

## **OCTOBER UPDATE**

We had a smooth start up in September and we are well on our way to reestablishing school and home routines for the 2018-19 school year. Our open house and corn roast on September 20, was well attended and a wonderful event to meet and reconnect with our school community. Thank you to the volunteers and donations for the Terry Fox Run and Thanksgiving Food drive. Prospect Lake raised a total of \$1600 for the Terry Fox Run and collected 5 boxes of food for the local food bank during our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

We are grateful for your home support and thank you for taking the time to start the process of building your partnership with classroom teachers. In our upcoming early dismissal days, our teachers look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday, October 23, Wednesday, October 24th and Thursday, October 25th for parent-teacher interviews. Some teachers will have alternate dates and times for parent-teacher meetings. Please connect with the teacher, at any time, if you wish to meet to discuss your child's progress.

### **Parent and home involvement**

You are invited to the annual Parent Involvement Meeting on Wednesday **October 24, 7:00 p.m.** at Bayside Middle School. This is a great opportunity to provide input through dialogue with members of our school and district team. As per policy #1100, Parent Involvement, *parents have the right and responsibility to be involved in their children's education. These rights co-exist with the rights and responsibilities of everyone who works in the school district, and with the broader community.*

Other policies that parents may wish to review are

<https://www.sd63.bc.ca/leadership-and-governance/policies-and-procedures>

#### **Other policies that parents may wish to review:**

- 1010 Educational Philosophy
- 1100 Parent involvement
- 1110 Parent/Student Appeals
- 1210 Collection and Retention and Security of Student Records Under Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
- 1350 Human Rights and Discrimination
- 6160 Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship
- 1360 Parent Complaints
- 3040 School Field Trip Policy
- 5540 Criminal Record reviews for Staff and Volunteers

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sept 20 Open House and Corn Roast

Sept 21 Terry Fox Run was a huge success.

Sept 26 Floor hockey with Saanich Junior Braves and Gr4/5 leadership volunteers.

Sept 28 Orange Shirt day to recognize that all children matter. Recognition and support of diversity and inclusion.

**Assemblies** Special guests, Earth Rangers, shared information on climate change and how it affects animals and people. There was amazing energy and learning. Students really were engaged when the hawk demonstrated his flying ability across the gym. A red tailed lizard, armadillo and falcon came for a visit too.

### **Family group Assembly**

We had our first family group assembly on Oct 9. Each family group consists of 17-19 students from all grades. As it was their first meeting, students introduced themselves and worked on creating a team name. They were introduced to a strategy to solve problems peacefully. This is one way we build our school community.

### **Hot lunch-Thanks to all the PAC volunteers for Hot Lunch organization.**

The first hot lunch was on Sept 28 and there was much excitement for this special treat. If your child does not have a hot lunch ordered by preference, please be sure your child knows this so they are not disappointed. Parent volunteers would like to respect your preference and will only hand out food with parent permission. If purchasing hot lunch is a financial hardship, please let Ms. Ko or Mrs. Lail know and continue to order on-line. The next hot lunch is on Nov 2.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ATHLETICS**

**Swim club** for students in Grade 3,4,5 who are able to swim 25m and are interested in joining the swim club, permission slips and information meetings happened this week. Practices start Monday 3:15 Oct 15 at Commonwealth Pool after school. Bring in your forms ASAP. If you need more information, please see Mrs. Lail, Mrs. Sinats and Mrs. Gladwin.

**Soccer club** practices for Grade 4 and 5 students have started. Be sure to hand in your permission form to attend games after school. If you need more information, please see Mrs. Evans, Ms. Gregory, Mrs. Bailey.

**Basketball intramurals** Grade 2/3 happen on Tuesday /Thursday at lunch. Thanks to Mr. Cameron Fraser for volunteering your time.

### **FAMILY READING MORNING**

Oct 22- 8:40-9:05 Family Reading Morning. Come into the school to join your child and others for some family reading.

### **HALLOWEEN FUN**

**ScreamFest 2018** at Claremont Secondary happens on Thursday Oct 25

6:00 - 7:00 pm is geared toward elementary students. \$10 per person or \$30 a family of 4. Tickets include 5 coupons that can be redeemed at *The Haunted Walk, Midway Games and / or concession*. Tickets on sale now and can be purchased at the office or via your classroom teacher. Claremont has generously offered 50% profits of any tickets sold by Prospect Lake for this event.

**Hoot and Howl** at Prospect Lake Elementary on Friday Oct 26

5:30 -8pm. Great free school event. Come in costume and join us for some Halloween fun. Costumes with no weapons please.

Parents are to accompany and supervise their children at the event.

**Orange and Black / Wacky Hair day** Oct 31 Please no costumes at school on Halloween day. Feel free to dress in orange and black or get creative with a wacky hair design.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Oct 5 Photo day

Oct 8 Thanksgiving – no school

Oct 10 Ready Set Learn – preschool 3:30-6

Oct 15 Swim Club Practice starts(MONDAYS)

Oct 18 - 20 Staff Professional Development Math conference

Oct 22 8:40 -9:05 Family Reading Morning

Oct 23, 24, 25 Early dismissal

Oct 24 Parent involvement meeting at Bayside 7 pm

Oct 25 Claremont Spook Fest

Oct 26 Hoot and Howl - Prospect Lake 5:30- 8

Oct 31 Orange and Black/ Wacky Hair day

Nov 2 Hot lunch

Nov 8 Thursday 10:00 Remembrance Day assembly

Nov 26- 29 Artist in Residence -Teddy the Hoop dancer