



PRINCE CHARLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MS. LOMAX'S MESSAGE



Happy fall, everyone! We did have a beautiful summerlike first week back to school but unfortunately, the rest of September felt much like fall with cooler temperatures and rain! It hasn't slowed us down though; September has been a busy month making new friends, settling into classes, enjoying the annual Corn Boil and Terry Fox Run. We've also had a great startup for our school cross country and soccer teams, and after school programs.

As temperatures cool down and rain makes a more regular appearance, please remember that students need to dress for the weather (forecast) as they will go outside for fresh air and exercise every day at recess and lunch unless the rain is extremely heavy.

All month end newsletters will now be sent electronically, so please remind your school friends and neighbours to ensure they register to receive online communication on our school website:

www.surreyschools.ca/princecharles.

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Lomax, Principal

Students have settled into their new classes and are working on new goals for the year ahead. It was great to see so many families out to the annual Corn Boil on September 19th. If you did not get a chance to meet your child's teacher, we invite you to come and meet your child's teacher on October 17th. We will dismiss at 1:32 pm on October 17th to give families an opportunity to attend student-led conferences or teacher conferences during the afternoon. You will be able to call the office for an appointment with your child's teacher beginning on Monday, October 7th.

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Lomax, Principal

STAFF

This year we have some new teaching and support staff joining us. If you missed the names of Prince Charles' staff members in the first week newsletter, here it is again with a few updates:

Mrs. Sengara	Grade 7
Mrs. Van Niekerk	Grade 6/7
Mrs. Santoro	Grade 6/7
Mr. Parker	Grade 5/6
Mrs. Batiz	Grade 5/6
Ms. Szlovicsak	Grade 4/5
Ms. Gale	Grade 4/5
Mr. Loconte	Grade 3/4
Ms. Grubb	Grade 3
Mrs. Toor	Grade 2/3
Ms. Gill	Grade 2
Mrs. Leong	Grade 2
Mrs. Williams	Grade 1
Ms. Damaso	Kindergarten/Grade 1
Mrs. Burrell	Kindergarten
Mrs. Murillo	Kindergarten
Mrs. Dumont	Library
Ms. Vytasek	Counsellor
Ms. Zorn	Music and French
Mr. Honeywell	Band
Ms. Willing	Learner Support

Ms. Wharton	Learner Support
Ms. Henkel	Learner Support
Mrs. Ali	Learner Support
Ms. Alexander	Speech Language Pathologist
Ms. Cizik	District Challenge Program
Mr. Hunter	Aboriginal CYCW
Ms. Lauwers	CYCW
Ms. Wong	Community Schools Outreach Worker
Mrs. Likey	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Davies	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Boer	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Whorley	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Kaur	Educational Assistant
Ms. Kain	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Hunjan	Educational Assistant
Ms. Yu	Educational Assistant
Mrs. Longia	School Meal Program
Mrs. MacMillan	Enrolment Clerk
Ms. Gill	Head Clerk

ALL VISITORS

In the interest of safety, Surrey School District policy requires everyone entering the school and going beyond the office to check in at the office. We have a visitor protocol that involves signing in and wearing a visitor badge. This policy is for the safety of all students and staff. We ask that all parents and guardians heed this request.

SCHOOL VISITOR

Name _____

Date _____

Classrooms are busy learning places and we try not to interrupt teachers during instructional time. If you need to speak with your child or leave him or her a message, our office staff will happily take care of that for you. Please call Ms. MacMillan or Mrs. Gill after 9:30 am. Parents should not be texting or calling their child on their cell phone during the school day and expecting a response. Students are not to be accessing their phones on during the school day. Again, if you need to leave an important message, call the school office. Thank-you for your help with this.

The school office is a busy place. Students should not be using school phones to make play dates or to find out how they are getting home each day. Please ensure that this information is arranged and

communicated at home before school. Thank-you for your help with this.

STUDENT LUNCHES

Please try to send your child’s lunch with him/her in the morning. In the event that you need to deliver it to school, it can be left on the table just inside the entrance door. Please ensure your child’s name is on the lunch. For safety reasons, students are not to go into the staff or parent parking lot to pick up their lunch.



SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM



Our breakfast and lunch programs are underway. If your son or daughter did not join the lunch program and would like to, it’s never too late. Students can pick up a lunch program form at the office at any time and take it home for their parent or guardian’s signature.

The Multipurpose Room outside doors open for breakfast at 7:45 am. Some students are dropped off by parents on their way to work quite early. 7:40 am is the earliest students should be arriving at school for breakfast. Your child’s safety is our first concern so we appreciate your attention to this in advance.

PRINCE CHARLES P.A.C.

The Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.) is an important part of our



school. We have many parents who contribute countless hours to make our school a better place for your children. Please come and join us at our second PAC meeting of the 2019-20 school year on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm in the Library.

CORN BOIL

Thank-you to our P.A.C. and staff volunteers for another very successful Corn Boil held on Thursday, September 19th. Despite the less than summer-like weather, the turnout was great ! It's always wonderful to see so many of our grade 8 Prince Charles alumni come back for this event. It's their way of letting us know they miss our school, our staff and our events!



TERRY FOX RUN

On Friday, September 27th, the students and staff at Prince Charles ran for Terry Fox and special family members or friends who have battled cancer. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Terry Fox Foundation will receive a donation in the amount of \$646.15 from Prince Charles Elementary. Thank-you to our many parent volunteers who make this event possible.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Orange Shirt Day is held annually on September 30th, however, due to our Non-Instructional Day today, we will observe Orange Shirt Day tomorrow. It is a day that acknowledges the importance of reconciliation while also providing teachers an opportunity to remind students about the horrible wrongs Aboriginal students were subjected to across Canada during the era of residential schools. Thank-you, parents, for acknowledging this day by having your child wear orange.

PRINCE CHARLES SPORTS

Cross country and soccer are well underway. Both are a short season! Our Cross Country team has had a successful start to the season. Students in grades 3 and 4 complete a 1.25km trail run, and grades 5-7 complete a 2km trail run at Bear Creek Park. They race



against anywhere from 15 to 30 students. These are the results from our first 2 meets.

Grade 3s Kaitlyn S.: 4th and 3rd place
Cadence H.: 5th and 6th place
Bennan E.: 11th and 17th place

Grade 5s Rima F.: 3rd and 3rd place
Rebecca V.: 5th and 6th place
Emma B.: 10th and 7th place
Shylo J.: 14th place
Caleb S.: 4th and 5th place
Hayden M.: 10th and 10th place
Trayton J.: 12th and 17th place
Laddie: 7th place

Grade 6's Clava X: 4th and 7th place
Miriam S: 8th place
Jasmine C.: 7th and 11th place
Ava M.: 2nd and 3rd place
Sarah B.: 1st and 1st place
Jayden W-W.: 6th and 12th place
Andy H.: 6th and 10th place

Grade 7's Xander B.: 1st and 1st place

Thanks so much to Mrs. Santoro and Mrs. Sengara for your time and commitment to cross country this fall.

There has been a good turnout of Grade 6 and 7 boys to form our school's soccer team. We've had several weeks of practices where the players have focussed on learning to support each other in new positions, work together as a team and develop their individual skills. We've also had one exciting exhibition game that ended in a 2-2 tie, and there are a few more games scheduled before the play day celebration on October 9th.

Thanks to Ms. Gale, Ms. Szlovicsak and Ms. Willing for their time and commitment to the team.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP – GRADE 7s

We have just formed our Student Leadership team for this year. They are responsible for many jobs around the school. They also are responsible for raising awareness and donating to both local and international charities to help children in other countries. This is our Leadership Team:

Harriet B.
Henry B.
Xander B.
Balkaran B.
Shannal C.
Manveer D.
Gabi G.
Dalina J.
Jasmeet J.
Makaila K.
Fuzayl K.
Mehak K.
Charles M.
Tatiana M.
Tatiana M.
Kaya N.
Aeson P.
Manshil S.
Kashish S.
Rebecca T.
Sebastian T.

CHOIR AND DRAMA

Ms. Zorn has once again started working with interested choir students. What a great turnout she's had. You'll be able to hear our choir perform at the Hallowe'en costume parade and at our Remembrance Day assembly.

Thanks to Ms. Zorn, Ms. Gale and Mrs. Batiz for running a much loved drama club again this year. They have some wonderful things planned for 2019-20.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DATE

For busy parents who need to plan ahead and juggle work schedules, our Christmas performance will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 5th. This year's performance is entitled "Jinglebell Jukebox".

B.C. TRANSIT – KIDS RIDE FREE NEXT WEEK !

Kindergarten – Grade 12 students ride transit free from Monday, October 7th until Friday, October 11, 2019. It's all part of "I Love Transit Week", an annual celebration of active transit use. For more information, go to:

<https://buzzer.translink.ca/category/i-love-transit-week/>

PARENT PARKING AND DROP-OFF



Every school has problems with traffic and parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Please follow the rules of the road when dropping off and picking up child(ren) from school. 100th Avenue is a very busy thoroughfare and we regularly see parents, caregivers and other citizens engaging in dangerous and illegal driving behaviour such as:

- Speeding in a school zone
- Not stopping for pedestrians
- Making U-turns on 100th Avenue
- Stopping and/or parking on the sidewalk and in the bike lane on the south side of 100th Avenue
- Blocking traffic movement on 124th Street by parking at the corner of 124th and 100th Avenue
- Parking in the transit zone and in No Parking zones
- Not using the crosswalk

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARKING LOT VOLUNTEER – LIZ MATTHEWS

I am back for the 6th year of voluntary parking duties. I do this because I care about the safety of the entire Prince Charles community.

