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Monday, Sept. 12, 2016.

Dear Families,

It has been a whirlwind start to the school year at CV! We had a busy first week with 39 new registrations in Grades 1-5. Crystal View classrooms are full of keen kids and we are excited about the year ahead. We are delighted to be working with **278 children in Kindergarten-Grade 5**. This marks the first week of Kindergarten and we are happy to welcome 34 young learners to school.

As always, the first weeks of school can be an anxious time for children. Parents can help ease worries by reassuring children about the kinds of changes and opportunities a new year brings. Children quickly adapt and make connections with new teachers and classmates while maintaining their established friendships.

Due to the number of children at each grade level, our class configurations look different from last year. Classes have now been finalized and students are working in their new divisions. Class placements cannot be changed at this time. Some of our classes are “combined classes” which include two grades. This is common educational practice and is **not** based upon ability grouping. Teachers are experts at differentiating instruction and addressing curriculum. Within every classroom, classes are balanced to address a variety of factors.

As noted in the Class Placement Policy distributed last Spring, careful consideration is taken when placing all students. We consider the academic and social/emotional needs of the students while striving for a cohesive learning community. We consider the amount of support available for each classroom, based on the needs of the students. Teachers, Educational Assistants, Support Staff and Administration consider student placements. Parental information provided last year is one factor

taken into account. Please be assured your child’s placement was made thoughtfully. Our PAC “Welcome Back BBQ and Meet the Staff Evening” will be **Wednesday, September 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm**. We look forward to introducing ourselves.

We appreciate your supportive involvement as we start a new year of learning at Crystal View!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Sjerven
Principal

Have you heard of “THE C.V. 3?”

If you’ve been at Crystal View for a while, you may have heard of “*The CV 3*”. ... We try to remember:

- *Be Kind**
- *Be Safe**
- *Be Responsible**

PAC MEETING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

Our first PAC meeting of the year is this **Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm**. We are looking forward to having many new parents come to the PAC meetings. If you are interested in learning more about school happenings and ways you can help, please come to a meeting. We’d love to meet you! **FREE CHILD CARE PROVIDED!** Please contact paccrystalview@gmail.com if you would like free childcare.

Congratulations to our 2016-2017 PAC:

President: Melissa McConnell
Vice President: Brenda Walker
Treasurer: Tanya LaJoie
Secretary: Stephanie Tomlinson
Fundraising: April Flannagan
CHOMP: Brad Mitchell & Carin Robinson
Emergency Preparedness: Ryan Wilson
SPEAC: Tanya LaJoie
Safe Arrival: (volunteers needed)
All parents are able to drop in at PAC meetings and be part of the CV PAC. Thanks for participating!



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BUS NEWS

Did you know that we have **over 125 students travelling on 6 buses?** We have 2 School District buses arriving, along with 4 Daycare buses. This makes for a busy pick-up time! Due to numbers of students taking buses, we are lining up students in the gym and escorting groups outside. Please let us know if you arrive to take your child home so that we check their name off the bus list. Thank you!

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Traffic is most congested in the 13 minutes before and after bell time. Thank you for your patience as we accommodate several buses and vehicles daily. Student safety is our first priority. Our neighbours appreciate that drivers use the natural UTurns at the end of the street and not turn in the middle of the road or use their driveways. Thanks!

AGENDAS FOR SALE

Each year, the PAC contributes generous funding toward student agendas for our Intermediate students. In the Intermediate grades, planning, goal-setting and time-management are important elements of school success. Instead of the full cost of \$8.00, we are able to charge students a lesser fee of \$5.00. **Students in Grades 4 & 5 may bring in \$5.00 to their teacher.** If you are writing a cheque, please make it out to SD # 62. Thanks!

SCHOOL PLANNING DAY

Monday, September 19thst is a District Wide School Planning Day. School will not be in session.

PAPERWORK FOR PARENTS

This week, children will be bringing home several notices and forms for parent signature. Please ensure we have current contact information on file by **editing the Verification form** and returning all paperwork at your earliest convenience.

ALLERGY ALERT

School District 62 has an Anaphylaxis policy to ensure the safety of our students with life-threatening allergies. In an effort to keep all children safe, our schools are considered "peanut aware". **We ask that children bring peanut-free foods to school** whenever possible. Letters will be sent home to ensure that all families are aware of the nature of the allergies of your child's classmates. We appreciate your support!

