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February

Dear Crescent Park Families

Gosh, where did January go?! It seems like just a few weeks ago that we were welcoming our students back from winter holiday and now here we are...in February! Over the next six weeks we look forward to welcoming cultural facilitators for our Multicultural Week, celebrating Pink Shirt anti-bullying day, skating with our classes, participating in school-wide fencing lessons, and enjoying our long-awaited pancake breakfast on March 15th. Finally, we wish you all a day of fun and togetherness on Feb. 18th as you create wonderful memories on Family Day.

Important Reminders...

Late arrivals

- We have noticed an increased number of **late arrivals in the morning** and are concerned about the anxiety and stress this is creating for our students (and their families). A reminder to all parents and families that the **first bell takes place at 8:30am**. At this time all students should be on the school ground, lined up and prepared to enter the school. This is a wonderful time for a quick hug and word of encouragement as you send your child on their way. At the 8:35am bell the outside exit doors will be closed and all students should be in classes preparing for their day. Students arriving to school after 8:35am must enter the school through the front office doors and receive a late slip. We recognize this is a long walk for our primary students and we appreciate your commitment to arriving to school on time. For the next six weeks until Spring Break we will be closely monitoring all late arrivals in an effort to ease morning anxiety in our students and help them successfully prepare for their day.



Appointments



- Parents, if at all possible, **please schedule all dentist & doctor visits after school hours**. Should you need to schedule an appointment during the day please send a note with your child in the morning and the teacher will do their best to ensure your child is ready. Unscheduled requests at any point in the day are highly disruptive to your child, the teacher and the rest of the class. Thank you!

Early Pick-Ups

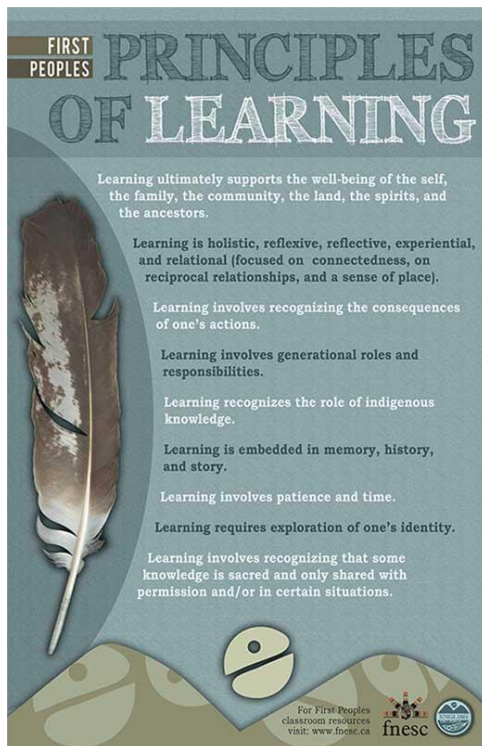
- We are noticing an increased number of parents arriving early at the end of the day (2:15-2:20pm) to pick up their child/ren. These interruptions challenge our teachers at a very busy time of the day and create stress in our students. Parents, if your child needs to leave school early (tutoring, sports) on a consistent basis please email the specifics of these arrangements (dates, times and reason) to me at colter_k@surreyschools.ca as well as your child's classroom teacher. I will then update Ms. Rebiffe in the office and we will monitor accordingly.

City of Surrey Parking Lot

Parent and family members please be vigilant in monitoring the actions of your child in the City of Surrey parking lot at all times. This is a very busy parking lot and we have experienced a few alarmingly close calls in recent weeks. Please remind your child to stay close to you at all times and/or remain on the white line beside your car as you load or unload children from your vehicle. Additionally, please **pull into a parking spot** to drop off your child. **DO NOT stop traffic or pull to one side to drop off your child.** This is a dangerous action and we are highly concerned for the safety of our students. As this is a public parking lot, Crescent Park staff do not supervise this area. In the morning and after school our teachers provide supervision on school grounds while I monitor the safety of our students at the front of our school on 24th.

