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Dear Crescent Park Families,

Welcome to October at Crescent Park Elementary and a busy month of learning, pumpkin patch field trips, and exciting school-wide activities.

Key dates this month include:

- **Hub Cycling** for all students in divisions 7 – 11. Don't forget your bike and helmet on Oct. 2nd
- Oct. 3rd – **Individual Photo Day**. Bring your winning smile!
- Oct. 7th – Grade 6 Immunizations
- Oct. 7-11th - **Walk & Roll to School Week**. Dust off those walking shoes and give those bikes a shine! We will be taking a daily record of our travels so please leave those vehicles at home!
- Oct. 16-18th – **Scholastic Book Fair** in the library. Please contact Mrs. Bittner if you are able to volunteer for this busy event. All help is greatly appreciated!
- Oct. 17th – Early dismissal at 1:30pm
- Oct. 24th – **Movie Night!** showing Angry Birds 2. Come and enjoy an evening of family fun!
- Oct. 25 – Professional Day #2 – No school for students
- Oct. 28th – **Canadian Drop Everything and Read Day!**
- And finally, once again we will feature our Crescent Park October tradition – **the Hallowe'en Parade!** Parents and family members are welcome to join our ghosts, goblins and ghouls in the school gym on Thursday, October 31st from 9:00-10:15am. Come early to claim your spot!

Vancouver Giants Tickets!

Attention hockey fans! Would you like to win seasons tickets to the Vancouver Giants? Through the generous sponsorship of **Stocking & Cumming Chartered Accountants**, we are able to give away 4 (four) sets of season tickets for the 2019-2020 hockey season! If you and your child are interested in winning seasons tickets, please email your name to crescentpark@surreyschools.ca. All names will be entered into the draw which will take place on **Tues. October 15th**, in time for their next home game! Good luck to all!

October 17th – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

This month we will be offering an opportunity for parents to gain further insight into their child's learning through parent-teacher conferences, student-led conferences, or interim reports. Please stay tuned for more information from your child's classroom teacher regarding their chosen communication method as well as instructions from the office on how to book conference appointments online.



Crossing Guard Changes

Many of you will have noticed that the intersection at 128th and 24th is currently without a crossing guard due to the recent departure of our crossing guard, Garth. Garth was a long-standing friendly figure at our corner each day and while he will be greatly missed, we wish him every happiness with his new endeavors.

The Frontiersmen Organization coordinates all crossing guards for the Surrey School District and is currently trying to fill this vacancy. However, as many schools in South Surrey are also without support we have now been added to a very long list. If you, or someone you know, are interested in joining the Frontiersmen Organization and becoming a crossing guard please contact Len at 604-597-4878. This tax-free position pays \$27/day for 2 hrs. work from 8:00-9:00am and 2:00-3:00pm daily.

I recognize that this busy intersection requires the support of a daily crossing guard and would like to reach out to our families for help in this area. Ensuring the safety of our students is critical given the speed and volume of traffic at this busy corner and, as a result, I am seeking adult volunteers to oversee this corner until we are assigned a permanent crossing guard. If you are able to provide support 1-2 times a week during peak times (8:15-8:45am and 2:25-2:50pm) please contact the office as soon as possible with your preferred day & time. A fashionable florescent vest, stop sign and umbrella are provided! Thank you for your support!

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)

This month, students in grades 4 and 7 will take part in the FSA, an annual assessment of reading comprehension, writing and numeracy. The assessments are based on the provincial curriculum and are a snapshot of how well students have learned basic skills at a particular point in time. Individual results will be provided to families by the end of December and are intended to be used in conjunction with teacher assessment and other school information. As with any assessment, the FSA snapshot does not provide a complete picture of your child's ability but is simply one measure. The most thorough information is obtained from your classroom teacher.

Halloween Costumes

October is here and before we know it Halloween will soon be upon us! Before you head out to purchase your Halloween costume please remember that weapons of any type are not permitted on school grounds, even if they are part of a Halloween costume. Surrey School District's Safe & Caring Schools Policy 9410.1 (2.1) states that, *Students shall not possess or use any replica or toy weapon, on any school premises or at any activity off school premises that is organized or sponsored by a school.* Should you have any questions regarding your child's Halloween costume please connect with your child's classroom teacher or with Mrs. Colter.



