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November 2018

October was a busy month at North Canoe with gymnastics, Halloween and many other activities including a very successful book fair. A big thank you to everyone for supporting our school by purchasing books at the book fair and for all the volunteer help. A HUGE thank you to Sherri and Kelly for the incredible organization and huge amount of time they spent making it all come together so well. Overall, \$1,262.34 was raised to go toward books for our school library and classrooms. November brings cooler weather and shorter days along with our goal setting conferences, family dance, and school-wide dance workshops with Caitlin Quilty. It is also a month to focus on academics before we start getting into our December activities. Happy November!



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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 these programs that are offered to our students here at North Canoe. This year, the PAC has approved to cover the costs of the gymnastics program, swimming lessons for our primary students, two recreation swims, \$100 class support for every class, half of the transportation costs to Larch Hills for our grade 3 – 5 winter recreation program, skating for our K-3 students, bus costs for our Larch Hills winter fun day, one to one materials and books, and a \$200 contribution to the scholarship fund. As well, the PAC has made a long term goal to help with an outdoor learning space. Once again, thank you to our amazing PAC!

The next PAC meeting is on Thursday, November 8 starting at 2:35 in the library.

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Time Change this Sunday – Fall Back!

Don't forget to set clocks back one hour on Sunday November 4th for daylight savings!

North Canoe Family Dance

Come join us for a night of fun!

When: Friday, November 16

Where: School Gymnasium

Time: 6:30 pm – 8 pm

- Bring a food bank donation as your ticket to the dance 😊
- Anyone who is able to bring a light snack or treat to share is greatly appreciated!! **(please no nuts or peanut butter in the treats as we are a nut aware school)**

Winter Concert



North Canoe Elementary will be having our winter concert on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm. Ms. Hart and classroom teachers will be working with their classes to prepare them for the concert. Thank you to Ms. Hart and our staff for your hard work on the concert. The concert will be about 45 minutes long.

Students should be at the school by 6:15 p.m. to be ready to perform. Students should be dressed in concert appropriate attire: boys could wear dark pants, shirt and girls could wear dresses or dark pants and shirts (unless they have special roles to dress for).

Poinsettia PAC Fundraising

The North Canoe Poinsettia PAC fundraiser is **due Thursday, November 22nd**. Please have all orders and money brought to school by this date. We have extra forms at the office if you need one. Poinsettias will be delivered December 6. Thank you for your support.



PAC Hot Lunch

Our PAC has offered to provide students with free hot soup for lunch once a month again this year. Our next soup day is on **Thursday November 29**. PAC Parents train and supervise grade 4/5 students who will prep the materials for the soup. To save on costs and waste, students are asked to **bring their own bowl and spoon** to have the soup in. Thanks to the PAC and our grade 4/5 students for their support of this fun and healthy activity.

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Cooler Weather



Winter is on its way and the wetter, cooler weather is here. Students should get outside as much as possible for fresh air in the morning, recess and lunch. However, on very cold days, or really wet and or windy days, we will ask students to remain inside. We usually use -12°C as a guide. The principal will make an announcement if it is to be an inside day due to poor weather. It is important that all students are prepared (boots, jackets, toques, gloves and snow pants for younger children) for outside weather when it is an outside day. Please make sure all clothing items have the student's name on it so if it is lost, it can be returned.

This also becomes the season for colds, flu, etc. Occasionally we get notes asking students to stay inside because they are 'sick' or not feeling well. If students are too sick to go outside for fresh air, we ask that they stay home until they are well.

Gymnastics

Tegan and Janessa from Momentum Gymnastics provided all students with gymnastic lessons in October. The students enjoyed having the opportunity to have gymnastic instruction and it was great to see their skills improve dramatically over the course of the lessons. Thank you to the PAC for supporting this wonderful program for our students.



Lost and Found



We have a collection of clothes that have been collected throughout the year. Please come in and check out the lost and found and claim any items that may belong to your family. Items not claimed will be donated to the Thrift Store.

Toonie Tuesday

Toonie Tuesday was last week and many students brought in coins to be donated to the Me to We project. We collected \$56.00 in donations. The money will go towards the district initiative of improving a village in Ecuador and locally developed projects.

Police Information (Criminal Record) Checks – WE NEED YOU!

Police information checks are now required for all volunteers that may have any unsupervised access to students. The big change for us is that this now includes all parent drivers. We depend greatly on parent drivers, especially now that our whole school no longer fits on one school bus. If you have helped out in the past or think you may be able to help out as a driver (or a volunteer), please make time to get your record check done ASAP. You will need to take a letter from the school to the Salmon Arm RCMP station and \$25 cash. This money will be reimbursed by the school.

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Halloween

Many of our staff and students were dressed up for Halloween and a lot of the costumes showed creativity and originality. All costumes were respectful, no weapons and followed dress code. Thank you to the parents for ensuring the costumes were in good taste and fun. Also thank you for keeping the treats at home!

New Reporting Process – Update

The BC Ministry of Education and our School District are in the midst of developing curriculum and reporting documents that better meet the needs of families. Our goal is to provide parents with a better way of understanding where their children are at in their learning journey.



Part of this change involves increased opportunities for parents to meet formally with teachers to discuss their child's progress. To accommodate this change, the district has asked each school to schedule an early dismissal day in November to provide time for scheduled parent/student/teacher conferences. **Our school will have early dismissal on November 20 at 12:23 pm.**

These conferences will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's areas of strength and needs and set learning goals for their child's continued academic and behavioral growth.

We know that community-building and establishing strong relationships between home and school are what promotes learning in the most fundamental way. Therefore, dedicating two hours of learning time over the course of a school year to Parent/Teacher meetings is a valuable use of instructional time. Research indicates that this method of reporting was found to be more meaningful and informative for teachers, parents, and students.

We look forward to meeting with all of you to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the remainder of the school year.

Timeline for Reporting Student Progress to Parents 2018-2019

October 15-19 – Student Led Conferences or informal report sent home (informal report #1)

November 20 – Goal Setting Conferences (parent/student/teacher) with two-hour early dismissal at 12:23 pm (formal report #1)

January 31 - Written Report sent home (formal report #2)

April 15 - 19 - Interim reports sent home (informal report #2)

June 27 - Written Final Report sent home (formal report #3)

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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!!



Upcoming events at North Canoe....

NOVEMBER

1	Thursday	Poinsettia order forms out
2	Friday	Gymnastics Lessons #6 (all classes)
4	Sunday	Daylight Savings – “Fall Back”
6	Tuesday	Staff mtg 2:35 pm
8	Thursday	PAC mtg 2:35 pm
9	Friday	Remembrance Day Assembly – 11:00 a.m.
11	Sunday	Remembrance Day
12	Monday	Remembrance Day observed – no school
13	Tuesday	Pro-D day – students do not attend
15	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
16	Friday	PAC Family Dance 6:30 – 8:00 pm
19	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
20	Tuesday	Goal Setting Conferences – 12:23 pm dismissal
21	Wednesday	Spirit Clothing Orders Due
22	Thursday	Poinsettia Orders due
26-30		Holiday Gift Shop (PAC) in library
26	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
27	Tuesday	Recognition Assembly 8:45 am
29	Thursday	Soup Day

DECEMBER

3	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
6	Thursday	Poinsettias delivered
10	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
11	Tuesday	Staff mtg 2:25 pm
13	Thursday	Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m
17	Monday	Dance Lessons – all classes – pm
18	Tuesday	Recognition assembly 8:45 am
20	Thursday	School-wide multi-grade ADST afternoon
21	Friday	Swim at pool 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Last day before Winter Vacation

JANUARY

7	Monday	First day back
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