



# PRINCE CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an unforgettable year it has been.... There are indeed a few things we'd probably like to forget – perhaps everything related to Covid 19! We look forward to a much better year ahead for the 2021-2022 school year as kids and parents are vaccinated and life opens up to a more familiar sense of normalcy. Covid has really accentuated the importance of family and friendships more than ever as well as gratitude for the “little things”.

As we begin the final month of school, there are a few things to celebrate.... notably the amazing resilience of kids through this pandemic. Kids are driven by socializing, making friends, and having fun and they just continue to move forward through it all. We all hope you have a chance to resume what you've been missing the most these past 15 months as restrictions are gradually lifted!

## **KAMLOOPS INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BURIAL SITE**

We at Prince Charles are heartbroken over the news out of Kamloops that the remains of 215 children are buried on the site. We vow to continue to teach our students about the atrocities and trauma of residential schools and the impact that remains. Yesterday our students tied 215 orange ribbons on the fence by the parking lot and a sign will be added that states:



*These 215 orange ribbons honour the lives of the 215 children who died at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. We mourn their loss while also holding in our hearts the countless other Indigenous people who have been affected by the intergenerational trauma caused by the residential school system.*

*We, as a Prince Charles School community, are committed to revealing and correcting miseducation around the shameful legacy of residential schools and the ongoing need for Truth and Reconciliation. We stand in solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of Canada as we work towards reconciliation.*

## **A REMINDER:**

If you have a child turning **5** years old in **2021**, he or she can come to Kindergarten in September! If you have not yet registered your child, please know that all registrations are online due to Covid protocols. Go to [www.surreyschools.ca](http://www.surreyschools.ca). Look for the **green box** and tap the arrows until you see

*New Student Registration 2021-22*. Follow the registration steps and if you have any difficulty or questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office.



Families who have already registered their child for Kindergarten are reminded that we will have our Welcome to Kindergarten bags outside along our front sidewalk from 8:45 to 11:45 am for pickup this Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to look for your child's nametag!

## **MAY KOTCHAS**

We "kotcha" doing something great! Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn; these students were invited to choose a new book or poster:

- Hector, Div. 1 - Thank-you for being accountable and returning a form on time.
- Taranjit, Div. 1 – Thank-you for participating in Multicultural Day.
- Hudson, Div. 3 – Thank-you for being so helpful with the Teacher on Call
- Kevanjot, Div. 6 – For making responsible decisions about his learning
- Hamza, Div. 8 – For improving your attention to the words on the page while reading
- Sama, Div. 15 – For being responsible for your learning and meeting with your group online.

## **CLASS KOTCHAS**

- Div. 3 – For participating cooperatively in Gym
- Div. 16 – For carefully and quietly coming in to room 209 to get and return laptops while the grade 6/7s were working

## **MAY'S VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY**

Please enjoy the "Three Little Pigs" presentation by Ms. Gale's grade 4/5 class this month:

<https://youtu.be/wmx7Ezk0hMo>

## **SPORTS DAY, YEAR END EVENTS**

We are still in a situation where we cannot hold a full-scale Sports Day for all students and families to enjoy. We will definitely look forward to resuming these events next year! Many teachers are planning individual class fun days instead.

Kindergarten and Grade 7 parents – you will receive specific information regarding year end activities/events soon. Again, we remain limited in what we can do with respect to gathering.

## **FINAL JUNE REPORTS**

Final June reports and 2021-22 school supply lists will be issued on the last day in attendance, Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. (Please note the 1:35 pm early dismissal on the last day).

Parents who choose to take their children out of school prior to the last day should let the classroom teacher and the office know and we will mail your child's final report. We are unable to send June reports home early.

## **2021-22 SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their own school supplies for grades 1-7 or order through School Start ([www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca)) once again. School supplies through School Start will not exceed \$60.00.



For parents who choose to use School Start, this year we ask that you have your supplies delivered to your home, not to the school. With the seismic upgrade, the office may still be under construction by the end of August and we anticipate things will be very chaotic and crowded with little space to store boxes of supplies. Thank-you for your cooperation with this.

## **CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL AT PRINCE CHARLES**

Kids Zone Child Care Centre has spaces in our before & after school care program (ages 5 to 12 years; 7 am - 8:30 am & 2:30 pm - 6 pm) and preschool program (ages 2.5 to 5 years) for September 2021. For more information, please email [kidszonechildcarecentre@hotmail.com](mailto:kidszonechildcarecentre@hotmail.com) or call 778-239-2075.

## **SEISMIC UPGRADE UPDATE**

Our seismic upgrade is set to begin any day! Our school Gym is the first area of focus and will be unavailable for use from June – October. We hope to have access to our Gym by early November.

Twelve portables are scheduled for arrival June 9- 11. In the first phase of classroom closure, our south wing of classrooms (9) will move into portables for September – December, returning into the building for January – June. The south wing classrooms, (Level 1 & 2 closest to our front outside stairs) includes our daycare/preschool, Kindergarten classrooms, an L.S.T. room, and grades 2 – 5. The final phase of classrooms (north wing, grades 3/4 - 7) will move into portables for January – June.

All families will receive updated communication by the end of August and early September regarding portable #s and which class will be in each portable. Please be sure to check your email for ongoing updates toward the end of the summer.

Construction is expected to be completed during the summer of 2022. If you have any pressing questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## **JUNE CALENDAR DATES**

- New Kindergarten parents – p/u Welcome to Kindergarten bags 8:45 – 11:45 am
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hat Day!
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:35 pm early dismissal (district wide)
- June 7-11, 14 – 18 – Tennis B.C. for all students outside
- June 16 - Happy Summer Day – Wear your favourite summer clothing and accessories
- June 20<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father's Day to All Dads
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – National Indigenous Peoples' Day
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Grade 7 year end ceremony
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Red and White Day (Happy Canada Day!)
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Last Day for Students; 1:35 pm Early Dismissal
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Administrative Day – Staff Only



# HAPPY JUNE!



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