



Cedar Grove Monthly Newsletter

October, 2024

Dear Cedar Grove Families,

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." — L. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*. And what a beautiful start to the month it's been!

It was lovely to meet many of you on Sep 19th at Meet the Teacher and the Welcome Back BBQ from PAC. The evening was an important one, at 5:00 all staff met parents in the gym to introduce themselves - we talked about the launch of the district's Strategic plan, our School Growth Plan, changes in the Code of Conduct, athletics, ways to get involved, attendance, and more. Although I cannot summarize everything in this newsletter, I will touch on some key messages.

Our school growth plan - we are focusing on the strands: Authentic relationships, Experiential hands-on learning (numeracy), and Flexible learning environments. For Authentic Relationships - you might have heard your child talk about 'Connection Classrooms' - this is where they have been placed with a different teacher who they will see 1x a month in mixed-grade groupings. The objective is to build relationships with other adults in the school and children - to widen their circle of care and strengthen their feeling of community and school connectedness. Our first session was Friday, Oct 4 - and it was joyful to see children work together on everything from P.E. games, art, STEM activities, and more. I returned to my teaching roots and had a class as well! We hope every child knows that as a staff we care about them and that they belong to an entire school community that is wider than the 4 walls of their classroom.

Family math - On October 24th we are hosting our first Family math afternoon (3:00-4:00). We have spent money as a school to purchase take-home games that can be borrowed from the library. We hope parents complete a math activity and read to their child every evening. More info to follow on on Family Math, until then - save the date!

Our Code of Conduct has changed, which I have included in this newsletter. Note our technology policy - thank you in advance for supporting us in lessening distractions in our students' learning.

Reminder that Wednesday and Thursday is early dismissal at 1:30 - it's important that you book a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Lastly, we are VERY thankful to all parent volunteers - helping coach Cross Country, prepping hot lunch, preparing our school-wide breakfast/snack tray, organizing staff wish lists, volunteering in the classroom, helping with book fair, and MUCH MORE! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. We couldn't do it without you and we love this school community. A big shout out to the Gillespie family for purchasing popcorn for every child at Cedar Grove this year - thank you, what a treat!



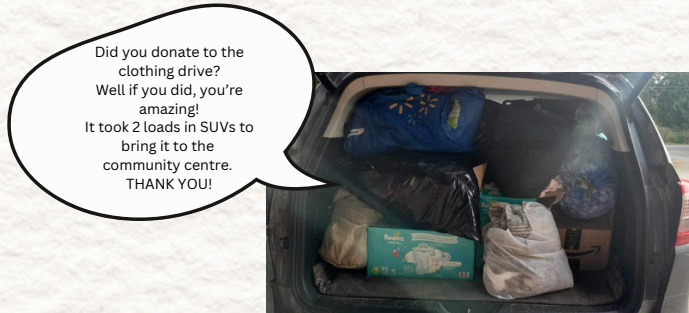
Warmly,

Lia Cuccurullo, Principal

Key Dates



- Oct 7:** Fire Safety week, lessons for K-3 with firefighters
- Oct 9 & 10:** Early dismissals, at 1:30 for Goal Setting conferences
- Oct 9 & 10:** Book fair after school!
- Oct 9:** PAC Meeting 7:00
- Oct 11:** Turkey Trot & Thanksgiving Assembly
- Oct 14:** Thanksgiving - No School
- Oct 15:** Active Travel - Road Safety Blitz
- Oct 23:** Theatre/ Sword Play starts for Grades 4/5 (FREE - after-school program)
- Oct 24:** Family math 3:00 - 4:00
- Oct 25:** Pro-D, No school
- Oct 29:** Photo Re-take Day
- Oct 30:** Grade 6 Vaccinations
- Oct 30:** CGE Dance, for all students! Music courtesy of DJ Hally - 6:00 - 8:00
- Oct 31:** Halloween - No blood or gore costumes!
- Nov 1:** Grade 7 Sugarbowl
- Nov 8:** Remembrance Day assembly



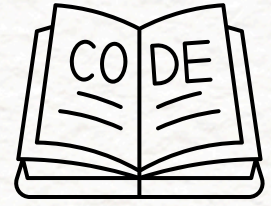
Did you donate to the clothing drive? Well if you did, you're amazing! It took 2 loads in SUVs to bring it to the community centre. THANK YOU!



