



# CHIMNEY HILL ELEMENTARY

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## Student Absences (Very Important Please Read)

If your child(ren) will be away from school **please** notify the school before 9:00 a.m. As you are aware Chimney Hill has over 700 students and on several occasions we have made over 150 phone calls to our families to verify absences. We also have **voice mail** that is available for you to call any time after the office is closed for the day.

The **SCHOOL OFFICE#:(604) 592-2913.**

## Principal's Comments:

### Newsletter #12

Friday, April 4, 2014

Dear Parents

We recently completed the 'Winter Challenge of the 60 Minute Kids Club'. Our school finished among the top 30 schools in Canada. There were 216 schools participating. Considering this initiative was run completely by our students, under the leadership of our Student Council, this is a great accomplishment.

You probably have heard from your children that our school will be performing the musical 'Sound of Music' the 1st week of May. On Wednesday, May 7th & Thursday, May 8th we will have both an afternoon matinee and an evening performance.

The Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes will only be performing in the matinees. Given that the performances are 80 - 90 minutes in length and that we don't have the seating capacity to accommodate Ktg. - Gr. 7 Classes in the evenings, we have made this decision. We are hoping that giving families a month's notice you will be able to make arrangements to attend your child's Musicals. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**See below for details about performances:**

#### Classes Performing on Wed., May 7th Matinee & Thurs., May 8th Evening:

Mrs. Rawlyns, Mrs. Teng, Ms. Marnell, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Needham

Mr. Findlay, Mr. Mohammed, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Deol/Mrs. Aldom, Mr. Scott, Ms. Johal, Ms. Munroe, Mrs. Kenny, Ms. Van Berkel, Mrs. Mauro/Mrs. Calbick

#### Classes Performing On Thurs., May 8th Matinee & Wed., May 7th Evening:

Ms. Mulleady, Ms. Jandu, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Gill

Mr. Colp, Mr. Langereis, Ms. Briske, Ms. Sture, Mrs. Ramsden, Mrs. Barclay/Mrs. Gazo, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Grausam, Ms. Lythgo, Mrs. Kropp

**\*Please note: Ktgs & Gr. 1's performing in Matinees only!**

**Tickets will go on sale next week!**

Running Club has started and we have over 300 participants and 10 - 12 parent volunteers. We greatly appreciate the time family members give to volunteering for this event. Thank you!

C.S. Baldry

### Upcoming Dates

- Fri., April 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. Chess Tournament
- Sat., April 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 - 4:00 Grade 7 Garage Sale
- Tues., April 15<sup>th</sup> - Class/ Group Photos
- Fri., April 18<sup>th</sup> Good Friday (School closed)
- Mon., April 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Fri., May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Pro-D Day (School Closed)
- Wed., May 7<sup>th</sup> & Thurs., May 8<sup>th</sup> Sound of Music Production
- May 14<sup>th</sup>—May 16<sup>th</sup> Grade 6's to Camp Elphinstone
- Mon., May 19<sup>th</sup> - Victoria Day (School Closed)
- Mon., May 26<sup>th</sup> - Pro-D Day (School Closed)

### Appropriate Dress at Chimney Hill Elementary

We believe that school should be treated as the students' "place of business". We would ask students to refrain from wearing these types of items:

- T-shirts with negative or inappropriate language.
- Midriff tops (when arms are raised and skin is showing, it's too short).
- Low-slung jeans that don't meet the top.
- Halter tops and muscle shirts.
- Excessive makeup.

## Update on Fundraising from Our Student Leaders

Last month, some of our student leaders held a coin drive in their classroom to build a school in a third world country. Together Divisions 1,2,3 and 17 raised over 500 dollars! We also made the decision to send half of the money raised to build a school in Haiti and half the money raised to build a school in India.

Brick by Brick is a charity by Free The Children to raise money to build schools in third world countries. For every twenty dollars raised we paid for one brick. It takes 500 bricks to build a school. We may not have built a whole school but we made a great start. And we hope that other schools will get involved so we can raise even more.

Free The Children and Brick by Brick was created by student activist Craig Kielburger. He started Free The Children at the young age of 12 after learning about child poverty. It started small but is now one of the most well known charities around the world. And many, like us, want to full fill his dream and free the children.

by Janne Byukusenge

## Food Bank Awards Banquet



On March 12<sup>th</sup>, three other students (Lily, Sameer, and Bella) and I had the privilege of attending the Surrey Food Bank's Awards Banquet. At this event, they gave out awards to people or groups that were really helpful to the Surrey Food Bank and the people who go there. As you may know, our school

raised 4000 pounds of food, and over 600 dollars. We raised so much money and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Surrey School district for the amount of food we donated. That even includes secondary schools! Because of this, our school received an award for Outstanding Donor in 2013. We received an amazing glass plaque with our schools name inscribed on it. At the event, there were many other groups, and many other awards being given. Our school did so well this year with donating, and the food bank was so thankful. Great job everyone!



By: Jenine Hira

