

Central Elementary Community School

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Newsletter
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Dear Parents and Community Supporters,

We are approaching those last few weeks of the year when we look ahead to the coming year and reflect on our past accomplishments. It can be very rewarding and now has been formalized through our School Planning Council. Parents participated in this process, along with teacher representation and administration, making up the SCHOOL PLANNING COUNCIL.

The planning process for the coming year identified two areas: literacy and social responsibility, where we believe our shared efforts will produce maximum benefits.

Our thanks to those in attendance at May's Parent Advisory Committee for your adoption of the plan and continued support.

Construction is on going at Central with crews progressing at a rapid rate towards our September opening. Plans for a complete mechanical upgrade and interior "makeover" will ensure Central is an up to date, efficient facility.

This is also the time of the year when we count students and plan our classes. There continue to be many preschoolers in our neighbourhood who have yet to be registered for school in September. If you are acquainted with a family with a child who will be five by December, please encourage them to complete the registration process. A birth certificate and care card are required.

Thank you for your continued support and choosing Central as your neighbourhood school.

Clyde Dougans
Principal



Scott Wallace
Vice Principal



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Dates to Remember

- Monday, June 2nd - Mrs. Garcia to CSSS to make Birdhouses
- Tuesday, June 3rd - Ms. Hill and Miss Gill to Wetlands
- Spring Production 7:00 p.m. Art Center
- Wednesday, June 4th - Mini Track Meet
- Pre School Reading 11 – 11:45
- Thursday, June 5th - Spring Production 7:00 p.m. Art Center
- Friday, June 6th - Primary Sports Day – Primary Hot Meal Deal
- Grade 6's to CMS for Gym Blast
- Monday, June 9th - Skipping Team Year End Party
- Mr. Morelli and Mr. Lochhead to the Aquarium
- Tuesday, June 10th - Volunteer Tea
- Wednesday, June 11th - Mrs. Garcia and Ms. Simpson on Farm Trip
- Pre school Reading
- Thursday, June 12th - Kindergarten Orientation
- Mrs. Gallis and Mrs. Farrant to the Paddle Wheel Cruise
- Friday, June 13th - Spirit Day (Disney Day)
- Mrs. Harman's Class to the Library
- Wednesday, June 18th - District Track Meet
- Mrs. Yolkowski's Class to the Library and Save-on Foods
- Thursday, June 19th - District Track Meet
- Mrs. Moreh, and Mrs. Matthews to the Library
- Mini Pow-wow
- Friday, June 20th - All Kindergarten Classes to Crescent Beach
- Monday, June 23rd - Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Garcia to Crescent Beach
- Tuesday, June 24th - Intermediate Sports Day
- Mrs. Moreh, and Mr. Morelli to Maple Bay
- Wednesday, June 25th - Mrs. Yolkowski's class to Chillibowl Lanes
- Thursday, **June 26th** - Year End ceremonies Dismissal 2:30 p.m.
- **Last day of classes**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Dental Treatment for Children without Dental Coverage - Your child may be able to receive free dental treatment through the UBC Children's Dental Program.

- The Variety Club sponsors the program in cooperation with the UBC Dental Faculty. A supervised dental student will provide treatment. Appointments will be available starting September 2003.
- A parent must accompany their child to the appointments.
- Free transportation will be provided from a central location
- **For more information please contact the Fraser Health Authority Public Health Services, Dental Program (604) 864-3400**



Library Books All Library books will be due June 13th. Please drop them off at the Library on or before Friday, June 13th. Thank you.

Registration If you meet neighbours new to our community, please encourage them to contact the school in the last week of August to register their children. Early registrations are much appreciated as we work to make the first days an easy transition. PLEASE NOTE- All September class placements are temporary and some changes are expected as student numbers frequently change. (Many students experienced changes last year as staff positions were reduced).

Lost and Found The entire contents of the lost and found room will be displayed in the basement hallway on Friday, June 6th (primary fun day). Please stop by and check it out. The unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on Friday, June 13th.

STUDENT NEWS

Theme Days Our next theme day is scheduled for Friday, June 13th. Check out your closets and drawers for any Disney Items you may have. Find or borrow those famous ears; wear a Disney t-shirt. Earn points for your House Team!



School Supplies

A school supply list has been included with your child's report card. Please retain these so you can ensure your child brings the correct supplies with them in September.



