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Newsletter #5

November 29, 2018

Messages from the Principal

It is hard to believe we are in late November and a little more than three weeks remain until the winter break! The coming weeks remain full of learning activities and of course, there are several important events as we prepare for the winter holiday. Please see our attached December calendar and information below on how you can help us celebrate the festive season. Our final newsletter of the calendar year goes home December 19. Until then...

Safe journeys! Mr. Morrison

Report Card Day, December 7

Teachers have two options for communicating student learning. Several teachers use FreshGrade, a digital portfolio that provides on-going school-home communication of student learning. Please take some time with your child to discuss and comment on the learning artifacts in their FreshGrade portfolio. As a parent/guardian, you would already know if your child(ren)'s teacher uses this option.

A second option is the Communicating Student Learning (CSL) formal report, issued three times annually. The first formal report will go home on Friday, December 7.

We encourage parents to always go over these reports with their child(ren). Please do not compare reports with those from other children, nor compare reports from different classrooms. There is a lot of time and professional work to making those reports. A place for parent feedback has been provided. Please send only the cover pages (signed) and the envelope back to school.

Parent Teacher Conferences, December 12

On Wednesday, December 12, there is an early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. This early dismissal is for parent-teacher interviews. Parents and guardians can book appointments online, starting December 4, with <http://donchristian.schoolappointments.com>. A notice also went home today providing instructions on how to book online. Information and the notice is also attached to this newsletter.

Winter Concerts, December 20

Once again this year we will host a winter concert. There will be two performances, both on Thursday, December 20. The first is at 1:00 p.m. and then an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. Each family at the school will have the opportunity to purchase two tickets for each performance. This means each family can buy a total of four tickets, for two dollars each.



Tickets will be on sale at the office starting on Monday, December 3. Cash only and correct change is much appreciated. Profits from the ticket sales help cover the cost of rental chairs.

Doors open a half hour prior to each performance: 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For the evening concert students need to be at the school by 6:15 p.m.

Visitor badges

We are missing a bunch of visitor badges. If you have any, please return them. Thank you!

FSA books home

Grade 4 and 7 students will go home with the Foundation Skills Assessments booklets and results in the next few days. These provincial assessments cover reading, writing and numeracy. They follow the new BC curriculum. Please look for these results and review them with your child(ren).

Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program

Our school gladly supports this community effort that provides struggling seniors, individuals, families and children with hampers at Christmas time. Please see a list of needed items below. Box pick-ups are scheduled at our school until December 17. Monetary donations over \$10.00 will receive a tax receipt. Cheque, cash or online donations gratefully accepted. To receive a tax receipt for gift cards, the activation receipt with card amount must be submitted with the card(s).

What is needed? Please contribute any of the following:



- ✓ Canned goods including vegetables, meat, fruit, soup
- ✓ Crackers, snacks, condiments
- ✓ Rice, pasta, healthy cereals
- ✓ Household items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors
- ✓ Grocery gift cards
- ✓ New, unwrapped toys and gifts for children, newborn to 12 years
- ✓ Mall or store gift cards for youth, 13- 17

WE Day

On Thursday November 22, 2018 Don Christian's Kindness Club went to WE Day in Vancouver. WE Day is a day for kids and families who have done something good or kind for the world. At WE Day celebrities spoke about kindness, digital responsibility, being "yourself", and tools to calm yourself down through very entertaining personal stories. It was very exciting and energetic in the arena; we got wear bracelets that were programmed to light up throughout the show. The speaker that stood out most to me was Hunaifa Malik, her message "to never judge anyone by their appearance and always be kind!" Hunaifa Malik is a lady who is Muslim that was attacked on a sky train while wearing her traditional clothing. She speaks up for the inclusion of child refugees of Canada. WE Day reminded me to accept everyone for their differences (language, accents, skin-colour, and personalities). WE Day was an amazing experience for me and has inspired me to encourage my family to "get doing" towards a kindness project and go to WE Day next year!

