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READY, SET... SPRING BREAK!

Dear Crescent Park Families

And just like that...we're preparing for Spring Break! Where did the time go! Our staff and students enjoyed a wonderful term of learning and look forward to participating in our final activities and learning challenges together. As we approach the break, please remember to call the office if your child will be absent prior to the start of the holidays or returning late in April. I wish all our families a safe and relaxing spring break and hope you are able to enjoy some well-deserved family time together.

Parking Issues at Crescent Park - A Safety Reminder

Thank you to the many families who are consistently using the City of Surrey parking lot or the parking spaces along 24th or 128th. Unfortunately, drivers continue to access the staff parking lot in the morning and afternoon for student drop-off and pick-up and this significantly impacts student safety. The school driveway is a dangerous zone at pick-up and drop-off times and hence I would like to remind parents of the following important safety expectations:

- **The staff parking lot is for Surrey School District employees only.**
- Parking inside the front gate is limited and on a first come, first claim basis. However, these spaces are ideal for families with special needs students who don't recognize the dangers of a moving vehicle. Please keep this in mind.
- A **handicap parking permit** is required when parking in the handicap parking spot. Please ensure your sign is displayed when parking in this location.
- The pull-in at the front of the school is a **"drop and go"** zone at peak times and not a parking spot. If you are always waiting for your social butterfly please plan accordingly and park elsewhere.
- Walk along designated pathways when entering and exiting the school grounds, particularly at the front gate to the parking lot and around the staff parking lot.

If I may make a few suggestions:

- Please plan a family meeting spot when picking up multiple children. Ideal meeting spots include the primary playground and the front grass of the school (inside the fence).
- Are you able to arrive 10 minutes later for pick-up? If your child doesn't mind waiting a few minutes you wouldn't believe how quickly 393 students can vacate the building at the end of the day. A few ingenious parents have figured out this nifty trick and it works like a charm.
- A reminder that staff provide after-school supervision until 2:45pm on our school grounds.

Early Dismissal – March 14th, 1:30pm

Early dismissal on Thurs. Mar. 14th has been scheduled for teacher collaborative sessions for curricular and assessment purposes. Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher prior to spring break please contact them individually to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Communication of Student Learning – March 12th

Reflections of the learning that has taken throughout the second term will be shared with parents on March 12th through either the Communication of Student Learning (CSL) template or through digital documentation with Fresh Grade. Within these reflections, teachers will provide parents with descriptive examples of:

- Your child's progress, growth and development;
- What your child is able to do;
- Areas in which your child requires further attention or development; and
- Ways of supporting your child in his or her learning.

English Language Arts and Mathematics are reported upon for each reporting period.

Descriptions of learning in all other curricular areas will be included in at least one of the first two formal written reports (December & March). Teacher feedback and descriptions of student progress in all curricular areas are commented upon in the final summative report in June.

Is your child not feeling well?

Parents, please remember to keep you child home if they are not well. Over the past few months we have been challenged with a very difficult and robust flu season. If your child is experiencing flu symptoms including fever, running nose, sore throat, extreme tiredness or a cough please ensure they get plenty of rest in the comfort of their own home. This will speed along their recovery as well as ensure that other students aren't exposed to the virus.



The Cardboard Challenge!

For the final two weeks before spring break our staff look forward to inspiring creativity and promoting critical thinking skills within our students with the Cardboard Challenge! Using the story, [The Most Magnificent Thing](#) by Ashley Spires as a starting point, and the video [Caine's Arcade](#) for inspiration, we challenge our students to create their own unique structure based upon the theme, Carnival! Students will work as a class, group or individually to complete their carnival creation and will proudly share their work with their peers just prior to the break. Looking forward to Crescent Park's Cardboard Challenge!



Reading Link Challenge

This year, over twenty grade 4 and 5 students participated in the Surrey Public Library's Reading Link Challenge on March 7th. To prepare for this challenge, students read six pre-selected books

from November to March and, working as a team, demonstrated their knowledge of these books against other Crescent Park teams.

The selections for the 2018-2019 Reading Link Challenge included the following novels:

<i>A Boy Called Bat</i> by Elana Arnold	<i>The World According to Humphrey</i> by Betty Birney
<i>Ungifted</i> by Gordon Korman	<i>Land of Forgotten Girls</i> by Erin Entrada Kelly
<i>Stella by Starlight</i> by Sharon Draper	<i>Howard Wallace P.I.</i> by Casey Lyall

For the second year in a row we would like to congratulate **Odin H., Joshua H., Jack N., Kai Z., Ray J. & Dylan D.** for winning our school challenge! Best of luck on April 4th!



