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Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to the many parents and family members who joined us for our Parent Appreciation morning on May 1st. We tried a new format this year in an effort to connect with parents who are busy at work during the day. What a great time we had enjoying a cup of coffee and a few delicious treats before we all started our busy day. Please know that we appreciate all that you do to support our students at school. From listening to your child read and checking planners each night, to driving to sporting events, volunteering for fieldtrips and supporting the PAC with hot lunches. We recognize and appreciate that parent support comes in many different ways. Thank you for all you do!

Classroom placements for next year...

In the final months of each school year, we begin the complex process of planning for the upcoming year. Creating balanced classes is a highly intensive, collaborative process in which each child's social, emotional and academic needs are thoughtfully considered. Teachers, support staff and administration reflect upon each placement carefully as we endeavour to create workable instructional groups, positive social placements and balanced classes. Criteria considered in the placement process include:

- o Social and emotional development of all students;
- o A child's academic strengths, stretches and learning styles;
- o Class & group dynamics, peer compatibility;
- o BC Ministry & Surrey School District regulations specific to class size and composition.

The creation of a positive classroom environment is a highly complex process in order to meet the needs of all learners. Initial student placements begin in May and June of the current school year. In September, placements are reviewed to consider new students to our school and students who have moved over the summer. While we are open to reflections from our parent community, we ask that you place your trust in our educational team. Requests for specific learning environments, teachers and chosen peers can compromise a well-designed classroom and can impact the successful placements of all students. Should you wish to share your thoughts on your child's upcoming placement, please note the following:

- Information that is unknown to teachers & administration regarding a student's social, emotional, and academic needs will be taken into consideration;
- Parent requests for specific teachers will not be considered;
- All letters will be shared with the school placement team (including past & present teachers).

Should you wish to provide additional information on your child's learning and/or social development needs, please do so in written or email format to Mrs. Colter at colter_k@surreyschools.ca by **Friday, May 24, 2019**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Thank you for your support throughout this complex process.

Before and After School Daycare

At the end of April, we received word from Laronde Montessori Children's House that they will not be providing before-and-after school daycare at Crescent Park Elementary next year. In light of this recent news we want our school families and community to know we are in the process of confirming a new out-of-school care provider for the 2019-2020 school year. We recognize the value of having child care services for our families and expect to confirm a new operator in the coming months. Thank you to Laronde Montessori Children's House for your services over the past four years.

Welcome to Kindergarten – Wednesday, May 15th

On Wednesday, May 15th we look forward to welcoming our new Kindergarten students and their parents for their first official visit to Crescent Park Elementary. This event will take place from 10:30-11:30pm in the Kindergarten classrooms during which our new students will meet their future classmates as well as many members of our school staff. Parents will be treated to a tour of our school as well as a formal welcome from myself, our PAC president and our Kindergarten teachers. Parents, please don't forget to RSVP to the school office at 604-535-9101.

MACC Success!

The Surrey Junior Science Challenge 2019 was held on April 30 at Fleetwood Park Secondary for teams of grade 8 and 9 students. Throughout the day students compete in a series of 4 challenges that involve science concepts and engineering design. For the first time in history, MACC students from Crescent park elementary participated in this Science challenge! Congratulations to Paula M, Jodhan W, Jahan G, Yoyo L, and Raymond L for winning 1st prize in the Quiz and 3rd prize in the overall competition! Please join me in applauding these students for their hard work and perseverance.

Saleema Noon - May 21-24th

Not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about sex, but all parents can *learn to be comfortable*. On **May 21st from 6:30-8:00pm** we will be hosting an information session to help parents understand how sexual health fits into the lives of their children at this stage of life. Attendees will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the questions children ask. The workshop is light hearted, but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good sexual decisions for a lifetime. Please email crescentpark@surreyschools.ca to confirm your attendance.

Following the parent information evening our students will partake in a grade-level workshop on either Thursday, May 23rd or Friday, May 24th in which they will learn about sexual health through a curriculum appropriately designed for their age group.

Thank you to our dedicated PAC for supporting this valuable learning within our school.

Beyblades at School

While many of our students enjoy playing with Beyblades at school we are noticing an increasing problem with these toys throughout the day at Crescent Park. While these toys offer a fun alternative for recess and lunchtime play they are significantly affecting positive social interactions outside and causing students to make poor choices throughout the day. As a result of these challenges I am asking all students to keep their Beyblades and battle stadiums at home for the remainder of the school year. Thank you for your support.

From the Library

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Scholastic Book Fair in April! This fundraiser was a huge success that earned our school \$400 in new books, as well as almost \$1000 which will be used towards the purchase of some new comfortable seating areas in the library.

Also, a huge thank you to the families who donated books to their classroom teachers and/or the library. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Ansah Family	Bolam Family	Bourelle Family	Brice Family
Fong Family	Henderson Family	Matty Family	Mollo Family
Saran Family	Sasmaz Family	Schutte Family	

Jump Rope for Heart – May 16-30th

This year our school will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart to raise money and awareness for the heart and stroke foundation. Did you know that Canadian Youth are spending over 8 hours a day in front of screens? This is a significant concern and so over the next two weeks we will be challenging our students to practice EASY healthy habits:

- Eat fruits and veggies
- Active in 60 minutes of exercise daily
- Screen time to less than 2 hours
- Yes to water and no to sugary drinks

On May 30th our students will participate in a school-wide jump celebrating our cause as well as their new-found fitness. To learn more about this great initiative please visit <https://bit.ly/2YgA99l> or www.jumpropeforheart.ca. Thank you!

