



# 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 #8

Monday, February 01, 2016

Dear Parents

In this newsletter there are several submissions from the Chimney Hill Student Council. When you read their submissions, please note the recurring comment about Student Council members' ideas being heard and put into practice. In my 23 years as a school principal, I have never seen a Student Council as large, as active and as relevant as the one we have here.

In fact, members of the council were recently invited to a Staff Committee Meeting (a group consisting of teachers and administrators) to discuss their plans for our recent Dragon Day, a large-scale school-wide event held on Thursday, January 28. The Council members were well received at the meeting and gave a very thorough, carefully planned presentation. The Dragon Day event involved the entire school and was a huge success.

At Chimney Hill there is considerable emphasis placed on making our school an inclusive, dynamic learning environment for your children: our Student Council is an excellent example of this.

At the end of April, we will be having four productions of the musical, Fiddler on the Roof: two matinees and two evening performances. All classes at Chimney Hill will be participating in these performances, half of the school in one performance, half in the other. Our Ktg. and grade 1 students will be performing in the matinees (afternoon) only. More details will be coming to you as our plans emerge.

Sincerely

C. S. Baldry

All Parents interested in "Internet Awareness", please join us for the following workshop on Thursday, Feb.11th at 7:00 PM in the Library.



### Social Media for Parents Workshop:

- \* To educate about safe online engagement
- \* To view the landscape of social media sites and applications
- \* To increase awareness of your child's social media presence
- \* Provide some strategies to keep your child safe on line"

**Trish Hall**

**Chairperson**

**Chimney Hill Parent Advisory Council**

### Upcoming Dates

- Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Family Day (school closed)
- 7 PM Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> "Internet Awareness"
- Fri., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair(CANCELLED)
- Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Ski/ Snowboarding Trip
- Fri., March 11<sup>th</sup> last day of school before Spring Break
- Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Spring Break
- Fri., Mar., 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (School Closed)
- Mon., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> Easter

## **Student Council News**

You have in your hand our third student council newsletter insert. The purpose of this section is to keep you informed about student council activities and to have a little fun while doing it. In honour of Dragon Day, you will find lots of dragons in this edition!

### **Let's Get to Know Our Head Treasurer Jaya Dial and Our Other Pod Treasurers**

#### **Treasurer JayaDial-**

Hey dragons! The last 8 years at Chimney Hill have been absolutely amazing. I have learned so many valuable lessons and experienced so much at Chimney Hill. Some things I enjoy doing include playing soccer, shopping, doing art and hanging out with my friends! This year I have been extremely lucky to be your head treasurer. I love being in student council because I find it so magical how a few kids' ideas actual turn into something big, like Dragon Day. Another important thing I realized is in student council no one's opinion gets ignored. I can't wait to see what else we accomplish this year as a council!

#### **Pod one vice treasurer Maneet Deol -**

Hey dragons! I have been at Chimney Hill for almost 8 years. Since then I have learned everything I know to-day. My favourite sports are soccer, basketball and volleyball. I have joined the student council late but I know it's going to be a lot of fun. In student council, I know everyone will listen to everyone's ideas so the year will go smooth. I never knew that a group of students put together so many awesome events and activities. Student Council this year is going to be awesome!

#### **Pod two treasurer Daniel Zhang -**

Hi dragons! I've been here at Chimney Hill for almost 8 years now. I have met some amazing people and I have learned many important things. Some things I enjoy doing are playing basketball, drawing, and listening to music. Also my favourite colour is blue. This year I am proud to be one of our student treasurers. I love being in student council because our ideas and our opinions never get ignored. Being part of the student council is lots of fun.

#### **Pod three treasurer Kohen Lee -**

Hey guys! I'm 12 years old and I have been a dragon since kindergarten. I am proud to be a dragon because of our great sports team and because of how much we help the community. My favorite sports are snowboarding, soccer, and basketball. I am really excited to be in the student council because we can plan big events for the whole school. I am lucky to have the opportunity to be part of the student council and I feel that we are going to accomplish lots this year.

#### **Pod four treasurer Cyrus Sandhu-**

I have been at Chimney Hill since kindergarten. Ever since then, I have wanted to be a part of student council. My first experience with student council was as a grade two rep. I have loved Chimney Hill ever since. I have many hobbies including playing hockey, watching TV, and playing video games. I have made a lot of new friends through hockey and it has taught me that a team is just like a family. My favorite TV show is The Flash because he makes the impossible possible. If I had to pick my favorite school subjects, then it would be a tie between math and P.E. Chimney Hill is a fantastic school and I am so happy to be a part of the leadership team.

