



CHIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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Safe Arrival



If your child(ren) will be **absent or late**, please phone **(604) 592-2913**. Our school has **Voicemail**, so a message can be left at any time of the day or night. We are a very large school, so it is appreciated when parents call and leave a message.

Walking or biking to school is a healthy way to begin the day and it's good for the environment, too!

Principal's Comments:

Newsletter #2

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Dear Parents:

We have had a successful start to the school year. The mutual support we have shown for each other makes a difference in your child's life. Getting your children to and from school safely requires your co-operation. To this end please observe the following guidelines in the morning:

In order of priority:

#1 Please park in one of the 450 parking spots within 5 minutes of the school. With additional staff this year, we do not have any spaces in the morning for parent parking.

2 Arrive at school no later than 8:20. We have supervision at this time and there isn't much traffic. This would help a lot.

#3 If you are dropping off in front of the school have your children ready to get out of the vehicle. You can pull up to the curb, drop off your children then exit the parking lot. **Please stay in your vehicles at all times.** If you have to visit the office or your child's classroom, you can park on the street.

We have closed the visitor parking before school. This keeps traffic moving more efficiently and prevents parents and students from walking through the parking lot, which of course is a traffic safety issue.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elaine Colgate, Principal

Meet the Teacher - Open House

Our Open House is **this Thursday, Sept. 21st from 6:15 -7:15 p.m.** This is an opportunity to meet your children's teacher and learn about the school year ahead.

Our PAC executive will have an information table set up by the office prior to and during our Open House.



Crossing Guard Volunteers Needed!

Chimney Hill has been very fortunate to have several of our parents & grandparents volunteer before and after school to do cross-walk duty for several years. Now that their children have moved on to high school we need volunteers to help with crossing guard duties.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe!

Upcoming Dates

- **Thurs., Sept. 21st - 6:15 - 7:15 Meet the Teacher Evening**
- **Mon., Sept. 25th - Pro-D Day (school closed)**
- **Fri., Sept. 29th - Terry Fox Run**
- **Mon., Oct. 9th - Thanksgiving (school closed)**
- **Thurs., Oct. 12th - 1:25 Early Dismissal (Program Assessment)**
- **Wed., Oct. 18th - Individual Student Photos**
- **Thurs., Oct. 19th - Interim Reports sent home**
- **Fri., Oct. 20th - Pro-D Day (school closed)**

Birthdays



Primary classroom teachers enjoy celebrating student birthdays. However we made the decision 4 years ago that birthday treats (cakes, cupcakes, etc.) should not be brought to school to distribute to classmates. These items are in the 'not recommended' category in the Ministry of Education Food Guidelines.

We will continue to acknowledge and celebrate birthdays but without cakes and cupcakes. If you want to send a gift to your child's class, buying a book for the classroom would be a welcome gift. Thank you for your support on this matter.

BC Fruit and Veggie Program

We are delighted this year to be part of the BC Fruit and Vegetable Program. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association and local supermarkets have combined to make available to schools a bi-weekly delivery of fruit and vegetables. Only 20 - 25% of children eat the recommended daily minimum of 5 servings of fruit and vegetables a day. Adults know fruits and vegetable contain many vitamins and minerals



that are important in children's grow and development. Healthy eating improves children's ability to concentrate and focus on learning. Providing students with a healthy snack is a great way to reduce sugar cravings and help children stay focused and are successful in learning.

Over the course of the year your child will receive portion servings of many products including: blueberries, pears, apples, grapes, kiwi, carrots, cucumbers, and tomatoes. We hope you will encourage your child to participate and enjoy trying these snacks. Helping children make good eating decisions now in life may influence their eating habits of the future. If you would like further information about the program please come into the school and speak with your child's teacher or with the vice-principal Mr. Zadeiks.

Cross Country

Our cross-country season has begun. Participating students in Grades 3 to 7 will run at a series of 5 District meets at Fleetwood Park (156 St. & 80th Ave.) on Tuesday afternoons from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Practices are on Mondays and Thursdays after school from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Students will meet in the gym after school and finish on the upper field.

Thank you to Mrs. Mauro, Mrs. Calbick, Mrs. Rawlyns, Mrs. Gazo & Mrs. Ramsden for directing and organizing volunteer drivers for the meets.

The cross-country schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 19th
- Tuesday, September 26th
- Tuesday, October 3rd
- Tuesday, October 10th
- Tuesday, October 17th

We need more parent drivers to help transport students to and from the cross country meets. If you are able to help please let us know at the office. Thank you.