Talent Show

Once again Crescent Park Elementary will be hosting a Talent Show on Friday, May 31st at 9:00am. This is a wonderful chance for our students to showcase their many talents and skills. Auditions are well underway and we ask students to please ensure that their music is ready if singing or dancing. Additionally, songs and lyrics must be approved by staff or administration prior to auditions. Audition dates have taken place for all students in grade K-6 and auditions for grade 7 students will take place on May 13th. Other dates include: May 15 – call-backs Rehearsals – May 21, 22, 23 & 24

Track and Field

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

Tues. May 14th Mini-meet #3 at South Surrey Track, 1:00-5:30pm – all students welcome
Mon. June 3rd District Track Meet at Bear Creek Park, participation by invitation

For those families new to track and field, please let me share some information about this exciting sport.

- There are three age divisions: Tyke – grades 3 & 4, Pee Wee – grades 5 & 6, and Bantam – grade 7

At the mini-meets in May, running and jumping events are offered for all age groups.

At the District Track meet the following events are offered...

- Track events include:
 - Tyke – 80m, 300m, 600m and relays (4x100m and medley)
 - Pee Wee and Bantam – 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and relays (4x100m and medley)
- Field events include:
 - Tyke – long, triple and high jump, shot put (4lbs)
 - Pee Wee and Bantam – long, triple and high jump, shot put (6lbs), discus (1kg)

Track and Field Practice Schedule for May

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning 7:55-8:25	Morning Runs (Gym)	Shot Put (Gravel Field) Pee Wee / Bantam Mme. Goguen		Morning Runs (Gym)	Morning Runs (Gym)
Lunch 11:40-12:07	High Jump Tykes Ms. Schroeder	Long/Triple Jump Tykes Ms. Leonard Mrs. Bittner High Jump Bantam Mme Goguen	Discus Pee Wee / Bantam Ms. Tutte Mr. McIndoe	Long/Triple Jump Pee Wee Ms. Leonard Mrs. Bittner	Long/Triple Jump Bantam Ms. Leonard Mrs. Bittner

- Tyke shot put will be filled in during the week by Mr. Davidson

Ultimate Frisbee

This season our Ultimate Frisbee team has enjoyed a fast paced and successful season under the great coaching of Mr. McIndoe and Mrs. Jamieson. The team had a very successful Play Day on May 1st with our grade 7 athletes placing third out of 25 teams! Great job team!

Ben	Spencer	Emerson	Dylan	Evan B	Jacob	Oliver	Abi
William	Mason	Luke	Cowen	Gurasees	Jodhan	Johan	
Henry	Simon	Cale	Noah	Rayan	Evan S	Matthew	
Zarik	Georgia	Nadia	Makenna	Sydney	Asha	Bella	

Grade 5/6 Badminton

Our grade 5/6 badminton team demonstrated great skill development over the season and were rewarded with a first-place finish on their wrap-up Play Day! Congratulations to this hard-working team and to their great coaches, Mme. Goguen and Mrs. Svab! We hope to see you all again next year!

Rebecca	Cameron	Emily Z	Sophie M	Mira	Jane	Zara
Maggie T	Jakob	Oliver	Jack N	Isaac	Harveen	Fiona
Emma Q	Amanda	Ray	Celina	Priya		

Grade 7 Badminton

Our grade 7 badminton team has demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship this season and earned a stellar 3rd place finish at their Play Day this season. Well done team! Thank you to Ms. Schroder &

Yawen	Elaine	Jessica	Joevanna	Victoria	Nathan
Taiju	Ry	Alex	Tom	Jaden	Eedyn
Belinda	Sophia	Mina	Angel	Wendy	

Bike to School Week is May 27-30th - please stay tuned for more information in the next week

PAC

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

Our next PAC meeting will take place on June 3rd 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues. May 14 th	Special Track Meet Mini-meet #3 – 1:00-5:30pm
Wed. May 15 th	Welcome to Kindergarten, 10:30am in the library
Thurs. May 16 th	Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly, 9:00am
Mon. May 20 th	Victoria Day Holiday – No School
Tues. May 21 st	Saleema Noon Parent Evening, 6:30-8:00pm
Thurs. May 23 rd	Saleema Noon for students
Fri. May 24 th	Saleema Noon for students
Mon. May 27 th	Non-Instructional Day – No school for students
Thurs. May 30 th	Jump Rope for Heart wind up
Fri. May 31 st	Talent Show, 9:00am
Sat. June 1 st	Fun Fair at Crescent Park Elementary! 11:00-2:00pm
Mon. June 3 rd	District Track & Field Meet – all day
Thurs. June 6 th	Staff Appreciation Lunch, 11:30am
Fri. June 14 th	Sports Day
Wed. June 26 th	Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony, 1:00pm
Thurs. June 27 th	School-wide Year End Assembly, 9:00am

Hot Lunch Menu for May: 15th Pizza, 22nd White Spot day and 29th Hot Dog
June: 5th Subway, 12th Pizza Day, 18th White Spot, 26th Pizza 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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