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# Creekside Elementary School

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## ***Principal's Message***

You will see the flag at half-mast this week as Creekside joins in remembering and honouring the 215 children and all those who suffered trauma and harm at the former residential school in Kamloops. This news was a heartbreaking reminder of the trauma of residential schools, and the impacts that remain in our province today. As public educators, we are committed to revealing the truth about residential schools and correcting miseducation. We encourage all students to wear orange on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will gather on the grass field at 1:15 to have a moment of silence to remember the children lost.

It has been a long and challenging year but we are excited to be heading into our final month of school and hope to have some opportunities to celebrate with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions.

## ***Welcome to Kindergarten Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00***

Ms. Gerber and Ms. Li will also be waiting at the front of the school, hoping to meet our students who will be starting Kindergarten in September. There are many things that families can do over the summer to help get children ready for school.

Welcome to Kindergarten

1:00-1:30 – Children with the last name that starts with A-K

1:30-2:00 – Children with the last name that starts with L-Z

## ***SUMMER JOURNAL CONTEST***

Please remind your children to:

1. Get a journal.
2. Make at least 40 entries (20 each month).
3. Bring the journal Sept 8 and show a teacher and receive an entry slip for a prize draw.
4. Draw will happen on Friday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Summer setback can result in a loss of academic skills and we want our students writing over the summer, returning in September ready to learn!

## ***Yearbooks***

We will not be able to take class photos this year due to Covid-19 but Ms. Jassal and Ms. Marcakis put together a yearbook which can be ordered through Mountainwest for \$15.00. Information for ordering is posted on the Creekside website. Deadline for ordering is Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Lost & Found**

Please take a moment to check out our collection of lost and found items which will be at the front of the school on sunny days. We will be donating all unclaimed items to a charity at the end of June.

## **Staffing Changes – Good-Bye and Thank You!!**

We have many changes happening:

- Retirements: Mr. Doig, Ms. French, Ms. Randt, Ms. Dyck, Ms. Bell
- Term positions that end in June: Ms. Merritt, Ms. Losielle
- Ms. Rashid will be on maternity leave.

We still have some positions to fill and there will be further changes in September. We thank departing staff members for their dedication and hard work and wish them all the best in their new schools!



## **School Fees**

Each year, we provide parents with an outline of fees that are expected for the upcoming year. We appreciate all the support our parents provide to ensure our students have a successful year. We also are extremely thankful for the generous support of our PAC. In addition to providing the school supplies itemized on a grade list, parents are periodically asked for monies to cover specific items and special events. The purchase of school supplies through the school is optional. As per School Board Policy No. 9802 – School Fees: “Generally, the curriculum does not require students to participate in field trips. However, there are many field trips that can serve to enhance and add value to the learning experience for students. Participation in such field trips is optional and there will be a charge to cover costs only. No students will be denied the opportunity to participate in any school activity due to the inability to pay. Please contact your child’s teacher or the principal if you should you require any financial assistance.”

**As we plan for the 2021/22 school year, we anticipate a gradual return to normal and the following optional school fees at Creekside:**

**Student Planner** – We will be encouraging all students in Grades 1-7 to purchase at a cost of \$5.00. Included in the planner are some pages specific for Creekside such as our behaviour and dress code. We find this to be an excellent tool for facilitating home/school communication, as well as for developing our students’ organizational skills. Please remember that purchasing our school planner is recommended, but optional, as a parent may choose to purchase another planner.

## **School Supplies**

Parents will be able to order supplies for 2021-2022 from “School Start” on-line. Order forms are posted on the school webpage located under “Newsletters”. You can download and print your child’s grade list off of the Creekside Website. If you do not choose to order through School Start, these lists can be taken to your own vendor to purchase your child’s school supplies. Costs for supplies vary, based on grade, but range in price from approximately \$30-\$50 for the basic pack. Kindergarten students will be asked to bring in \$40 to cover shared supplies.

**Arts/Crafts** - Supplies above and beyond the regular classroom lessons (i.e. visiting guest artists, craft projects) and a “no cost” option will be available.

**Musical Instruments** – Students in music class will learn to play the recorder. Students have the option of purchasing one through school for approximately \$6.00. Also, our Grade 7 students who have signed up for band will either purchase or rent an instrument.

**Field Studies and Field Trips** – We hope that classes will be able to enjoy educational visits to community facilities, which extend and enhance the curriculum (i.e. Greater Vancouver Zoo, Water Slides, etc.), or be able to invite special guests into classrooms. While we often use PAC or school monies or fundraise to cover the costs of such activities whenever possible, there are times when parents are asked to donate towards the cost of admission and/or transportation. All field studies are optional.

Please let your child(ren)’s teacher or Ms. Geddes know if these “extras” present a financial hardship. Should you have any questions or concerns about school fees, please contact the school.

### ***Last Day of School June 24 – Early Dismissal 1:30 pm***

Parents will be receiving a summative report on their child(ren)’s learning for the third term and the year, on the final day of school. The school and office will be open on Friday, June 25th from 8:30-2:30 and then closed for the summer. The office will re-open again August 30th.

## **June**

- 3**      **Early Dismissal 1:30**  
**Orange Shirt Day**
- 5      Yearbook Orders Due – Cost \$15
- 7**      **Early Dismissal 1:30**
- 8      All Library Books are Due
- 16     Welcome to Kindergarten 1:00-2:00
- 24**    **Early Dismissal 1:30**

## **September**

- 7      First Day of School 10:00 – 11:00 am