Multicultural & First Peoples at School Week – February 4-8th

We look forward to an exciting week at Crescent Park! Cultural Facilitators will be visiting classes to share learnings on a variety of topics including residential schools, traditional blankets, local first nations culture, pictographs, and government in a First Nations community. Additionally, the following events will take place:



- Monday, Feb. 4th
 - Welcome assembly for our facilitators and multicultural fashion show
- Tuesday, Feb. 5th
 - Multicultural lunch for all students & staff, 11:42am
- Thursday, Feb. 7th
 - 3 Crow Productions performance "How Raven Stole the Sun", 1:00pm*
- Friday, Feb. 8th
 - School-wide closing assembly at 10:40am. All are welcome.

* The 3 Crow Productions performance is paid for by PAC and parent community fundraising. Thank you!

West Coast Weather

At Crescent Park we recognize that outdoor play is vitally important to the success of our students throughout the day. As we live on the west coast we believe our students should be prepared for all types of weather. Unless we are experiencing a torrential down pour we will be sending our students (and Mrs. Colter!) outside on rainy days. Please remember to send your child to school with a jacket, boots and umbrella, if they wish. Additionally, if your child is prone to getting dirty, please remember to pack an extra set of clothes (socks too) for them to change into should they get wet and muddy outside.



Information session from our District

Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program for Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten/Grade One Students

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Surrey Schools will be offering the Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program for parents/guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 1 aged children.

Learning Objective of the Training:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs.
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self-esteem.
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.

For information please contact Shirley Hofmann at 604-595-5373.

Digital Citizenship at School – a reminder

The use of personal devices at school is a privilege given to our students with the understanding that the following expectations will be respected and upheld at all times.



- All devices must remain in the student's backpack at all times while the student is on school property, inside and outside of the building.
- The use of electronic devices is not permitted during recess and lunch.
- Devices must remain in the student's backpack unless under direct supervision and with permission from the instructing teacher.

Should students demonstrate difficulty following these expectations, electronic devices will be retained by the classroom teacher until the end of the school day. Subsequent concerns will require consultation with Mrs. Colter and the student's parents and may result in a loss of privileges.

Coffee & Chat – February 11th

Please join us at our next Coffee and Chat in the library on Monday, February 11th from 8:30-9:15am. This is a great way to enjoy a cup of coffee, meet new parents and continue learning about our school.

School Cash Online

Crescent Park has implemented a safe, fast and convenient payment system to help families pay for school fees online. Using this system, payments can be made with credit card, eCheck and myWallet for school field trips, activities, planners and more. Register online today at <http://surreyschools.schoolcashionline.com/>.

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

Our next PAC meeting will take place on February 4th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the school learning commons. If you are interested in learning about the PAC at Crescent Park Elementary or would like to help out in any capacity we encourage you to join our meetings. The PAC is a wonderful way to meet families and feel part of our school community while supporting your child at school. We look forward to seeing you!

The PAC at Crescent Park Elementary is a hard-working group of parents committed to supporting our students, teachers and school community. Please take a moment to visit the Crescent Park PAC website at www.crescentparkpac.com for parent information and related resources.

Upcoming Dates: (also available on our school website)

Mon. Feb. 4 th	PAC meeting in the library, 7:00-9:00pm. All are welcome!
Mon. Feb 11 th	Coffee & Chat in the library, 8:30-9:15am
Wed. Feb. 27 th	Pink Shirt anti-bullying day
Fri. March 1 st	Bingo Night! A great family event, 6:00-8:00pm
Mon. March 4 th	PAC meeting in the library, 9:00-11:00am. All are welcome!
Mon. March 11 th	Coffee & Chat in the library, 8:30-9:30am - Topic: Social Media 4 Parents
Fri. March 15 th	Pancake breakfast & pajama day!

Hot Lunch Menu for February: 6th Pizza Day, 13th White Spot, 20th Hot Dog Day, and 27th Subway

School Website

Please check out our website for information and updates at www.surreyschools.ca/schools/crescent_park/. To eliminate paper waste, newsletters and other important information are communicated to families by email. Please register on our website in order to stay up to date with school news.

Warmest regards,
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