

Parent Newsletter

December 2018



Parent Freshgrade Evening

A big thank you to the parents who came out for a Freshgrade refresher! Please find a document attached (FG Prompts for Parents) that will help you provide valuable feedback to your children.

Parking

Our parking challenges continue. I have been visited by the police and just recently been contacted by the owner of the light industrial complex across from our school. A number of parents having been parking in their stalls (which the business owners pay for) between 1:45-2:45. They will now be calling a towing company to sit in their lot during those hours. Whenever possible, please try to walk to and from school or try picking up your child 10 minutes after the bell when the parking lot is far less busy and supervision is still in place.

The Fire Marshals also visited our school and we will be receiving a no parking sign and large cones to be placed in front of the fire hydrant. As a result, there will be no longer be parking available in that area of the drive through lane

Brookside Lodge

A group of grade 5/6/7 students have been actively involved with the residence of Brookside Lodge. The activities have included painting, teaching the residents about Apps and creating Christmas ornaments. The Latimer Choir will be performing at the Lodge on Dec. 11 (student only event). In the New Year, our group of Leadership Students will be partnering with the Leadership students from Clayton High School. It is yet to be determined what activities the students will be involved with.

Parent Evening

We recently hosted a parent night on the topic of inclusion and designated students. We know it is difficult for some parents to come in the day and difficult for others to come at night so a big

thank you to those who joined us. In an effort to encourage ongoing communication between the school and home we will be host Parent Coffee Mornings once a month. There will not be a formal agenda however, if parents would like to focus on particular topics, please let administration know so we can be prepared to provide informed answers to any questions you may have.

Please mark on your calendar the following dates (time will remain consistent at 9-9:40 AM

Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 9-9:40 AM

Monday, January 21

Tuesday Feb. 26

Wed. April 3

Bullying VS Meanness

Bullying is a pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour; with the goal of making another uncomfortable, scared or hurt. It is not the occasional mean spirited comment or action that although unpleasant, is a part of day to day interactions.

To bring clarity around what is and what is not bullying and the actions Latimer Road School will take, we are currently developing a “flow chart” that parents can refer to. Additionally, we will provide effective ways for parents to help deal with their child who is being bullied.

iGirls Student Workshop

Saleema Noon created wonderful workshops for preteen girls and boys a number of years ago. It has grown tremendously and now she has teams that travel throughout the Lower Mainland providing sessions that cover a range of topics that are “on point” for students 11-13. The sessions are expensive however, we are happy to do a cost share with parents as we feel the workshops are so valuable in supporting our kids during a time in life when so many changes are happening. Please see the flyer attached for more details. This spring we will offer the girls workshop. There are only 25 spots available and parent cost is \$20. If you are interested in a boy’s workshop, please let the office know and if we can get 25 registrants, we can organize that as well.

Christmas Production

We are pleased to announce there will be two performances of our Christmas production (based on Charlie Brown’s Christmas). The first show is at 1 PM, the second at 5PM. Information regarding tickets was sent out earlier this week. Please note that due to fire regulations we must keep our seating capacity to 400 therefore there is a 2 ticket maximum per family. You can reserve 2 tickets for either performance or 1 ticket for the afternoon and 1 for the evening production. Please bring a non-perishable donation to the performance.

Volleyball

Although this year's volleyball season was a short one the boys learned a lot and showed a lot of growth during the games and practices. The season culminated with a play day at Katzie Elementary. A special thank you to our coaches Laurel Dosman, Adelaine Uchida-Hicks and Susan Yip.

Leo the Pet Gecko

Thank you so much to all of the parents who brought bottles to help raise money for Leo the Leopard Gecko's veterinary care and medicine. We are still accepting bottles until Friday. Leo is gaining weight and his health is improving!

Cloverdale Christmas Bureau

We will start our Christmas Bureau Campaign on Monday. Like last year, we will have a friendly competition between our primary and intermediated classes. We are encouraging students to bring in items each day; the last day being Friday Dec. 14. Food items must be non-perishable. Household goods such as toilet paper, tissue etc, as well as unwrapped gifts are welcome. Thank you in advance for supporting the Christmas Bureau.

Library Books

Each December our librarian asks for all books to be returned. It is important to make sure our inventory is up to date. Please ensure that your child has returned their books to the library by Friday Dec. 14.