- Parents have requested this list to allow them to purchase the required items during the summer taking advantage of "sale" items.
- Please **note there are special features at each grade level**. An example: **PRIMARY classes often require WIDE ruled notebooks**. These are **required** to facilitate the development of fine motor control and accurate printing. *Narrow rule is not acceptable and cannot be substituted.*
- If your child is left handed please note "special" scissors can be purchased for them that will better aid them in successful work.
- Central's School Supply Lists will be sent to our local school supply vendors. Please purchase items requested for your child's grade for Central Elementary, as supply requirements will vary from school to school.
- Please label your child's pencils / pens / ruler. Ensure the notebooks are the correct type before use.
- Some classes may require additional items for certain applications. A request form will be sent if items are required when permanent classes are established.

Please endeavour to have these items available during the first few days of school to facilitate a productive return to school in September. We will not be selling supplies nor can we supply student materials in September.

Gym Strips

When acquiring running shoes for P.E., please see that they are non-marking and won't leave scuff marks on our gym floor. We are very fortunate to have an excellent hardwood gym floor that is maintained to perfection by a dedicated custodial staff. The "wrong" types of soles make this job almost impossible. Please assist them by supplying the "right" type of running shoes.



Activity Days

Our Activities days and Hot Meal Deals are scheduled for the Primary students Friday, June 6th and for the Intermediate students Tuesday, June 24th. Please come and enjoy the fun-filled activities with your children and also remember to check out our basement hallway on June 6th for any items that may have been lost throughout the school year. We look forward to seeing you there.



Please remember to dress your children for weather.
Example: Sunscreen, hats, shorts, running shoes.

Success

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn appreciation of honest critics and ensure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

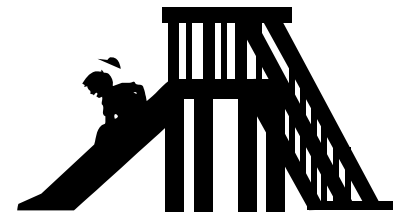
PAC NEWS

The PAC wishes to thank all our volunteers for this successful school year. In celebration, we will be going to the Rendezvous Restaurant on June 7th at 6:00 p.m. for refreshments and 7:00 p.m. for dinner. If you are interested in coming, please call Cari Ann at 793-7925 for more information.

Some of the very successful things we accomplished this year were:

- Holiday School Shopping
- Carnival
- Eggstravaganza Concession
- Hot lunches
- Popcorn sales
- Mask making station at the parade
- Movie Nights

These events have helped us to raise money for our students to have a new intermediate playground. Transportation to places like Fort Langley, Science World, Fraser River Paddle Boats, Crescent Beach, Aquarium, Cultus Lake, Simon Fraser University were paid for by our PAC as well.



We look forward to further fundraisers next year that will, again, send our students on exciting Field Trips. In addition, Central Elementary will be purchasing new School Sports Jerseys!



Thank you again for a wonderful school year. If you have any questions about the PAC or are interested in helping with the Primary Sports Day (Friday, June 6th) and Intermediate Sports Day (Tuesday, June 24th) Hot Lunches, please contact the PAC at the school. (792-8537) **See you in September!!**

SCHOOL NEWS

Friday, June 20th will be the last day of the Breakfast Program for the 2002 - 2003 school year.

Staffing Update

Our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Patty Matthews** for her years of commitment and service to the students at Central Elementary Community School. **Mrs. Matthews** will be retiring after 30 years teaching primary grades. Her students have enjoyed music, reading and the special talents and experiences **Mrs. Matthews** has brought to the classroom. Creativity and enthusiasm and a love of learning are hallmarks of **Mrs. Matthews's** career. **Mrs. Matthews** will be honoured by the school at a special retirement tea at the Kipp Centre on Tuesday, June 17. (3:00 - 5:00 p.m.)



Our staff will be welcoming a few new teachers as maternity leaves, transfer and retirement impact assignments.

- **Ms. Kucy** will be leaving her full time Kindergarten position to teach a primary class at Promontory Heights. We offer her our very best wishes as she embarks on this new assignment.
- Declining enrolment demanded the kindergarten be reduced to a half-time assignment. **Mrs. Kathleen Rowlands**, (yes, she was here earlier) will be teaching this group.
- **Mrs. Petrie** and **Mrs. Henrotte** have announced maternity leaves. We are fortunate to have both **Mr. Morelli** and **Ms. Schaart** remaining to take these assignments. **Mr. Morelli** will be enrolling a grade 2 / 3 group, while **Ms. Schaart** is anticipating a grade 2 class. These are, of course, subject to changing enrolments and we may see some "shifts."
- **Mr. Chris Hunt**, new to our staff, will be our new Librarian and Learning Assistance teacher in September.

DID YOU KNOW? Construction of two new basement classrooms and one vacant room will allow ALL our classes to be "indoors" eliminating the need for at least two portables. We plan to retain one structure to ensure adequate space for community resources and special projects now underway.

