



CRYSTAL VIEW ELEMENTARY
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Newsletter

#1 - September

September

- 11th/12th Half Day Kindergarten
- 13th Full Day Kindergarten
- 13th PAC Meeting- 6:30
- 18th Planning Day- No School
- 21st Meet the Teacher
- 27th Cross County
- 29th Terry Fox Run

WELCOME TO THE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR!

I have appreciated the warm welcome extended to me by the staff, students and parents of this community. The first week was full of happy smiles and keen anticipation. Children and adults alike connected with old friends and started making new ones. We moved into the classes for this school year on Friday and it was wonderful to see all the kindness and cooperation extended by everyone.

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close. The summer was so beautiful with sunshine gracing almost every day. I am sure that all of you enjoyed many opportunities for play and laughter with your families. It is now time to begin the adventure of our new school year. As always, it will be a fun filled journey with exciting learning opportunities and growth for all. My mission over the next few weeks is to learn about this community, connect with each student and learn their names!

We look forward to meeting everyone during the first few weeks. We also hope to see all families at our Meet the Teacher Night. It will be hosted on September 21st, from 5:30 to 7:00. During this special event you will be able to visit your child's class, tour the school, be part of a short welcoming assembly and then join us for a get together hosted by the PAC (by donation). Please remember to add this date to your calendar as it is a perfect opportunity to share in your child's educational experience.

On Friday we had a welcome assembly. Our leaders, the new Grade 5 students, did a marvelous job teaching us about the CV 3 - Be Kind, Be Safe and Be Responsible! We had a chance to go over how these important attributes can be achieved as a community. We also watched a slideshow created by Mrs. Prette which celebrated our first week together. Everyone left the gym with a cheer and a commitment to have a FANTASTIC YEAR. We are all very excited to be back and are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your children.

Take care,
 Karen

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Please note that this will be the only hard copy newsletter sent home this year. I will send regular updates and information through email. Please make sure we have your updated email address so you can hear all about the happenings of our busy school. We will also keep our school website current with all relevant information, dates and events.

OUR AMAZING STAFF

Mr. Dodds Vice-Principal, Grade 5
 Mrs. Roberts Secretary

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| Kindergarten | Ms. Robinson |
| Kindergarten/Grade 1 | Ms. March |
| Grade 1 | Ms. Bennett |
| Grade 1/2 | Ms. Segato |
| | Ms. Carpenter |
| Grade 2/3 | Ms. Morrison |
| Grade 2/3 | Mr. Hamilton |
| Grade 3 | Ms. Booth |
| | Ms. Fiorin |
| Grade 4 | Ms. Bright |
| Grade 4 | Ms. MacKenzie |
| Grade 5 | Mr. Dodds |
| Grade 5 | Ms. Prette |
| EA | Ms. Carolei |
| EA | Ms. Anderson |
| EA | Ms. Earl |
| EA | Ms. Faulkner |
| EA | Ms. Gray |
| EA | Ms. Parrish |
| EA | Ms. Thompson |
| EA | Ms. Williams |
| Music | Ms. Fiorin |
| Music/Library/LA | Ms. Spencer |
| LS/IS | Ms. Still |
| LS/IS Behaviour Support | Ms. Cooper |
| Counsellor | Mrs. Gomboc |
| Library Assistant | Mrs. Bodman |
| ELL Teacher | Ms. Zanichelli |
| Occupational Therapist | Ms. Bitonti |
| Speech and Language | Ms. Martell |
| Custodian | Mr. Domshy |
| Noon Hour Supervisors | |
| | Ms. Roberts |
| | Ms. Turcotte |
| Crossing Guards | |
| | Ms. Gordon Findlay |

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

The District Cross Country Run is just around the corner! We will begin training this week. After much consideration it was decided by the Sports Council that Grades 2-5 will be participating this year. Unfortunately, with our growing numbers, the venue for the run cannot accommodate the Grade 1 students. Please stay tuned for further details. The run dates are September 27th and October 4th.

VOLUNTEERING AND DRIVING

If you are thinking you would like to help out at the school for PAC events, in the classroom, or on field trips please remember to get your criminal record check completed as soon as possible. You can do it on-line (see website) or hard copy (included in package sent home today). It is easy to complete, free and quick. If you have already done a Criminal Record Check with the District it is valid for!!! Years.

If you are thinking you might drive children on a field trip you will need to fill out some specific paper work at the school, provide a copy of your driver's license, your insurance and complete a driver's abstract. Please give us a call if you have any questions or need assistance with the process.

We would love to have you volunteer!



OUTSIDE PLAY AND WEATHER

Playing outside is very important to developing overall health and well-being for children. They need time to connect with nature, run and embrace all of their wonderful energy with abandon. When given regular opportunity to be physically active they are better able to self-regulate their bodies and their minds. During rain, sunshine and possibly even snow we will be going outside for recess, lunch recess and likely other times during the day. Please make sure your child comes prepared to be outside with proper outdoor gear. We are going to have fun!

VERIFICATION FORMS AND ALLERGY ALERT

The verification forms sent home today are extremely important. They provide information that helps us to ensure your child is safe at school. Please make sure you check that your phone numbers, email addresses and EMERGENCY contact information is correct and up-to-date. Indicating if your child has learning needs and requires support services is also very important.

It is essential that we know if your child has any allergies. If your child does have a life-threatening allergy further information will be required and forms will be sent to you to be completed. School District 62 has an Anaphylaxis policy to ensure the safety of our students. In order to keep all children safe, our schools are considered "peanut aware". Letters will be sent home to ensure that parents are aware of the nature of the allergies in your child's class and what processes are required. Thank you for your support!



OVERVIEW OF AFTERSCHOOL PICK-UP

Traffic can sometimes be a challenge at dismissal time. The community has worked diligently to create a plan that will keep everyone safe and keep the traffic moving smoothly. Thank you so much for your patience and good humour during the first week of school as we worked through the challenges. Here are some key points to remember.

1. Speed limits are posted at the bottom of Silverstone.
2. Please refrain from making U-Turns on Nugget Terrace. Please use the natural turnaround at the END of Nugget.
3. Staff are on crosswalk/bus duty from 2:36 until 3:00.
4. Please do not leave your car unattended and parked in traffic circle. Be ready and waiting for your child so the many buses do not get blocked.
5. Please pull up as far as possible during pick-up and drop-off to let your child enter and exit your car.
6. We have a limited number of parking spots available but Mill Hill also has spots just down the road.

A quick reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds

We understand that many of you like to bring your dogs to school to visit or for a run. Unfortunately dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Thank you so much for your cooperation.



Update on PAC News

At the PAC AGM on June 14th, the following parents were elected to 2017-2018 PAC positions:

President: *Tanya Lajoie*

Vice-President: *Stephanie Tomlinson*

Secretary: *Stephanie Tomlinson*

Treasurer: *Tanya LaJoie*

CHOMP: *Lori Denman & Candace McLeod*

Fundraising: *April Flannigan & Lauren Smith*

Emergency Preparedness: *Ryan Wilson*

SPEAC Rep: *Brad Mitchell*