



# NORTH CANOE ELEMENTARY

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**October 2018**

September went by quickly and we are now in full swing at North Canoe Elementary. Thank you to everyone that was able to join us at our meet and greet on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It was great to see so many families out to connect with staff and the school. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet many staff and explore the building with the passport stamping activity. Katelyn Brook was the lucky winner of the draw for two movie passes. Please read on for more news and upcoming events.

## **ADST Afternoons**

Our staff has decided to make ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technologies) our focus for our monthly multi-grade school-wide special project afternoons this year. We are excited to work with our students in a variety of activities that will involve designing, building, programming and other skills related to the ADST curriculum. We will have one special afternoon of these activities each month.

## **First Informal Report**

Our first informal reports will be going out the week of October 15 to 19. Each teacher will have a different format ranging from a checklist being sent home to a student led conference. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions or concerns about your child's progress.

## **Book Donations**

If you have books in new or near new condition that your children have enjoyed, but no longer read at home, we would love to have them for our library. Please drop them off with a note. Thank you!!

### North Canoe Goals for 2018-2019:

#### Goal Statement #1:

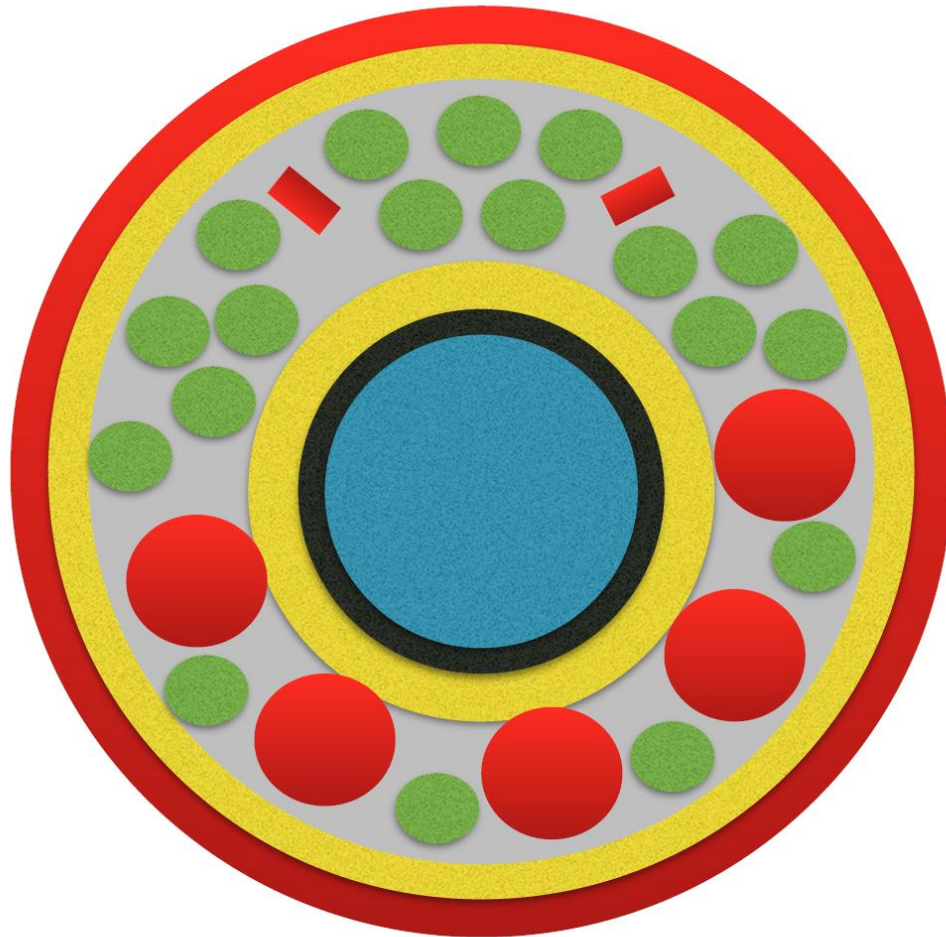
- To improve all student's attitude towards reading and ability to read with fluency and comprehension.

#### Goal Statement #2

- To create a school wide culture of healthy living.

