



## CHIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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### Foundation Skill Assessment

At present, grade 4 and 7 students are writing the Foundation Skill Assessment. These assessments will be completed over the next 4 - 6 weeks. We appreciate parent efforts to minimize your child's absences at this time.

In the Spring when the school receives your child's results back from the Ministry, we will provide you with a copy of your child's results.

### Principal's Comments:

#### Newsletter #8

Friday, January 10th, 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome back! We would like to update you with some of our January initiatives/activities.

**First, we are stressing the importance of all students arriving at school on time.** Our Student Council Executive has brainstormed a list of student perspectives on this subject (see reverse). So far this week 99% of our students have arrived on time. You can support this initiative by arriving earlier (at 8:25) if you are dropping your child off in the morning. Thanks in advance for your support as we aim to get 100% of students arriving on time.

**Second, we will be participating in the 60 Minute Kids Club again.** Information on this program will be sent to you later in January. We hope you join us in this healthy life style initiative.

**Third, we will be starting auditions this week for the Sound of Music.** Intermediate students will have an opportunity to play a key role in this Musical that will be performed in the first week of May.

Sincerely,

C.S. Baldry

#### Upcoming Dates

- Fri., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> Hot Dog Day
- Mon., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Registration begins
- Fri., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Pizza Day
- Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Ski/Snowboarding Trip
- Mon., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Family Day (school closed)
- Wed., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 - 7:30 Gr. 7 Parent Evening at Frank Hurt
- Fri., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Pro-D Day (school closed)
- Wed., Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - 12:45 - 2:00 Ready, Set, Learn
- Tues., Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Report cards go home
- Thurs., Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - 1:27 Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Break (school closed)
- Mon., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> School Reopens

#### Kindergarten Registration

**Children who will turn five on or before December 31, 2014** are eligible to begin school in September, 2014. **Registration begins Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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 five in 2014, please inform them about this registration

#### 2014 Whistler Ski/Board Trip

Grades 5-7



We still have a few spaces available for the ski/Snowboarding trip that will take place on Saturday, February 8th. You can pick up a registration package from the office or see Mr. Findlay in Room 222.

## Why Is It Important To Get To School on Time?

(from the Chimney Hill Student Council)

1. If you are late, you might miss some important events or lessons that happen first thing in the morning.
2. It's hard for the office ladies to look back and find your name to mark you here, if you are very late.
3. It's very stressful for your parents to have to rush to school to drop You off, just because you weren't organized.
4. If you're on time, you will be able to get settled into your seat, and unpacked, easily and quickly.
5. Also, it doesn't look good if you're late repeatedly.
6. If you're on time, you won't disturb other students.
7. If you're late, you can become behind on assignments.
8. If you're on time, it shows that you are responsible.
9. If you're organized and on time, you will do better in class.
10. People will be able to trust you on finishing something if they know that you are consistently on time.
11. It becomes a bad habit if you're always late!!!!



### Ready Set Learn

Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 - 2:00 pm Chimney Hill welcomes families with 3 & 4 year olds to visit and attend Ready Set Learn. The afternoon will provide an opportunity for you as a parent to meet other parents with pre-school aged children and learn about some resources available to help your child play, grow and learn. Your child can enjoy taking part in a variety of events with other children from the community in the gym.

Please note this event is arranged for 3 year olds & children turning 4 this year. If you have a four year old who will be turning 5 and attending kindergarten next year, we will have a separate event to welcome your child to Kindergarten on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

We would appreciate your help in reaching other members of the community who might not see this message. If you know of other families in the community who have 3 or 4 year old children, please invite them to come and visit the school on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, and have them call the School office to register.

### Chimney Hill Basketball & 60 Minutes Fit Kids Club

At Chimney Hill we strive to help our students develop healthy life styles. At present, for example, we have formed 6 basketball teams; 2 grade 7 girls, 2 grade 7 boys, 1 grade 6 boys, and 1 grade 6 girls. In total we have between 100 and 105 students committed to playing this season. No one is cut from any of the teams. Students self select, in other words they will play if they attend practices. If they choose not to attend practices at 7:30 in the morning their playing time will be limited, if they play at all.

We have 6 staff members coaching this year: Mr. Colp, Mr. Mohammed, Mr. Langereis, Mrs. Scott, and Mr. Baldry. We are all very encouraged to see the level of commitment we see from your children.

Similarly all our grade 7 students are Fit Kid leaders. They model participation and conditioning activities for all our students. As well, we hope to see a very high level of participation from families when we start the 60 Minute Kids Club.

### Extended Absences

Despite numerous requests in newsletters that parents not take students out of school when school is in session, we are still seeing some students taken out for extended periods (more than 10 days). We strongly discourage this practice. It is very detrimental to a child's academic and social progress. We also cannot guarantee that students will have a space at Chimney Hill when they return.