School Travel Planning Survey

This year, Crescent Park Elementary has been selected to participate in the City of Surrey's School Travel Planning program, which aims to create a safe and comfortable environment for children to walk, bike, and roll to school by encouraging active travel and mitigating traffic and safety impacts of the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up periods.

The first step of this program seeks information from our students and families. From Sept 23-27th all students participated in the Safe & Active Schools Hands Up survey recording how they travelled to and from school. Families are also encouraged to participate in an online survey until Oct. 11th to share information on how to make the journey to school safer, more convenient and more enjoyable (please see attached flier).

Finally, the Project Coordinator for the Safe Travel Planning program will join our PAC meeting on Oct. 7th to share a brief overview of the program and data collected to date. The team will conclude the month with a Walk-About visit to Crescent Park on Oct. 17th in which they will gain a 'bird-eye' view of our school travel systems. Thank you families for supporting this important initiative!

Daycare at Crescent Park

Families, thank you for your patience as we secure before and after-school daycare at Crescent Park. We are in our final stages of licencing with Fraser Health and hope to have information for you shortly.

Digital Citizenship at School

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.

Animals on School Grounds

A reminder to parents that under Surrey Board of Education By-Law, animals are not permitted on school property without express permission. The occasional inclusion of an animal in the classroom, as part of an educational program, is acceptable provided safety & sensitivities have been considered. As many children are fearful of animals, we appreciate your support in this area.

New 'No U-Turn' Signage

A reminder to all drivers that last year the City of Surrey installed new No U-turn signage near the pick-up and drop-off area of the school facing westbound traffic along 24 Avenue. In conjunction with The City of Surrey, we hope this signage will be a sufficient reminder to parents and other drivers from making U-turns at this location. Please note that the fine for Unsafe and/or Prohibited U-turns is \$121.00 and two points on your licence as per Motor Vehicle Act section 168(a)/(b)(iii). Please be cautious.



SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country News

Our first Cross Country meets have taken place with great success at Crescent Park and we look forward to our final meets on October 1st, 8th and 15th. Although the weather is beginning to change, the races will continue to take place unless rainfall is significant. If a race is cancelled, students will be given the opportunity to call home to notify parents before the 2:30pm dismissal.

Girls Volleyball

Stay tuned for the start of volleyball training for our grades 6 & 7 girls. Coaches will connect with these athletes in mid-October prior to the season commencing in the district.

GRADE 7 UPDATES

Grade 7 Activities & Events

On Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00pm we will be hosting an information session for all grade 7 parents regarding exciting year-long activities planned for this 2019-2020 school year. Please arrange for a member of your family to attend this meeting as important information on event planning and fundraising will be shared.

PAC

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, Oct. 24th the PAC will be hosting our fall **Movie Night with the feature presentation...Angry Birds 2!** This much-loved event takes place in our school gym and is an evening of family fun for our Crescent Park community. Doors open at 5:30pm with the movie starting at 6:00pm so come early to stake your spot! We hope you can join us! Please see link for exciting movie information -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDj8Y2K0ODA&list=PLYeOyMz9C9kZzRizLGTMBVFLj0QDUbGX6>

Our next PAC meeting will take place on **Monday Oct. 7th 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.

School Website

Please check out our website for information and updates at www.surreyschools.ca/schools/crescentpark/. To eliminate paper waste, we will send out our newsletters and other important information through email. In order to receive these emails, please register on our website and complete the process by confirming the verification email.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues. Oct. 1 th	Cross Country Meet #3 at Crescent Park after school
Oct. 7-11 th	Walk and Roll to School Week
Tues. Oct. 8 th	Cross Country Meet #4 at Crescent Park after school
Mon. Oct. 14 th	Thanksgiving – No School
Tues. Oct. 15 th	Cross Country Meet #5 at Crescent Park after school
Wed. Oct. 9 th	Grade 7 meeting for parents, 6:00pm
Oct. 16-18 th	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs. Oct. 24 th	PAC Movie Night
Fri. Oct. 25 th	Provincial Pro-D Day
Wed. Oct. 31 st	Halloween Parade in the gym, 9:00-recess

Hot Lunch Menu for October: 2nd – Pizza, 9th – Hot Dog Day, 16th – Subway, 23rd - 30th - Pizza

Warmest regards,

Kate Colter

Principal

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GUARD FOR SURREY TWO HOURS A DAY FROM
8AM-9AM & 2PM-3PM.**

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