Upcoming Sports

Badminton season is underway for our grades 5-7 students. Practices are held on Mondays after school until 3:30pm for grades 5 & 6 and on Wednesday morning at 7:45am for grades 7. Ultimate Disc has also started for our students in grades 5-7. Practices take place Monday to Wednesday from 2:45-3:30pm. Good luck to these teams!

Girls' Basketball

We wish to congratulate our grade 6 & 7 girls' basketball team this year on a successful season and their strong third place finish at the playday on Feb. 28th. We look forward to seeing many of you again next season!

Jasleen	Jessica	Joevana	Nadia	Makenna G	Bella
Georgia	Belinda	Sydney	Makenna W	Annabelle	Asha
Bronwyn	Olivia	Maggie M	Priya		

Boys' Basketball

We would also like to congratulate our grade 6 & 7 boys' basketball team for their outstanding work and commitment to the season which culminated in a strong third place finish at the playday on February 26th. Well done boys!

Jovan	Oliver	Evan S	Abi	Spencer	Jahan
Luke	Raymond	Dylan H	Noah	William D	Keech
Gurasees	Sam	Evan B	Dylan F	Christopher	Jodhan
Ben	Rayan	Daniel	Matthew L	Cowen	Emerson

Sad News – Mr. LeRoy Geiger

We are saddened to announce that Mr. LeRoy Geiger passed away recently. Mr. Geiger taught grade seven at Crescent Park Elementary during the 70's, 80's and 90's and will be fondly remembered by many of our Crescent Park families and former students. Mr. Geiger was famous

for teaching the classics, for directing his grade sevens in Shakespeare and Greek plays, and for cycling with his students early in the morning on 32nd Ave. Mr. Geiger was a legend and will be missed!

Workshop Opportunities for Parents:

Who's in Charge? Why Adults Need to Lead

Laronde Elementary would like to invite parents & guardians to an insightful workshop held by Deborah MacNamara on March 13 from 6:00-8:00pm. Entry is \$5.00 to help offset the cost of the workshop. Babysitting will be offered by two grade 7 students.

A growing number of children are presenting as demanding, prescriptive, bossy and controlling. A disturbing number of these alpha children are turning into bullies as well. Alpha children tend to have difficulties letting themselves be parented or taught. This is making the child-adult dance much more difficult than it used to be or needs to be, despite the plethora of advice-giving and strategies available today. The surprising roots of the alpha complex will be examined, opening the doors for lasting change in the family, classroom, and society.

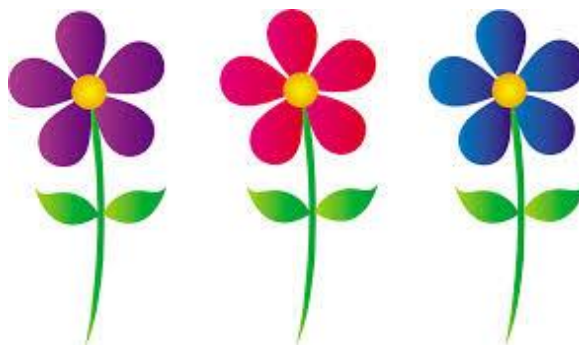
The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia

Surrey DPAC and Dyslexia BC will be presenting the award-winning film "The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia" by James Redford on Monday, March 11, 7-9 pm at the District Education Centre. The film is 52 minutes, and will be followed by a discussion with Cathy McMillan from Dyslexia BC. This is an uplifting documentary-style film with famous dyslexics including Richard Branson and Charles Schwab. There is also medical input from Dr. Sally Shaywitz from Yale. For additional details and to RSVP, please visit the event page at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-education-evening-the-big-picture-rethinking-dyslexia-tickets-57574549026>.

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

Our next PAC meeting will take place on April 1st from 7:00-9:00pm in the library. If you are interested in learning about the role of the PAC at Crescent Park Elementary or would like to help out in any capacity we encourage you to come and 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!

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. Mar. 11 th	Coffee & Chat in the library, 9:00-11:00am – Social Media 4 Parents presentation
Tues. Mar. 12 th	Communication of Student Learning sent home to families
Thurs. Mar. 14 th	Early Dismissal, 1:30pm
Fri. Mar. 15 th	Pancake Breakfast for all students
Mon. April 1 st	Welcome back to school

Wed. April 3rd
Mon. April 8th
Tues. April 9th
Thurs. April 25th

Class photo day
Non-Instructional Day – students do not attend
French Immersion Evening for new Grade 6 students, 6:30-7:30pm
Parent Tea (more information to follow)

Hot Lunch Menu for April: 3rd Hot Dog Day, 10th Subway, 17th Pizza, and 24th White Spot day

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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