SAFE ARRIVAL

Are you able to assist at school from 8:45-9:30 one morning or more per week? We can always use more parent volunteers for our Safe Arrival program. Volunteer parents check the morning attendance lists and phone home if children are absent from school. We appreciate this important service! Please contact Mrs. Sjerven if you can help. Thanks to Mrs. Bruno-Bossio for starting us off this year!

MEET OUR STAFF

We are fortunate to have a terrific team at CV! Here is our 2016-2017 staff:

School Secretary: Mrs. Roberts

Custodian: Mr. Domshy & Mr. Black

Crossing Guard: (posted)

Supervisors: Mrs. Turcotte, (posted)

Aboriginal Education Teacher: Mrs. Christianson

Aboriginal Support Worker: Mrs. Gibson

Speech & Language: Mrs. Martell

Occupational Therapist: Ms. Bitonti

ELL Support teacher: Mrs. Zanichelli

Counsellor: Mrs. Gomboc

School Based Social Worker: Mrs. Patterson

Library Assistant: Mrs. Bodman

Teacher Librarian: Mrs. Kruse

Integration Support: Mrs. Still

Learning Support: Mrs. Kruse & Mrs. Cormier

Educational Assistants: *Ms. Carolei, Ms. Earl,*

Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Colley,

Mrs. Seal, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Martin, Ms. Nikkel,

Mrs. Williams, Ms. Parrish, Mrs. Anderson

Music Teachers: Mrs. Fiorin, Mr. Benker



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Div. 1 Grade 5: Mrs. Prette
Div. 2 Grade 5: Mr. Dodds & Mrs. Sjerven
Div. 3 Grade 4: Mrs. Booth & Mrs. Fiorin
Div. 4 Grade 4: Mrs. Mackenzie
Div. 5 Grade 3: Ms. Bright
Div. 6 Grade 3: Mr. Hamilton
Div. 7 Grade 2 & 3: Mrs. March
Div. 8 Grade 1 & 2: Mrs. Bennett
Div. 9 Grade 1 & 2: Mrs. Segato & Mrs. Kruse
Div. 10 Grade 1 & K: Mrs. Weiss
Div. 11 K: Ms. Robinson
Vice Principal: Mr. Dodds
Principal: Mrs. Sjerven

NO DOGS, PLEASE

In order to ensure the comfort, health and safety of all students, the Sooke School District has an Animal Policy which prohibits dogs on the school grounds. This is particularly important during busy pick up time and at whole school events. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

LIFETOUCH INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Students will soon be bringing home a flyer regarding Lifetouch Photos. Please have your child bring back the form on Photo day.

CROSS COUNTRY

Wednesday, Sept. 28th and Wednesday, October 5th are the dates for the fall meets. Students in Grades 1-5 are invited to participate. We will be having practices at lunch time at school. The races are held at the lower soccer fields behind West Shore Parks and Recreation Centre (Juan de Fuca). Transportation to and from the meets must be arranged by parents. More info. to follow!

TERRY FOX EVENT AT CV

This year, our Terry Fox event will happen on **Friday, September 30th at 1:00**. We will gather in the gym for some inspirational messages and head

out on a variety of walks, hikes and runs! More information about the event and making donations

will be sent home soon Please mark your calendar and join us!

RAINY MORNINGS

Fall is here and we are anticipating wet days ahead. The morning bell rings at 8:40 and outside supervision begins at 8:15. *On very rainy days, the rain bell rings at 8:30 for students to come inside early.* Students should dress for the weather and stay in the covered areas if they arrive before 8:30.

Ms. Robinson

GYM GAMES

We are looking forward to P.E. classes and lunch time games. Please ensure your children have runners at school so that they are ready to join in game opportunities! We like to be active!

NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

We are encouraging all families to access our newsletters via email. If you are not on our email list and would like to be included, please let us know at the office.

DATES TO NOTE:

Wed. Sept. 14th – PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm All Welcome!

Mon. Sept. 19th- School Planning Day- No School

Wed. Sept. 28th- Welcome Back BBQ & Meet the Staff Evening @ 6:00-8:00pm

Wed. Sept. 28th- Cross Country Meet @3:30pm; PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Fri. Sept. 30th- Terry Fox Run @ 1:00pm

Wed. Oct. 5th- Cross Country Meet @ 3:30 pm

Mon. Oct. 10th- Thanksgiving – No School

Fri. Oct. 21st- Provincial Pro.D. Day- No School

Have a great week!



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