



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are now about halfway through the term and are looking forward to our May activities and the warmer weather. 🌸

Thank you to all the parents who attended the camp meeting. It was good to connect with you all, and have a chance to get the ball rolling for the after-grad plans as well! Please complete and send back the Camp Morice consent (blue form) and volunteer information (green form) as I need to get the paperwork done. 😊

If you are able to come up for the day, it would be great to have you help out with supervision and meals, and you would be most welcome to join in any camp activities. We are still looking for a lifeguard, so if you know anyone who would like to spend June 11 and 12 at camp, please let me know.

The Grade 7 students managed to sell 250 boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts, and the fundraiser was a huge success. I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for being so supportive of our efforts.

May is recycling month, so any bottles or cans you can donate will go to the Grade 7 camp/graduation costs. We will put a callout to the whole school to either drop off their recyclables here, or preferably directly to the Return-It depot. They have an Express booth where you can type in the school number (250-964-4362) and receive a sticker for your bag, before dropping it off.

I will be sending a letter home soon regarding a class hike to Shane Lake on May 27th. We will be walking the 7.8 km trail from I.C. but all students will need to be picked up from the *Forests For The World* parking lot at 2.15pm. This can be reached by turning onto Cranbrook Hill Road off Foothills Boulevard.

REMINDERS

- Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night. This is a habit that should be well-established by the time students enter Grade 8.

- Students are expected to complete 20 - 30 minutes of homework every night. This should consist of revision of classwork, (especially math and language arts) working on projects and finishing classwork.
- Please sign the homework planners every day. Students are encouraged to use their planners as organizational tools, noting any homework tasks, reminders and work due. They are also useful for communication between home and school. In Grade 8 their planners will be an indispensable organizational tool, as they learn to be in the right place at the right time. 😊

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math - Fractions, decimals and percentages, review of number facts, problem-solving, estimation, mental math.

Reading - “Red Wolf” by Jennifer Dance, is our novel study this term. All of the First People’s principles are embedded in the novel at various points. It showcases diversity within and across First Peoples’ societies. We will finish doing a close reading the novel in class.

Writing - Survival stories, creating a newspaper, editing and proofreading, spelling and grammar.

Art - Sketching, painting.

ADST - Genius Hour projects are an opportunity for students to investigate new interests, explore different ideas and develop

creative skills. For one hour a week, students will guide their own learning about a specific topic.

Science - Green Island project (Climate Change) - Small groups will work together, designing a plan for an island that is desirable to live upon with a small carbon footprint. [cross-curricular learning skills: calculations, business plan, maps, data, engineering.] They will be presenting their work to the class.

Social Studies - The Ancient World to the 7th Century - examining social, political, legal, government and economic systems and structures within a range of global Indigenous cultures.

Careers - Demonstrating leadership and safety skills through collaborative activities in the school and community including Camp Morice, a class hike to Shane Lake, and fund-raising activities.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

May 5 - Visit to CHSS

May 6 - Grade 7 Virtue Assembly at 11:15am

May 8 & 9 - Musical Theatre Production of “Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory”

May 11 - Mother’s Day

May 14 - Parent night at CHSS (6.30pm)

May 16 - Pro D - no students

May 19 - Victoria Day - no students

May 20-23 - Testing Week

May 22 - Speech Arts (in hall)

May 22 - Spirit Day

May 23 - School Mass at 0900 am

May 16 - Consent Forms due for Camp Morice

May 27 - Shane Lake hike

May 28 - Soccer tournament dinner for athletes at Sacred Heart

May 29 - Soccer tournament at Rotary Fields.

All the best,

Jean Garcia