

Cassie Hall Connections

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

October 1 CHE Orange shirt day
October 4,5,6 IEP meetings
October 7 Fire drill
October 20 Grade 6 Immunization
October 11 Thanksgiving
October 21 Shake-Out BC Earthquake drill

FOOD PROGRAMS

We have breakfast and lunch programs for students. Please contact the office if you are interested. Note: Hot lunch payment (20\$) is due the last week of the month for the next month. Breakfast program opens at 8:30 for all students and is free of charge. The starfish pack back program provides food for families to be picked up on Friday's afterschool.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

If you are interested in joining the Cassie Hall PAC, please contact Ms. Groves. We do need parent/guardians to join in order to help all the wonderful PAC events happen. Due to COVID-19, PAC meeting will be held in person and by Teams.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are very happy to have started a new school year and to be working with your child and your family. The new principal is Ms. Groves and Vice Principal is Ms. McAlpine. We are both excited to be apart of the wonderful team at Cassie Hall. We will strive to uphold our school code of conduct which has the following values:

R – Respect
O –Ownership
C- Cooperation
K – Kindness
S – Safety

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have at 635-6456 or pamella.groves@cmsd.bc.ca and Annette.mcalpine@cmsd.bc.ca.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We have a Communicable Disease Prevention Plan to address safety in the school. Students in Grades 4-12 and staff are required to wear masks indoors. We encourage handwashing and maintaining physical spaces between people.



Around the school

ATTENDANCE

Although we encourage students to stay home if they are feeling sick and to complete a daily health check, we also want to let you know the importance of regular attendance. In short, the students who have the best chance to succeed in school are those who attend school on a consistent basis. We would like to support you in any way possible to help your child in coming to school.

COMPASSIONATE SCHOOLS

We want students and staff to feel included and safe in our building. This is accomplished through understanding others, being empathetic and respecting cultural differences. We realize that each person comes to the building with their strengths and challenges. It is our hope to help teach resilience to cope when times are stressful.

LITERACY

When our children are learning how to talk, we give them lots of modelling and encouragement. We need to do the same things when they are learning to read so that they will have positive feelings about books and reading. We teach that there are three ways to read a book: read the pictures, read the words or retell the book from memory. Thank you for your continued support at home when reading with your child.

INDIGINOUS DEPARTMENT

At CHE we have two First Nation Family Support Workers (FNSW): Deb Bullied and Krystal Conway. Their work involves: communication with parents and families, cultural education and supporting academics and learning by helping students learn about how to be successful in school. This month FNSW are teaching the seasonal rounds as September was Ha'lilaxsimaay or blueberry picking!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

We have a new counsellor at our school, Ms. Gillis. She will be offering counselling and implementing the MindUP program this school year. The MindUP program is an exciting, evidence-based social and emotional literacy curriculum which can help our students better engage in learning, limit their distractions, self-regulate their behavior and improve their focus and resiliency training.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We would like to thank Ms. Barton for starting the CHE volleyball team. Although we will not be playing against other schools, they practice and play games at lunch. There is a program called "Kidsport BC" which provides funding for your child to be in outside of school activities.

Look for magnificent creations with Ms. Barton's school wide project using cardboard to create.

The outdoor school is busy harvesting from their garden.