular food group. Every other week, a fresh fruit or vegetable product will be delivered to your child's classroom. The product will be served as part of the classroom activities and is not meant to replace lunch or recess snacks. An enormous "thank-you" goes out to Mrs. Silvia Stork who has committed to facilitating this program in our school again this year.

Please let the school know if you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in this program. Below is a list of the products scheduled for delivery. Please read the list carefully if your child has any food allergies that we should be aware of.

bartlet pears, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, apples, Anjou pears, snap peas, grape tomatoes, gala apples and mini cucumbers

There is also a small serving of milk for those students in grades K-2. Again, if you wish that your child NOT take part, please call the school.

ENCORP RETURN-IT

Our school is registered in a year long competition with same size schools to raise money through your recycling receipts. We only need your receipt from any ENCORP Recycling Depot to be included. The top 3 winning schools will win money towards their school.



Please help us win one of the 3 top prizes by sending your recycling receipts to the office.

The Student Government will gladly accept your donation of bottles/tetra paks etc. You are welcome to drop these off at the school.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to the many families who joined us for our Cape Horn Open House last month, what a great turn out. This was a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher(s) and to become familiar with our school. We also extend our appreciation to Mrs. Agostino for baking the beautiful (and delicious) cake for the occasion! What a fantastic start to the year.

Important Notice

'Due to the new anti-spam legislation, unless we have your authorization, we are unable to send the newsletter to you via email. Please visit our website and complete the Policy and Procedure e-form if you have not yet done so. As the district and schools adjusts to this new law, please be sure to check the website often to stay up to date with our community news and other information'.

If the online permission form or the form below is not returned to the school, your name will be removed from our e-mail database and we will be unable to send any reminders or communication via email. Thank you for your quick response to this.

SCHOOL NOTICES



Our school is striving to move communication, including newsletters and notices, to an electronic format. Please note that some communication may contain information which may be considered commercial in nature, such as school fundraisers, course offerings, special events, etc.

You may withdraw this consent at any time by contacting your school or responding to emails you receive with a request to unsubscribe from your school notice list.

- Yes** - I would like to receive school notices via email
- No** - I would NOT like to receive school notices via email

If YES, please list emails for all parties you wish to receive these notices: (please print clearly)

Student Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date