For those of you who are new to Prince Charles, please be aware that school board rules do not allow student drop-off or pick-up in the paved staff parking lot unless you are school district staff, a delivery service, handicapped, or do daycare for several children. If cones are blocking the entry and exit of this lot, it means there are no more parking stalls. Please do not drive over the cones.

The gravel lot has 20 curb-stoppers (all painted yellow for now) which should allow 20 vehicles to park. This

includes staff overflow, parent and visitor parking. If everyone uses one curb-stopper and parks as straight as possible, 20 vehicles will fit. Please be careful opening doors and pulling in and out. In the past, several cars have been damaged. Please do not back out of the gravel lot. If the gravel lot is full, there will be cones blocking the entrance on 100th Avenue. As a car leaves, another will be let in. Please do not block

traffic on 100th Avenue waiting for a space. Some drivers behind become impatient and pass the waiting car which is dangerous.

Please also be aware that on rainy days, the parking lot fills up quickly. The best time to arrive if you have to drive is 8:10 am and 2:10 pm although this doesn't guarantee a spot.

Thank-you to Liz and parent Jaswinder (crosswalk helper) for keeping our children safe!!

WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL WEEK – Oct. 7 - 11, 2019

A great way to avoid the car is to encourage your kids to participate in the City of Surrey "Walk & Roll to School Week"! This is an opportunity



for all Surrey elementary schools to promote walking, cycling and wheeling to school. We hope that as many families as possible will support this City of Surrey initiative and help encourage more walking and less driving.

INTERMEDIATE PLAYGROUND

The playground at the front of the school on the west side by our gym is our intermediate playground for students in Grades 4-7. The Primary playground is in the back. For safety reasons, we ask that primary children are not on the intermediate playground before school, at recess, lunch and after school. If you, as a parent or caregiver of a primary child, choose to allow him or her on this playground before or after school, then please provide direct supervision of your child. Thank-you for your attention to this.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?

If your child is going to be away (or late), please ensure you call the school office and leave a voicemail. You'll be able to reach Mrs. Gill directly after 7:30 am. It's so helpful as some mornings Mrs. Gill and Mrs. MacMillan are faced with 30-40 callbacks for absent children.

If your child is sick, please do not send him or her to school. If a child is ill with the flu and vomiting, they should be away from others for at least 48 hours until all flu symptoms have subsided.

Children will not stay inside at recess or lunch because they are "too sick to go outside". Sick children should remain at home.

CITY DROP AND SWAP EVENT

October 19 | 11am–3pm | Surrey Libraries–[City Centre](#)

In an effort to reduce Surrey's waste footprint, the City of Surrey is hosting a free Drop and Swap event. Bring your clean, reusable household items that you no longer need and find something new to take home. You do not have to bring an item to take one. Accepted items include clothing, housewares and sports equipment. For more information, go to <https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/30033.aspx>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



Important dates coming up in October:

- October 1 - Orange Shirt Day
- October 4 Div. 1 to Surrey Nature Centre
- October 4 Last day for P.C. spirit wear orders
- October 7 – 11 Walk and Roll to School Week
- October 7 – 11 I Love Transit Week
- October 8 P.A.C. Meeting – 6:30 pm
- October 9 Div. 4 to Surrey Museum
- October 10 Div. 2 to Surrey Nature Centre
- October 14 Thanksgiving – No School
- October 15 Grade 6 Immunizations
- October 16 Girls in Action to A. Rocha Farm
- October 17 The Great B.C. Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)
- October 17 BLAST Jr. to Hazelmere Pumpkin Patch
- October 17 1:32 Early Dismissal
- October 18 P.A.C. Movie Night , 6:30 pm
- October 21 Federal Election – P.C. is a polling station
- October 22 Ks, 1s to Aldor Acres Farm
- October 22 Drop, Everything and Read Day
- October 24 K & 1 classes to Aldor Acres
- October 25 Non-Instructional Day #2 - NO SCHOOL
- October 28 Div. 3 to Laity pumpkin patch
- October 29 Photo Retakes
- October 30 Fine Arts performance K-7, Parents welcome "Marimba Muzava" at 10:45 am
- October 31 Hallowe'en Costume Parade at 10:45 am