## **2015/16 Satisfaction Survey**

Each spring the Ministry of Education gathers information from parents of students in grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 regarding parents' satisfaction with their children's education. The annual satisfaction survey is now online and will be available until April 30th, offering parents, students and staff in those grades an opportunity to provide feedback on a range of topics. Results are compiled provincially but also on a school-by-school basis to support future learning.

**We sincerely encourage you to complete the survey by going to the following website to enter your responses.**

<https://www.awinfosys.com/surveyfull1/central/main/ParentSurvey.asp> If you have any problems opening these attachments or understanding the instructions, please contact us at:

Email: [support@awinfosys.com](mailto:support@awinfosys.com)

Phone: 1-866-558-5339

## Here Are 10 Interesting Facts We Learned About Dragons

1. Dragons are a much-loved mythological animal that are gigantic, powerful snake or reptile-like creatures.
2. In most cultures, the dragon is rare. There are never very many of them.
3. Most dragons are described as having scaly skin, talons, and slanted eyes, and long snouts.
4. The word "dragon" comes from the Greek word "draconta," which means "to watch."
5. Many dragons have red slanted eyes.
6. The Phoenix dragon has 5 claws and was a symbol for Chinese emperors.
7. Dragons usually fly and breathe fire or ice.
8. Eastern dragons are long and have 2 horns for ears.
9. Western Dragons live/lived in caves, mountains or lakes.
10. The Komodo dragon is a type of monitor lizard, which is aggressive and deadly.

## Let's Learn Some More About The Komodo Dragon

Did you know there is such thing as living dragons! Well one of them is the Komodo dragon or also known as the "land crocodile". Can you believe that the Komodo dragon is the largest lizard in the world? They can weigh up to 366 pounds and can reach up to 10 feet at the most. Some of the first Komodo dragons appeared in Indonesia. They are now mainly found in tropical savanna forests. Komodo dragons are known for being great hunters as well as having great hearing, and vision. The Komodo dragon has a long fork shaped tongue just like a snake. A Komodo dragon's teeth are known as their greatest weapons. When they hunt, they eat every part of their prey including the bones and hooves. Komodo can live as long as 30 years in the wild. This is why Chimney Hill students are fierce, brave, and strong dragons.



## Our Hilarious Joke of the Week

**Joke:** Why did dragons cross the road?

**Answer:** Because chickens weren't invented yet!

## Do The Dragon Workout

You can do the Dragon Workout at home. Just pick a fiery song like "Fire Burning" by Sean Kingston. Then follow these great dragon moves:

1. dragon toes [jogging on one spot on your toes]
2. dragon wings [dragon toes while flapping wings]
3. dragon treasure grab [scoops]
4. dragon mountain climb [rock climbing]
5. dragon claws [reaching out then in]
6. dragon fire [push arms in front]
7. dragon fists [fist pumps above head while spinning around]
8. dragon tail [twist to the beat]
9. dragon jumps [make like a dragon kangaroo]
10. dragon jumping jacks [jumping jacks]
11. dragon arms [moving arms side to side then together]

## Let's Get Some Good Fantasy Book Recommendations From Our Students

### Our Super-Fun Dragon Word Search

#### Dragon Word Search - Find Hidden Words Below

G P B L M G M E E N J G U X Y E  
T C J K S E E T P T O A H F E J  
B A F M A H I E O H T E U N A L  
X N N G Y T N P I A I P F B X C  
I S L E G P E E C R C Y R G G W  
R C T L C V N E O F W E N E H E  
I A M C D I L R I T A I L G I T  
P E T E S K E G T A W F T W R S  
E L E G T W E A O L N T V R Q D  
R Q O E C Q P O H O P A L L G E  
N F B H H T F E G N N S T T E E  
A L H L E O I A A C E F J E A N  
G Y O E N O R Z S D T M L C J H  
N J C S O D E N T C V L S L A Q  
N J P M E B A G A X P O Z B A S  
E E U S O E C T O V H N X H P C

dragon, tail, wing, horn, talon, fire

Name:

Date:

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#### Kindergarten Registration

Children who will turn five on or before December 31, 2016 are eligible to begin school in September, 2016. To register your child for Kindergarten, you will need to bring in the following documentation:

- Your child's birth certificate or passport
- Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the child
- Proof of address (purchase or rental agreement, hydro bill, phone bill, cable bill)
- Your child's record of immunization and B.C. Care Card.
- Proof of guardianship:
  - ⇒ Child Tax Benefit statement, Universal Child Care Benefit Statement,
  - ⇒ GST Rebate statements, Extended Health Benefit cards, Dental Benefit cards, or large Birth Certificate.

If you know a family in our area who has a child turning 5 in 2016, please inform them about this registration.