Happy winter from the DC PAC!

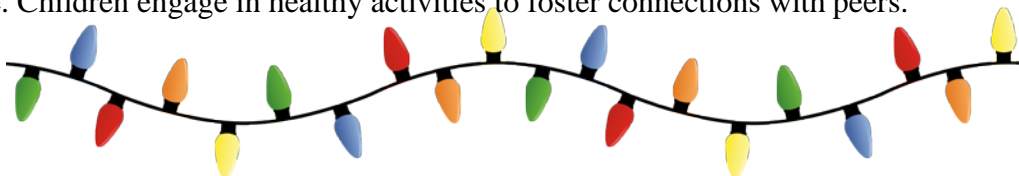
Happy (almost) December from the DC PAC! We're now in the swing of things and looking forward to the new year, and all 2019 brings - including Fun Fair! Thanks to all that came out to our Parents Night, we had 90 people and raised \$1000. Amazing! Our last fundraiser of the year, and last till spring will be at Chipotle on Saturday, Dec 14th from 4-8pm. Partial proceeds from any order that mentions our fundraiser will be donated back to the school. Watch for the flyer home soon.

Please note we have cancelled our December meeting, as we all know how precious time is during the busy holiday season. We hope to see you at our January 21st meeting instead. All are welcome - All parents are part of the PAC whether they take on a role or not. New ideas are always welcome!

After school programs

We currently have one after-school program at Don Christian:

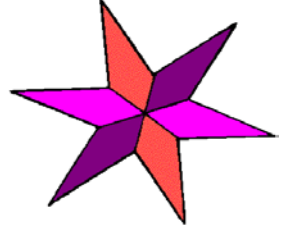
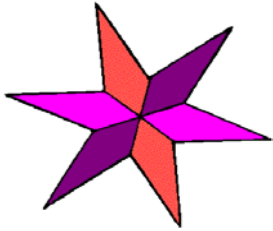
- On Thursdays we continue to offer the "Schools Out" program, run by Alexandria Neighbourhood House. Children engage in healthy activities to foster connections with peers.



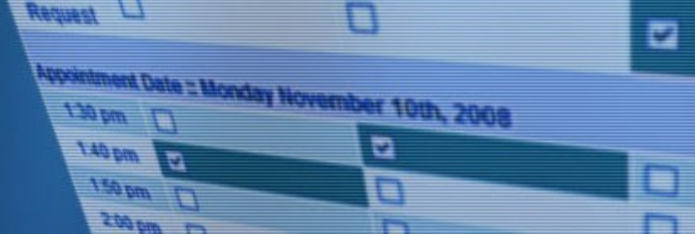
C.A.T.S.
November 2018

At our Assembly on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018**, the following students were recognized for their achievement in four areas:

C is for Caring
A is for Accountable
T is for Trustworthy
S is for Safe



Division 1:	Gurleen V.	Kaitlyn P.	Micah A.	Dylan H.	Logan G.
Division 2:	Kai D.	Elena R.	Brody T.		
Division 3:	Natalie K.	Ethan M.	Jasmyn B.		
Division 4:	Ayden A.	Jayde F.	Malia A.	Kyle H.	
Division 5:	Jagjot B.	Jaskirn G.	Melina G.	Nate D.	Brayden S.
Division 6:	Kylie B.	Yuvraj D.	Kaitlyn F.	Karina K.	Aryan S.
Division 7:	Natalie D.	Jaya K.	Aikam K.	Peyton S.	
Division 8:	Alexis B.	Mia S.	Braeden R.		
Division 9:	Harshnoor B.	Adelaide L.	Danika P.	Daniel R.	
Division 10:	Lauren B.	Olivia B.	Claire G.	Cohen G.	Aiden J.
Division 11:	Allana G.	Charlotte H.	Jason D.	Suvina G.	
Division 12:	Austin R.	Chase S.	Natalie M.	Stella K.	
Division 13:	Kinsley A.	Bryce U.	Paitynn S.		
Division 14:	Benjamin L.	Ayah K.	Madelynne F.	Alex J.	
Division 15:	Tyler D.	Devyn H.			
Division 16:	Gurjot D.	Laen C.	Quin C.	Kingston D.	Noella S
Division 17:	Lucy G.	Ruby B.	Milan S.		



Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences –

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

On **Wednesday, December 12, 2018**, we will have early dismissal at **1:30 pm** to accommodate parent/teacher conferences. Again this term we are using an online conference booking system.

The instructions for booking conferences are on the next page of this notice. Families may begin booking appointments **on Monday, December 3, 2018**.

The link for booking appointments is:

<http://donchristian.schoolappointments.com>

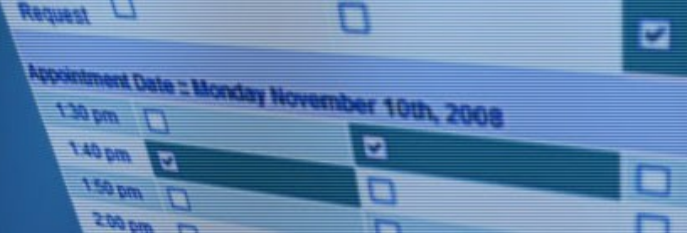
Please note that it is necessary to use a computer and not a mobile device such as a phone or tablet to make your booking. Please contact the school if you do not have Internet access or if you have any questions.

See the next page for instructions.

Thank you,

Mr. J. Morrison

Principal



Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling

<http://donchristian.schoolappointments.com>

Parent Registration

Parents click on the "Register" tab and fill in the registration form to create an account. Once parents have successfully registered, they can login to the system and then must register their students by name.

To Book Appointments

Select Teachers

Parents can schedule appointments for any student that they have added to the system by clicking on the "Appointments" button beside the student's name. The parent is then taken to a page where they can select the teachers with whom they wish to meet. Multiple teachers can be selected by using the "Ctrl" key on a PC keyboard or the "Command" key on a Macintosh keyboard.

Teacher Appointment Calendars

Parents are shown the calendars of the selected teachers. It also shows them appointment times that are unavailable for booking. Parents can select appointment times by simply clicking the check boxes or by clicking in the time block beside the check box. Once an appointment time has been selected it will change to green. If no appointments are available, click on the *call back* button at the top of the list.

It is not possible for parents to select more than one appointment at the same time or to select more than one appointment with the same teacher. Javascript enabled browsers are required for validation on the screen.

Appointments Booked Successfully

Once the appointments are booked the screen will display the list of appointments for the student. When the parent clicks on the "Return to Home Page" button, they will return to the home page with their students and their appointments listed. They can book additional appointments, or they can book appointments for another student.

Parents with More Than One Student

If a parent has more than one student at the school, the teacher appointment calendars will have an additional feature displayed when the second (or third, etc.) student bookings are made. If a sibling has an appointment booked, the student's name will be displayed for a parent, thus making it easier to book adjacent appointments.

Printing Parent Appointment Schedule

Form the home page it is possible for you to generate a PDF document with the list of your appointments. By clicking on the "Print Appointments" button a window will pop-up asking the parent what they wish to do with the document. In Internet Explorer, it is recommended that people click the "Save" button, save the file and then click "Open" to view the file. IE sometimes has a problem downloading and opening PDF documents that are generated from web sites.

Click "Open" after the download is complete to view the PDF.

Parent Schedule PDF

The generated PDF will list the appointment times, the student and the teacher with whom the appointment is booked.

If you are having difficulties, you may choose to call the school to book appointments over the phone.



December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28 Newsletter home	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Report Card #1 	8
9	10 Snack Day - Brownies 	11	12 Early Dismissal 1:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 Staff Appreciation Luncheon 	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Winter Concert	21 Hot Lunch Christmas Characters	22 Winter Break
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