## Outdoor Learning Space

A **HUGE THANK-YOU** to Jason King of Kingdom Cats Ltd for their generous donation of \$10,000 to go toward our outdoor learning space. This will cover a huge chunk of the costs to complete the project. Our PAC has also collected about \$300 from the mall collector so we are getting close! Glen will be meeting with our district to get a concrete quote this week.



### Playground Space:

- 1) Inner Circle (blue) - 18 feet diameter - gathering place
- 2) Black Circle - 1.5 feet wide rocks - approximately 14 rocks placed in a circle at this gathering place - rocks are approximately 3 feet long and 1.5 feet wide
- 3) Yellow Circle - 3 feet space between rocks and picnic tables to allow free movement.
- 4) Red Circles - 5 round picnic tables - seating at least 6 kids each - like child picnic tables at Fletcher Park - 8 feet diameter each table (including seats) - need 3 feet between each table
- 5) Green Circle - trees - 4 feet diameter
- 6) Yellow Circle - 3 feet space between picnic tables and cement border
- 7) Outer Red Circle - cement border
- 8) Red Rectangles - benches amongst the trees

Total diameter of Outdoor Learning Space: 50 feet

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## Reminder That Registration Day Was Moved up to October 9<sup>th</sup>

The first day of Kindergarten and new student registration for 2019-2020 is October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All registrations on the first day will be considered on an 'equal' basis. This eliminates the need to line-up or be first to register. Starting October 10<sup>th</sup>, all registrations are taken in date and time order. The School District has set a 'first' day of registration so that all students have equal and fair access to catchment schools, South Canoe Outdoor Learning School, and cross boundary requests.

## Parent information and consent forms

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the online consent forms and edited and returned the parent information forms. It is very important that we have current information in the event we need to make contact with parents. The online consent and outside media consent are required for you to indicate if you would like to restrict any publication of your child's name or photo. An example could be if your child won a contest such as "Fire Chief for the Day". Please contact the school if you need assistance. Thank you for your support and completion of the forms.

## Police Information Checks

Our school district requires police information checks for all adults that will be volunteering with our students in any way that may be unsupervised. This includes parent drivers which are critical to supporting our field trips and special programming. Volunteers will need to take a letter from the school and two pieces of ID to the RCMP station. The cost is \$25 which must be paid in cash and then reimbursed by the school (receipt needed, please). Thank you for taking this additional step(s) to help ensure the safety of our students!!

## School Fees

Thanks to the families who have already paid their activity and school supply fees this year. However, we still haven't received fees or heard from all families. If you have not yet paid or contacted us, please come to the office to pay or send a cheque to school. The fees are as follows:

Requested Activity Fee \$15/all students. (fees go towards cost of cultural events, school swims, and more)  
**(If you have three or more children at our school the maximum family activity fee is \$30.)**

Permissible School supply fee \$30/all students. (fees go towards the school purchasing pencils, paper, notebooks, planner etc.) We don't ask parents to go out and buy the school supplies, we just collect a fee to purchase the supplies ourselves. We have the capacity to purchase school supplies at a bulk price making it easier on families.)

## Combined total of permissible and requested fees: \$45.00/student

Provincial legislation does not allow schools to charge a mandatory activity fee. Our PAC and staff believe these programs and activities are important for our students and are requesting parents continue to pay these fees so that these programs and activities can continue. Our ability to provide these programs will be dependent on the response from parents. No student will be denied access to a school sponsored

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program/activity for financial reason. If circumstances do not permit payment at this point, please contact Mr. Overgaard, principal.

## Dance

We are excited to have Caitlin Quilty come in again this year to teach some cool new dance moves to our students (and staff!). Caitlin, Ms. Quilty's daughter, was in for an afternoon last year and did a wonderful job with our division 3 and 4 students. This year, she will be working with all students in a total of six sessions. All students should have gym shorts or stretchy pants and running shoes to wear on dance days (see dates at the end of this newsletter). Thanks so much, Caitlin!!



