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FROM THE OFFICE

Dear Parents,

These past 5 or 6 weeks have been busy getting school started but we are settled in thanks to the hard work of staff at the school, as well as district staff, parents etc... You will note our early dismissal times for the school year on Monday's is 1:37 PM, every Monday (**with one exception in October, that is detailed in this newsletter**).

I am impressed by the hard work of staff with respect to the transition of our 31 Kindergarten students. Many thanks to the staff working with these students as well as to our parents in transitioning these students to elementary school.

We have had many practice drills. These drills are very important both for the students and for the adults. Please feel free to prepare your children for these much needed practice drills. Hold and Secure not uncommon at Park Ave (cougars, bears etc...) and other schools in our vicinity.

Our Meet the Teacher Night was very well attended and parents had a chance to sign up for parent teacher interview time slots as well. **A reminder dismissal on Monday October 16 to Thursday October 19 is 1:20 PM** to allow teachers time to contact and/or meet with parents/guardians regarding the progress of students. A reminder will be coming home either in your child's planner or a separate letter from your child's teacher about your interview time and date. If you did not sign up for a time slot one will be assigned to you and communicated as above. If you need to make changes, please contact your child's teacher directly.

On a different note, the wet (and possibly cold) weather will be arriving soon. Please ensure your child has a change of clothes (including socks, etc...) in their backpacks. This saves having to bother parents at home or work during the school day.

Working together reaps the most rewards for your child, it truly does take a village to raise a child. All of us want the best for your child. Home and school working together is key in achieving the greatest results.

Please also note the PAC dates have changed for the year (they are bolded in and in red in our school calendar in this newsletter).

Yours truly,

Mr. Robbie Dhillon (Principal)

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018

Pro-D (School Based)(students do not attend).....	Fri Oct 6
Thanksgiving (students do not attend).....	Mon. Oct 9
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Oct 16
Formative Assessment conference	Mon Oct 16-Thurs Oct 19
Early Dismissal Week (1:20 PM) ..	Mon Oct 16 to Thurs Oct 19
Pro-D [province wide] (students do not attend).....	Fri. Oct 20
Photo Retakes (9 AM)	Wed Nov 1
Grade 6 Immunizations	Fri Nov 3
Remembrance Day (students do not attend)	Mon Nov 13
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Nov 20
Last Day before Holiday.....	Fri. Dec 22
First Day back	Mon Jan 8
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Jan 15
Progress Report Issued	Fri Feb 2
BC Family Day (students do not attend)	Mon Feb 12
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend)	Mon Feb 19
Non Instructional Day (students do not attend)	Tues Feb 20
PAC (6:30).....	Mon Feb 26
Last Day before Spring Break/Easter	Fri. Mar 16
First Day back.....	Tues Apr 3
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Apr 9
Pro-D (school based) (students do not attend).....	Fri May 11
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon May 14
Victoria Day (students do not attend).....	Mon May 21
PAC (6:30 PM).....	Mon Jun 11
Formative Report Issued.....	Thurs Jun 28
Last Day of School (school dismissed at 2:37).....	Thurs Jun 28
Administration Day	Fri. Jun 29

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



Our parent teacher conferences will take place from Monday, October 16th to Thursday, October 19th. Dismissal for those days

is 1:20 PM.

• **Friday October 20: Pro-D, Province wide, no school for students this day.**

GARDENING AS LEARNING



As the school year gets started, the Park Avenue school garden is also getting some much needed attention from 9 different classes, facilitated by a coordinator from the Nanaimo

FoodShare. We hope the students enjoy this valuable program again this year.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS



Please look for these important forms that were sent home in early September.

We ask that you review all the pages and return them to school as quickly as possible so that we have the necessary safety contacts and medical information on file for your child. It is very important that we have alternate phone numbers to call in case your child is sick, or there is an emergency.

KEEP COUNTRY GROCER RECEIPTS (PAC)



Please bring in all your Country Grocer receipts (originals only) and drop them off in front of the office just above the lost and found bin! PAC receives 1 cent for every dollar

spent.

YOU CAN HELP THE OFFICE BE MORE EFFICIENT BY CONTINUING TO:

- call the school in advance and leaving a message on the answering machine that is on 24 hours a day if you know your child will not be attending school on that day. It has been very much appreciated this year, some days we have only had to make 2 or 3 calls to parents.
- have after school plans set up with your child before the start of the day so they do not have to use the office phone at the end of the day. Thank you parents for continuing to do this.
- A convenient pick up point is near the flag poles. If someone who does not regularly pick up your child is coming please ask them to wait there *and also remind your child(ren) to meet at the flag pole after school.*
- get your name on our email list (information on our website). If you know of families who are not receiving our emails please encourage them to contact our office and provide us with their email address.

PLANNERS (GRADES 1-7)

Please note this is NOT a fundraiser. All students in Grades 1 through 7 have received a planner. The primary planner (Grades 1-3) costs \$7 and the intermediate planner (Grades 4-7) costs \$5. Cheques are made payable to SD 68.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES (Grade 1 to Grade 3)

A reminder, if not already done, to please ensure your school supply fee (Grade 1 to Grade 3) of \$30 is paid to your child's teacher. This is not a fundraiser and we need to break even on our cost or we may not be able to offer this service to

families in the future. Cheques are payable to SD 68.

PHOTO DAY (RETAKE DAY) WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1st

- For ordering purposes, proofs for all students photographed on October 3rd will be provided to each child/family before the retake date.
- In addition, there will be a picture day ID (printed on the proof envelope) which is required to enter once at the site.
- The photographer asks: parents who want a retake (9 AM-9:30 AM are the approximate times on Wednesday November 1, to return their original proofs to the photographer. Please do not return the proof envelope to the school. We would like the students to physically hand their original proofs to the photographer.
- If a student was absent on the original photo day, then they would have their picture taken on the retake day.

PAC

We have an active PAC at Park Avenue, which is always in need of new or more members. I would encourage parents to get involved in the goings on at PAC. Many programs in and around the school are run and facilitated by members of PAC. PAC meeting dates are listed under the dates for the school year on the first page of this newsletter. Please note the dates have changed since our September newsletter. The updates are in this newsletter.

REMINDER: CUTLERY

Students in need of spoons or forks during lunchtime should come with these items to school, as we don't carry supplies to hand out. This helps minimize unnecessary waste as well.