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November 2020

Students have now settled into school routines and have been engaged in lots of good, focused, in-class learning. It certainly has been an unusual autumn with the earliest first snowfall in everyone's memory and all of the COVID-19 restrictions still in place. I'd like to take this opportunity to again thank all our families for respecting these restrictions and following our safety plan. I know it's not fun and isn't always easy, but doing everything we can to keep our students, staff and community safe is so important. Thank you.



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Book Fair

The book fair was stretched over two weeks this year, to allow us to run it more safely by cohort. We had a great response and over \$1000 was raised in books for our school. A Huge thank-you to Sherri Beauchamp, Malerie Rusk, Amie Yates, Danett Iaccino, Collette Allen, Don Beauchamp and other helpers and participants.

Halloween

Many of our students and staff were dressed up for Halloween and many of the costumes showed creativity and originality. Costumes were respectful, there were no weapons, and they followed the dress code. Thank you to parents for ensuring the costumes were fun and in good taste and for respecting that we could not have guests this year. We are still working to get all media consent for our students in order to be able to share photos.

iPad Purchase

A Huge thank-you to Kingdom Cats and our PAC for agreeing to have their \$10,000 donation used to purchase 20 ipads and cases for the school. These have been ordered and will allow each class to share 5 with the option of borrowing more from other classes for special projects.

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- To create a school wide culture of physical fitness.

PAC Executive

Our PAC executive election was held at October's parent advisory council meeting. A big thank you to Kelly Reynolds for her work as outgoing president and welcome to Malerie Rusk who is taking over in the position. Thank you also to those continuing: Danett Iaccino (Vice-president), Sherri Beauchamp (Treasurer), and Connie Reid (Secretary). Thank you also to Amie Yates who was our DPAC rep last year.

PAC Wish List

Another thank you to our PAC for providing \$100 to each class, library, and music for supplies. Additional requests were on hold given the difficulty in planning activities and fund raising for the year, but now include \$100 for Learning Resource and additional iPads.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Remembrance Day recognition will be on Tuesday, Nov 10. Students will gather in separate halls by cohort, sing O Canada and songs they have learned in music class, and lay wreaths. Jack Stefanyk will play Last Post and Reveille on trumpet and there will be a minute of silence. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have guests this year.

No School

Students do not attend school on Wednesday November 11th due to Remembrance Day and Friday November 20th due to Pro-D.

Goal Setting Conferences – Early Dismissal

Goal setting conferences will be on Thursday, November 19th. District elementary schools will be **dismissing early that day; 11:50 for North Canoe**. Meetings will be by phone or online with TEAMS. 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. As this is one of our three formal reports this year, it is important that parents attend with their children.



Christmas Performances

There will be no formal concert this year, but student performances will be recorded and shared. **It is important that we have all media consents complete in order to share the recordings.**

Poinsettia PAC Fundraising

The North Canoe Poinsettia PAC fundraiser is **due Monday, November 24th**. Please send in all orders and money by this date. Poinsettias will be delivered December 10. Thank you for your support.



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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 extremely 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, rain gear, 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.

School Fees

Thanks to the many 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 send a cheque to school, an e-transfer to nca@sd83.bc.ca or contact us.



Upcoming events/events at North Canoe....

NOVEMBER

4 – 15		Holiday Gift Fair
3	Wednesday	PAC meeting 3 pm
10	Tuesday	Remembrance Recognition by cohort
11	Wednesday	Remembrance Day holiday
12	Thursday	Grocery card orders due
19	Thursday	Goal setting conferences – Early dismissal at 11:50 am
20	Friday	Pro-D (students do not attend)
24	Tuesday	Poinsettia orders due

DECEMBER

2	Wednesday	PAC meeting – 3 pm online
10	Thursday	Poinsettias in for pick up
18	Friday	Last day before Winter Break

JANUARY

4	Monday	School re-opens
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