

# KATZIE NEWSFLASH

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**Friday, October 20**

**Non-Instructional Day – School Not In Session**

## **Students Calling Home**

Please encourage your children to memorize one emergency contact number. Also let your child know that if they call home from a school telephone to please leave a message for you and the details of why they are calling. We have an increase of calls to the office wanting to know who has attempted to make contact with you, unfortunately if the call was not generated from the office we cannot quickly help you.

## **WEATHER!**

Most days students will be sent out for fresh air and exercise during recess and lunch. With the normal wet Lower Mainland weather back again, students need to come to school with appropriate clothing for the rain – warm sweater, warm jacket or rain jacket, boots, umbrella, mitts and toque. It would also be helpful if a light and easy to carry change of clothing could be kept in your child's backpack.

## **\*\*EARLY/LATE STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF\*\***

Please ensure that ALL STUDENTS ARE SIGNED OUT AT THE OFFICE. Although it may be convenient to pick up your child from the classroom or the playground, in the interest of student safety, please make sure that you sign out all children at the office. Thank you very much!

## **Halloween COSTUME PARADE**

Parents are welcome to gather in our school gymnasium at 8:30 am to view the costume parade which will begin at 8:45 am. As the hallways will be very congested on this day, please head directly to the gymnasium to await the ghouls and witches!

# Keeping children safe... Suggestions for parents

- Teach your child how to dial 0 or 911 for help.
- Teach your child not to open the door to strangers or give information on the phone.
- Only mark your child's name on the inside of clothing or other items.
- Keep an updated list of names, phone numbers and addresses of your child's friends.
- Have a secret family password. Ensure your child knows not to go with or assist anyone unless they give the password.
- Together, choose a safe route to school and tell your child to take the same route to school and home every day and not to use shortcuts.
- Make your child aware of safe places on the route; e.g. friend's houses, businesses.
- Ensure the places your child plays are safe and someone is there to watch them.
- Never let your child go unattended to public washrooms.
- If your child says he/she is going to a friend's house, make it a rule to verify with the friend's parents that your child is visiting and will be supervised.
- Explain to your child that strangers can drive any type of vehicle, can be male or female, can be young or old and can look shabby or be well dressed.



- Instruct your child to stay a safe distance from anyone who stops to talk to them. Your child should not be close enough to the person that he/she could be grabbed, pushed or pulled into a vehicle.
- Keep up-to-date identification information about your child - a recent colour photograph, height, weight, medical and dental history, fingerprints.
- Insist that your child tell you about anything that happens which makes him/her feel uncomfortable. Teach your child to trust his/her instincts.
- Tell your child it is not rude to ignore an adult asking for directions or help.
- If your child is approached by a stranger, ensure that police are called and that his/her school administrator is notified immediately.

## Positively Parenting Workshop Series

For Parents and Caregivers of Kids 6 – 18



FREE

**TUESDAYS 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Cloverdale Recreation Centre 6188 176 Street  
Attend one or attend them all! No registration required

*Presented in partnership with Alexandra Neighbourhood House*

- NOV 7** **WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?**  
Relationship and its connection to parenting.
- NOV 14** **WHY ARE YOU ACTING THIS WAY?**  
Taking a look at the meaning of challenging behavior and our response.
- NOV 21** **LISTEN TO ME!**  
Listening, understanding and communicating with your child or youth.
- NOV 28** **WE HAVE A PROBLEM...**  
Problem-Solving with your child, youth or family.

For more information please call 604-538-5060 ext. 26

