
COOK

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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMIN

We are starting to plan for the next school year that starts in September 2017. By the middle of June we make our best guess about our enrolment numbers for September. The district uses these numbers to determine how many teachers we will need to start the year. In the early spring we sent home a form asking families if they plan to remain at Cook in the coming year. If your circumstances have changed since filling out the form, **please let us know as soon as possible.**

The number of students that return that first week in September is the number we use in organizing the classes. Parents are reminded that they **must** fill out a **Late Return Form along with a letter explaining the extended holiday** if their children will be returning to school later than **noon on Wednesday, September 6th, 2017.**

Students must return to the school by Friday, September 15th, 2017 to continue their enrolment at Cook School. If you plan to return later than September 15th, 2017 your children will be taken out of our enrolment and you will need to re-register at the School Board Office.

These forms may be obtained from the school office. **If parents do not complete one of these forms or write a letter to the principal we cannot guarantee that your children will be able to return to our school in September.**

Thanks so much for helping us by keeping us informed!

ZONE TRACK MEET A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to all our wonderful athletes who represented Cook School so well last week. Our students showed great sportsmanship and put their best effort into their events. We are extremely proud of all of them!

Thank you to Ms. Kay and Mr. Carrigan for organizing our Track season for us. Another big thank you goes to all the

staff members who helped coach students before school, at recess and at lunch. Their efforts really paid off!

FRIDAY FUN

Friday Fun, a program run by City Centre, will end on Friday, June 16th. Look for this program to start up again in the fall. It runs from 1:00 - 5:00 every Friday afternoon.

JUNE ACTIVITIES

June is always a very busy month. The weather usually cooperates enough to have some great outside activities. Please see the June Calendar that is enclosed with this newsletter for all the important dates!

A WONDERFUL MUSIC ASSEMBLY!

Earlier this month, Ms. Quan's music classes performed at our Music Assembly. The performances were wonderful. Ms. Quan brings out the talent in all of her students! Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. It means a great deal to the students when they perform in front of their parents.

REPORT CARDS GOING HOME

Report Cards will go home on Wednesday, June 28th. Any students not attending on that day will have their report cards placed in their office files for pick up in September. If you would prefer the report card mailed to you, please bring a stamped and self-addressed envelope to the office before you leave on your holiday.



SPORTS DAY – JUNE

9th

Each year the school puts on a fun 'Sports Day' with multiage teams and grade 7 leaders organizing each relay race. Our Sports Day will be Friday, June 9th. The Theme this year is

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"Cartoons".

Outline of events scheduled for Sports Day:

- 8:45** Students in class for attendance
- 8:55** Students proceed to their assigned meeting locations
- 9:15** Teams proceed to designated areas (blacktop outside the MultiPurpose room)
- 9:20** Teams participate in group warm-up
- 9:40** Teams proceed to first station on the field
- 9:45** Begin stations for Sports Day
- 10:45** Break for Pre-school Race
- 11:30** Stop for lunch; students proceed to classrooms to pick up lunches
- 12:15** Students re-assemble in their teams for:
 - Tug of War
 - Cleanup
 - Announcement of Scores
- 12:45** Students go to their classrooms to collect their ribbons and their belongings
- 1:00** Dismissal from classrooms

Students are reminded to wear sunscreen and hats to protect themselves from sun exposure during the day, and dress appropriately for the weather. There will be a concession table with snacks and drinks for sale for the parents and preschoolers in attendance.

In case of rain, Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 16th.

There will be a final Pizza day on Friday, June 9th, thanks to the hard work of our PAC. Pizza Day will take place on

Friday, June 9th even if Sports Day is postponed due to weather.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

June 16th is the registration deadline to be guaranteed a place at your neighbourhood school in September. All families registering after that will be on a waitlist and approved on a 'first come, first served' basis. If you have been putting off registering your kindergarten child for school, we encourage you to do this before June 16th at the Richmond School Board.



There will be entertainment for parents starting at 1:05pm.

We are asking parents to bring a main dish to share. Staff will be providing desserts for everyone. Please return your RSVPs and food donation forms to the office by Thursday, June 8th. We hope you can make it!

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

In late June the Cook staff will begin the task of organizing students into next year's classroom settings. They do this by gathering information relevant to placements that can be used when classes are set. The June process is very tentative because our class organization will not be approved by the school board until the end of the first week of September, at the earliest. Over the summer Cook School gets many new families registering and some families move away. We must wait until September to confirm any organization. The goal in student placement is for our staff to create a positive and balanced classroom – academically and socially. If you, as a parent, have information about your child related to his/her learning, we ask you to **write a note to your child's classroom teacher**. This information **can include the child's temperament, work habits at home, learning style and tolerance of structure**. The content of each letter is shared with all teachers and administrators involved in placing the students. Please note that **teachers cannot accept letters that contain requests for or against specific teachers**. If you plan on writing a note, please **give it to your child's teacher by Friday, June 9th**.

PAC NEWS

Our PAC has members that are coming back next year. Here are your new PAC executive members for next year:

PAC Chair: Laura Margolin
Treasurer: Shino Murikami
Hot Food: Miyako Ochiai
Fundraising Coordinator: Rosalia Perez
Secretary: still open

As you can see, we are still looking for a PAC secretary. The PAC secretary takes notes at the meetings and sends them electronically to the PAC Chair. If this is something you'd like to do, please contact Laura or let Ms. Loat know.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – THURSDAY, JUNE 15th

Invitations will go home this week for our Appreciation Luncheon for parents and staff. This event is jointly hosted by PAC and the staff to celebrate the hard work of both home and school on behalf of students at Cook. It's an opportunity to share a meal together and socialize.

B.C. Elementary Track and Field Championships:

Last weekend we had 5 students enter into this province-wide track and field competition. They performed well and we are proud of their accomplishments! Kaleigh Abeysekera – 15th Shot Put, 13th 100 m. Charlotte Nunes – 13th Shot Put. Daiji Ochiai – 22nd High Jump. Yazid Radwan- 12th Long Jump, Shila Rasoul- 8th Long Jump, 8th 100m, 14th High Jump, 5th 200m. Thank you to Ms. Kay for accompanying these students to this event.

ECO TEAM WORKING HARD

Our Eco Team, sponsored by Ms. Rollo and Ms. Verkade, have done a wonderful job helping us learn more about keeping our environment healthy and conserving energy. To celebrate, the Eco Team and their sponsors, are going to Terra Nova Park for an afternoon of fun. They paid for the trip by collecting and cashing in the drink containers from classrooms! Well done, Eco Team!.



Thank you