

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

February, 2019



### Canuck PLACE – COOKIE DAY



Get involved in the Canuck Place Cookie Day! One of our goals at Latimer is to teach students about supporting those in need in our greater community. What better cause than children! On February 28, our PAC will be working hard to distribute cookies to all those who have donated. Donations will go through Munch a Lunch.

#### Clarification

Throughout the year we have many fundraisers. Some of these fundraisers are PAC initiatives, some general school fundraisers and others specific to classrooms. We know that at times, it can seem like a steady stream. Please do remember that there is no obligation to participate – all fundraisers are optional. Feel free to participate in those that are of interest to you and disregard the others.

#### Building Envelope

After a very long delay (awaiting permits from the City of Surrey), our construction is slated to begin in mid February. The first step is removal of bushes/trees/plants around the perimeter; other than the trees that have fencing around them.

#### Future Projections

Latimer Elementary is in a growth cycle. We received our preliminary projections and anticipate approximately 570 students in the fall, over 600 the following year. This does mean that we can expect additional portables. In addition, it will be even more essential that parents do not use any of the parking stalls in front of the school as we will require ALL of the spots to accommodate staff. The East Zone is growing rapidly!

#### Bullying Checklist

Latimer Road has encountered an increase in cyber bullying this year which has a direct effect on the school culture. In the past, it was not the District's mandate to address bullying that occurred off-site. Changes have been made to when it comes to "devises" and the adverse affects that can occur due to inappropriate messaging, Snap Chat, false accounts being set up, Musically App etc. If the cyber bullying is negatively impacting the students at school, the Principal and VP are authorized by the board under the School Act to suspend a student.

I have attached a document called Bully Checklist. Please refer to this for further information regarding Policy #9410 Safe and Caring Schools and the Authority to Act.

#### Program Opportunity for Parents of K and Gr. 1 Students

**Topic:** Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program for Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten/Grade One Students

At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Surrey Schools will be offering the Circle of Security® Parenting™ Program for parents/guardians of Kindergarten - Grade 1 aged children.

#### **Learning Objective of the Training:**

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs.
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions.
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem.
- Honour your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure.

For information please contact Shirley Hofmann at 604-595-5373.

#### Students Leaving Early

We have noticed a significant number of students being pulled from school prior to the end of the day. We understand that not all appointments can be made later in the day however, respectfully request you do your best to try for later appointments. It is disruptive to the class/lessons when students leave early. If necessary, please let the office and teacher know first thing in the morning rather than just before pick-up.

#### P/T Work Opportunity

The Surrey School District is in need of lunch hour supervisors. Although parents cannot supervise at schools where their children are enrolled, there are numerous east zone school requiring supervisors. If you are interested, please contact Penny Beamish at the District Office for more information.

#### Winter Games at Latimer

Back by popular demand, we will host a Winter Games Sports Day on Friday, Feb. 15. The entire student population is divided into teams representing different Canadian cities. The teams are "family grouped" meaning there will be students from K to gr. 7 on each team. The Opening Ceremony begins at 9 AM; which includes a parade of athletes carrying city flags. Throughout the day, teams participate in 10 events and teams are award points throughout the day. At the Closing Ceremony, all children are acknowledged for their performance and gold, silver and bronze medals awarded to the top scoring teams.

#### Movie Night

Mark your calendars – Friday April 26. The PAC will be providing more information later.