

## **Citadel E-News Updates October 26, 2023**



### **Greetings Citadel Families**

October has flown by, and we are starting to appreciate that the colder Fall and Winter weather is upon us. There is plenty going on around the school and in the community, so a quick update is appropriate.

In our larger community, the transition to the new temporary Hazel Trembath Elementary up at Winslow Centre went off earlier this week and through hard work and determination, kids are in classes, on busses and back to learning again. WE ALL thank everyone who has contributed, donated, sent messages of support and truly demonstrated what a caring community looks like. It has been amazing to see everyone come together and help. Our citadel student wrapped up a little goodie bag for every student and personalized cards to greet them on their first day back. Many other schools contributed with art work, signs, posters and donations. WOW! Of note for our Citadel Community is that we are now hosting the Hazelwood Before and After School Care here in our Multi-Purpose and Drama Rooms. So far it has been going well and we are looking forward to sharing our space and including these younger children as part of our larger community. Let's all make them feel welcome before and after school as they are dropped off and picked up.

### **School Communication**

We do send out communication directly from our MYEducation BC Email System and I have heard some families may not always be receiving the communications. We will endeavor to post all email updates to our website regularly. We also publish our daily announcements on our website so families can keep up with the day-to-day goings on around the school. It is a busy place. Always check the website for important announcements and information. Thank you.

### **Dropping Off and Picking up...the continuing saga!**

We are starting to see more and more unsafe traffic conditions before and afterschool in our roundabout and on Citadel Drive leading up to the school. We can only ask so often to try and plan to meet your child further up Citadel Drive or lower down towards Pitt River Road. The congestion at our crosswalks is once again creating near misses and it is student safety we are most concerned about. We ask that families pay attention to all parking rules. Please do not park on the inside of the round-about beside the flag poles. This creates congestion that is unsafe. I have received a couple of complaints/concerns from community members who are witnessing unsafe behavior from both students and drivers. We will promote safety with our students here at school, please do the same at home. Thank you.

### **Citadel PAC Meeting Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Library**

All are Welcome. Please see attached agenda.

## Athletics

A busy Fall athletics season is well underway with a few of our sports wrapping up quickly and our volleyball tournaments and jamborees ahead in November.

Congratulations to our Citadel Swim team for their excellent efforts at the season ending swim meet at Town Centre Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>. Fast and furious were our swimmers! Thanks to Ms. Berner for sponsoring the Team.

Cross Country Running wrapped up their season last week with their final running event. Wet cold weather did not deter our amazing runners. Thanks to Mr. Battle and Ms. Pitman for “running” this team!

Grade 7 Girls Volleyball will be wrapping up their season with playoff tournament hosted here at Citadel on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Semi Finals and Finals the following week on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 7/8 Boys and Grade 8 Girls Volleyball are in the middle of their season to be wrapping up the Week of November 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck to them as they head into Playoffs.

Grade 6 Volleyball has been practicing at lunch the past couple of weeks and will be wrapping up their season with a jamboree at Pinetree Secondary on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information about that event.

Big shout out to Ms. Cook for organizing our athletics as our Athletic Director. She also runs our Team Teal Student Leadership group who have all been amazing helping out around the gym for set up, takedown, reffing, and supporting all things Athletics. Cheers to a great season so far.



### **Halloween Fun Day at Citadel October 31<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon!**

Wear your ghoulish, goblinisk, creepy, scary, fun, creative costumes next Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> for our Halloween Fun Day. A dance is scheduled in the afternoon for all those students who bring a Toonie to support our friends at Hazel Trembath. The Student Events Leadership Team along with Ms. Thomas have been planning and creating some decorations and fun for the whole school. The dance is just one option. There will be some games, a movie, and some concession items all set up for a wonderful, whacky, scary afternoon of fun. A costume parade and contest will happen at lunch in the gym for all those interested in participating. As always please be mindful when planning what to wear for this fun day. We encourage creative costumes and definitely allow for some of the traditional spooky attire. We also want everyone to be sure they are respecting our fun safe expectations around costumes and what you can and cannot bring to school on that day. Please see our annual Halloween Letter from the Superintendent on the Citadel homepage under District News to remind your children what is ok and not ok for our Halloween fun day. We look forward to a “spooktacular” good time.

**Terry Fox PAC** is excited to be hosting the annual **Terry Fox Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 4pm.** See attached Flyer.