## North Canoe PAC

Thank you to our dedicated and amazing PAC who support a variety of programs at our school. The school truly appreciates the amount of fundraising that all parents do to help support the programs that are offered to our students here at North Canoe. Our first PAC sponsored activity is our gymnastics program taking place in October. Once again, thank you to our amazing PAC!

**The next PAC meeting is on Thursday, October 11 starting at 2:35 in the library.**

## Reminder

Please call for student messages before 2:15 p.m. to make sure we are able to deliver them on time.

## Gymnastics

Shawnee Venables from Momentum Gymnastics is providing all students with gymnastic lessons again this year. All students should have gym shorts or stretchy pants to wear on gymnastic days (see dates at the end of this newsletter) and students should have hair tied back. Again, thank you to the PAC for supporting this wonderful program for our students.



## Soup Day

Our first soup day is on Thursday, October 25. The grade 4/5 class will be preparing and cooking soup with our parents helping out. One day of prep will be on the Wednesday. **Please send your child with their own labeled bowl and spoon that day.** A **BIG** thanks to Chelsea and our parent helpers!

## Photo Retakes

Photo retakes are on Thursday, October 25. As it was last year, if you wish to have retakes or your child was absent on photo day, packages must be prepaid to have a retake. If for any reason the retake isn't to your satisfaction, a refund will be made.

## Toonie Tuesday

Toonie Tuesday is on Tuesday, October 23. Next week, we will have a presenter from our district student leadership team come to provide information about the event and what our Toonies are able to do for children locally and around the world. Parents are invited to attend.

## Halloween

Reminder that treats with peanut butter or tree nuts of any kind should not come to school as we are a Nut Aware school. As well, **please keep Halloween candy and treats at home** in support of our healthy living goal.

Once again, students will have the option to dress up in their Halloween costume on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will have our Halloween costume parade in the morning. The goal is to have positive school spirit and enjoy the day. Just a reminder on Halloween costumes:

- Costumes cannot be too scary (we don't want to scare younger students). If unsure, discuss with Mr. Overgaard prior to coming on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Costumes cannot be inappropriate; must be respectful. (We still need to follow the dress code/school beliefs). If unsure, discuss with Mr. Overgaard prior to coming on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- No fake (or real) weapons at all.
- Keep the costumes simple. Students need to be able to do the day to day activities at school.
- Students need to be aware that costumes may tear, get wrecked or break. Please have a discussion with your child about this before they wear the costume to school. Parents may wish to have a simpler or even a different costume than the Halloween night costume.



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## Upcoming events at North Canoe....

### OCTOBER

8	Monday	Thanksgiving – No school
9	Tuesday	New Student Registration for 2019-2020 opens Gymnastics Lessons #1 (all classes)
10	Wednesday	Div 4 to Art Gallery
11	Thursday	PAC meeting 2:35 pm
12	Friday	Gymnastics Lessons #2 (all classes)

15 – 19		Informal Report Week
16	Tuesday	Gymnastics Lessons #3 (all classes)
17	Wednesday	Division 4 (Quilty) Student Led Conferences
18	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
19	Friday	Pro-D Day – students do not attend
22 – 26		Book Fair
22	Monday	Runaway Moon Theatre at South Broadview – am
23	Tuesday	Toonie Tuesday (Please send a Toonie with your child) Div 3 and 4 to Kingfisher
25	Thursday	Photo Re-takes Soup Day
26	Friday	Gymnastics Lessons #4 (all classes)
30	Tuesday	Recognition Assembly 8:45 am Gymnastics Lessons #5 (all classes)
31	Wednesday	Halloween Parade – 8:40 am

## NOVEMBER

2	Friday	Gymnastics Lessons #6 (all classes)
9	Friday	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:50 a.m.
11	Sunday	Remembrance Day Daylight Savings – “Fall Back”
12	Monday	Remembrance Day observed – no school
13	Tuesday	Pro-D day – students do not attend
15	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
19	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
20	Tuesday	Goal Setting Conferences – Early dismissal
26-30		Holiday Gift Shop (PAC) in library
26	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
27	Tuesday	Recognition Assembly 8:45 am

## DECEMBER

3	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
10	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
13	Thursday	Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m
17	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
20	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
21	Friday	Swim at pool 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Last day before Winter Vacation