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### Newsletter #3: November 1, 2017

## Welcome to November

Before we head into November, I would like to celebrate the many successes from the month of October.

In early October, students celebrated the importance of Orange Shirt Day, a day chosen to stop and recognize the challenges of those who attended residential schools all around Canada. Students wore orange shirts and dyed bandanas in memory of those students taken from their homes to residential schools.

Grade 6 and 7 students had the chance to participate in a very successful leadership conference, with the goal of developing skills that will support them as they continue to be role models for our school. Justin Abdou, a member of Canada's National Wrestling Team for 13 years, shared his challenges and need for a growth mindset as he worked to reach his goals.

A group of grade 7 students, dedicated to supporting both local and global communities in need, attended WE Day, an event held at Roger's Arena. WE Day is an event that brings together groups of students from all over BC as an inspiration in making a difference in the world. The group who attended WE Day, along with others who have decided to join them, will be working on a variety of initiatives to support change in the world.

We are very thankful to our Parent Advisory Committee who both planned and volunteered for the Whiteside Halloween Party fundraiser. The sound system that was used for the party was purchased by the PAC with money raised at the spring fair. It sounded fabulous!!!

We began our Wolf Pack activities this month – an hour of “multi-age groupings” where students of all ages work together on a project. This month they decorated our school for Halloween. Thank you also to division 2 for creating a “haunted house” for other classes to visit and enjoy.

### **Rainy Days are here!**

With rainy season so obviously upon us, it is important that you send your children to school with appropriate rain gear (rain jacket and rubber boots).

We believe that all children need fresh air, and will be sending them outside, rain or shine!



## Parent Information Nights and Application Periods for Early French Immersion, Montessori and Late French Immersion



**For anyone interested in Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion programs, parent evenings will be held on the following evenings:**

Intro to Kindergarten: November 7<sup>th</sup> at General Currie Elementary 6:30PM

Late French Immersion: January 10<sup>th</sup> at James Whiteside Elementary 6:30PM

Late French Immersion: January 11<sup>th</sup> at John Diefenbaker Elementary 6:30PM

**The district will begin accepting applications for these programs on the following dates:**

Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion, and Montessori: November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Updated information is on the district website, [www.sd38.bc.ca](http://www.sd38.bc.ca)

### PAC Corner

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in the library. All parents are welcome and childminding is provided.



### Volleyball Season Underway

Grade 6 and 7 students are participating in the 2017 volleyball season, with games and practices well underway.



### Curriculum Implementation Day

**Friday, November 24th**  
students **DO NOT** attend school.

Teachers will be spending the day learning and collaborating with one another with the redesigned curriculum as a focus.

**School  
Closed  
Today**

### Remembrance Day Assembly



In respect to all of those who lost their lives or have struggled in the many wars around the world, we will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly on November 10<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:00AM. Parents are welcome to attend. If there are any veterans or those on active duty who would like to participate in this assembly, please contact the school at (604) 668-6209 or email Ms. Corneil at [rcorneil@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:rcorneil@sd38.bc.ca)

**School Closed on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day**

## Milton Randall - November 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Milton Randall, will be working with our Whiteside students, directing drumming workshops. There will be two presentations on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, between recess and the end of the day. Parents are welcome to attend.

Divisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18 will be performing at 10:55am – 11:45am

Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 will be performing at 1:27pm - 2:17pm



## Book Fair News!

While parent teacher conferences were being held in October, the library also ran a Book Fair. As in past years, parents and students were very supportive of this event. The library will benefit from approximately \$500.00 worth of free books taken as part of the profits, as well as almost \$700.00 in cash for the purchase of other resources. Thanks to all the students and parents who came in to purchase books and school supplies – your support has a direct impact on the materials we are able purchase for and use in the library.

Congratulations to our students who won a book in the Question of the Day contest. Here are the students who won a book in the daily draw: Li, from division 10, Lucas from division 5, Owen from division 15, Fengxiao from division 7, Griffin from division 14, Vivian from division 5, Jiya from division 10 and Maya from division 9. The family draw prize winner wins \$25.00 worth of books for herself plus an additional \$25.00 worth of books for the classroom. This time, the prize winner was Sophia L, from division 13.

Thanks to all the parents who helped out with the set-up, running and packing up of the fair. I could not do it without you!



## Daylight Savings Time – Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

It's that time of the year again to set your clocks back as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end this weekend.

