



# Prospect Lake Elementary

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## 2017

September and October are months for settling into our routines both at home and school. Thank you for your home support in establishing good sleep routines and sending such delicious and nutritious lunches with lots of protein and low in sugar to support your child's learning. Also, thank you for providing and considering unstructured play time for your children to support creative play which is so important to the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Fall brings many opportunities for learning. You may have noticed this in your child's classroom or in the hallways as you came in for parent- teacher interview this month. We are grateful for your support and thank you for taking the time to start the process of building a partnership with classroom teacher(s). There have been engaging activities around Thanksgiving and nature. Many of our students have been enjoying the outdoor nature space and our new Kindergarteners have learned that "chestnuts on the school ground are a great food source for our resident deer".

### **New Curriculum (Policy 1100-Parent Involvement)**

Parents are invited to a meeting at Bayside Thursday Nov 9 7:00-9:00

Topic is "BC Newly Revised Curriculum. What it is and What it isn't"

### **Beliefs**

At Prospect Lake we are following our School Beliefs:

*Look after ourselves, Look after each other and Look after this place.*

We have started Assemblies every two weeks to celebrate and learn more about our school beliefs.

In Sept and Oct we have celebrated successes:

Look after each other: Big Brothers and Big Sister received a cheque for \$1000.00 raised by the "Start up Skool" last year. This was accomplished through project based learning where the classes learn how to think creatively, problem solve, work as a team, become entrepreneurs and contribute to our local and global community.

Look after each other: Our school community participated in the annual Terry Fox run and raised close to \$4,000 over the last two years for cancer research.

## **Leadership Teams**

Lunch monitors:- A committed group of Grade 5's have volunteered their time to support classes each day during eating time. Congratulations on looking after others at Prospect Lake

PAWS- (Promoting positive attitude with school spirit)

Kindergarten walkers:- Student Safety Ambassadors starting Oct 30.

Indoor equipment monitors:- Set up and pack of rainy day activities.

## **Sports Team**

Soccer teams have started their practices at lunch hour and after school district games with other elementary schools. We have 27 members participating. Good luck in your games!

## **Artist in Residence**

We are please to have Mrs. Gill Chatter work with classes on music. Each class has the opportunity to work with Mrs. Chatter weekly and learn songs that will be part of the Winter performance in December. Save the date for afternoon performances on Dec 20 for Primary and Dec 21 for Intermediate grades (times and details to be announced).

## **Portable Update**

We had a surprise delivery of the portable this week. How exciting! We ask that the area with caution tape be kept clear while the work is being done. I have spoken to our facility manager and it will take about two weeks before it's ready for the class to move in.

## **Wet Weather**

Just a reminder to all families regarding rainy day plans.

- Please be sure to send your child with a change of clothes for those unexpected accidents outside during play time.
- While we do hold inside play times during heavy downpours, we recognize that all children benefit from fresh air and outside time, so we encourage rain boots and good outdoor clothes, such as a rainproof jacket, for those days when we will all head outside in rainy weather. And for our youngest Prospect Lake students, mud pants or splash pants are a great idea.
- Staff will let students know at 8:25-to the bell if they should come on in to their class and enjoy a quiet activity (any activity outlined by their classroom teacher for quiet time after lunch is expected). Staff who would normally be outside on supervision will be circulating to supervise students.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

As part of the district emergency preparedness we have procedures in place to ensure the safety and well-being of your child(ren) and staff in the event of an emergency. The students at Prospect Lake practice fire drills, earthquake drills and lock down/hold and secure drills throughout the year. The students have participated in 2 fire drills and earthquake drill to date. As part of the Great Shakeout, student's practiced Duck, Cover and Hold and counted to sixty following a shake. We will practice a lock down drill next week. Please see Parent info letter on the school web site.

## **Parking lot reminders and NEW Kindergarten walkers**

As it can be very congested at drop off and pick up, please use the *Drop Off Zone* by pulling forward to the crosswalk and have children exit the car on your passenger side for everyone's safety. Please have children use the crosswalk when you are dropping your child off in the morning. To help with kindergarten drop off, there will be Student Safety Ambassadors who will trained to safely walk your child from the cross walk to the supervised play areas prior to the bell starting the week of October 30.

Ways to help with congestion:

- Drop off earlier and pick up later. We have supervision at 8:25 and until 3:05.
- Use the new Kindergarten walkers at the crosswalk

## **Upcoming events**

Oct 20 Non instructional day- Provincial  
Oct 23 Photo day  
Oct 25 READY SET LEARN (Preschoolers visit)  
Oct 30 Halloween Safety 12:30  
Oct 30 Orange and Black Day and Pumpkin Run 12:50 (parents are most welcome to join us)  
Oct 31 Whole school Field trip to Goldstream  
Nov 9 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30  
Nov 9 Parent involvement District Policy 1100 At Bayside 7:00 (all parents welcome)  
Nov 13 Stat holiday  
Nov 24 PRO-day School based  
Dec 20 afternoon Winter Concert- Primary performance K-2  
Dec 21 afternoon Winter Concert- Intermediate performance 3-5  
Dec 22 Last day of school before winter break  
Jan 8 Return to school