We are looking for instrument donations!
Seeking - trombone, trumpet, flute, saxophone, clarinet. If you have any you can part with please contact our music teacher, Ms. MacInnes
jmacinnes@sd46.bc.ca



Cedar Grove Code of Conduct



Changes to Code of Conduct

In line with the new British Columbia restrictions for cell phone use in schools, we are implementing a cell phone policy for a focused and respectful learning environment. We ask that cell phones be left at home. If a student must bring a phone or other device (for medical or other extenuating circumstances), the principal should be notified. If a student's phone is seen during the school day or before the bell, they will be asked to give their phone to the office for the remainder of the day. Phones/devices will be kept in a locked room for safety and to minimize distractions during school hours. If you need to contact your child, please call the school. Cedar Grove Elementary School will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged technology.

CGE Code of Conduct

Key Words: respect, responsibility, cooperation and kindness

These are the key words at our school and are to be considered in everything we do as we learn and have fun together. These key words are to be demonstrated in our attitude and behaviour.

- We will be respectful to ourselves and those around us; respectful of plants, animals and the environment, respectful to the equipment, buildings and grounds provided for us.
- We will be responsible for our own learning and behaviour. We choose to act responsibly and we don't allow our behaviour to be controlled by others. We will work and learn to the best of our ability.
- We will be cooperative with each other so that our learning time together is safe and supportive for all of us. If we have problems we will solve them cooperatively so that all of us win.
- We will always be kind to each other because we are all valued people.

At some point in the year, you may have a problem with one, or more, of your fellow students. We follow a restorative conflict resolution practice to solve problems.

If you have a problem on the playground, there are adults available to help you reach a solution. Staff can help [you](#) problem solve. Ask an EA, a teacher, or the principal for help.

Snapshot of our Learning



Our Terry fox assembly and whole school run. We learned that our Ms. Katie (Inclusion Support Teacher) biked across Canada to raise money for cancer research!



Snapshot of our Learning



Cedar Grove representing at the district meet!



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Our whole school art project for Truth and Reconciliation. Each child painted a rock with a message of hope or inspiration for residential school survivors and placed it outside of Bracken's mural.

Div. 10 with their rocks :D





Cedra Grove, Oct 2024 Pac Corner



Happy October Cedar Grove!

I hope everyone is settled into their back-to-school routines. Your CGES PAC have a very fun-filled October in store for our students, keep your eyes open for a few emails from our amazing admin Stephanie on our behalf.

Here are a few key dates for your calendar:

Oct 7th - 10th Scholastic book fair

Oct 7th - 10th PAC support with TraC engineer for crosswalk data @ Pratt & Chaster. We will NEED volunteers for all shifts

Oct 8th - 10th 7:30-9:30am & 2:30 -4:30 pm

If you are interested in lending a hand please contact Tamara at cgepac@gmail.com

Oct 9th is our monthly PAC meeting @ 7pm-8:30pm, every parent is welcome to attend as you are all CGE PAC members!

Oct 9th & 10th is CGES Book Bingo

Oct 7th -18th is school-wide Active Transportation weeks for SD46, please encourage your students to walk, bike, roll and or skate to school, there are prizes to be awarded.

Oct 15th is our ICBC Blitz is scheduled for Tuesday Oct 15th at 2pm located in the front of our school.

We will have ICBC, RCMP, MOTI, BILAW & PAC & ADMIN members onsite. We look forward to this opportunity twice a year!

Oct 30th is CGE Halloween Dance with DJ Hally 6pm -8pm

We are so pumped to see Cross Country & Volleyball practice at CGE , Thank you to staff coaches & parent volunteers for your dedication!

Our PAC Hot Lunches & Popcorn Days are back this month & we are so incredibly thankful to our Hot Lunch & popcorn coordinators for all their hard work.

I would like to extend a special thank you out to our CGE staff and student body for your ongoing support and patience while our incredible SD46 team continues to complete renovations to our PAC Kitchen! You are all so appreciated.

CGES PAC is still in need of several Volunteer jobs, please stay connected to our website for further information

<https://www.cedargrovecpac.com>

School zone safety update:

Our School is a Playground zone & it is 30km 365 days a year all of the time, also please be advised that it is the safest way for your child to exit your vehicle on the passenger as it is away from oncoming traffic!!

Please keep your eyes out for our Fundraising email & have a spooky October!

Sincerely
Tamara Hedden
CGES PAC



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Aerial hoop & movement workshop for
adults and youth 10 years +

October 12 & 13

12:30pm - 4pm

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