

October 18th, 2021

Newsletter # 3

We Are Nut Aware!

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EDGEWOOD NEWS

Early Dismissal Day - October 20, 21, 25th, 26th
Let's Talk About Learning!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 18th – 22nd
Digital Citizenship Week

Wednesday, Oct. 20th
Early Dismissal – 1:27
Photo Day

Thursday, Oct. 21st
Early Dismissal – 1:27

Friday, Oct. 22nd
Non-Instructional Day
No School For Students

Monday, Oct. 25th
Early Dismissal – 1:27
DEAR – 9am
Drop Everything and Read
Pumpkin Character
Decorating Contest Begins

Tuesday, Oct. 26th
Early Dismissal – 1:27

Friday, Oct. 29th
Costume Day
Halloween for Hunger
Musical Chairs

Friday, Nov. 5th
Monthly Assembly
9:00 am

Thursday, Nov. 11th
Remembrance Day

Friday, Nov. 26th
Non-Instructional Day

Monday, Nov. 29th
Primary CSL Writing Day
No School for Divisions
1,2,3,4,5

Every Friday!
Spirit Day
Wear Your Spirit Wear or
Black!
(our school colour)

Office Hours
8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Monday to Friday

Principal's Message

Hadih – Bonjour Parents!

Terry Fox would be very proud of our school community again this year. Our recent run landed on a beautiful afternoon that saw primary and intermediate classes hit the ground running and/or walking. We have easily surpassed our school goal of \$450 in just a few days. As promised, Ms. Bryce will make a personal donation of \$100 for reaching our goal. Donations are still welcome. Our current, unofficial total is \$539.90, without this donation. **Mussi Cho** - merci - thank you to everyone for supporting this very worthy cause. Also, a huge thank you to the parent helpers and grade 7 leadership students for being trail spotters. We also thank Trustee **Betty Bekkering** for joining us with her bell ☺

This week, teaching staff embark on the first informal communication of student learning with parents and students. Information letters and communication has gone home regarding this opportunity to "talk about learning." **Early Dismissal** days and times are noted. Busses are running at the normal time. Supervision will be provided for bus students. **It is very helpful**, if parents of students who get driven to school or walk are able to leave at the 1:27 time. Parents who utilize contract bussing (YMCA, Big Brothers), please make contact to see if they will be picking students up early. Thank- you in-advance.

This Wednesday is Photo Day. Individual photos will occur for sure. It is possible that class photos may be done at the same time. The latter is not confirmed.

This week is also **Digital Citizen Week**. This week, all classes will have focused activities during their library time that will focus on what being good Digital Citizens means and how students can develop a positive digital footprint.

Lastly, we would like to **welcome back** to our staff team, Educational Assistants, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Dean. **As well**, this week, we all got to meet **Effie-Lynn**, our new Therapy Dog.

Health and Safety Need to Knows:

What Are Your Children Wearing?

The temperatures are dropping, and it has already tried to snow in the neighborhood. This is mother nature's way of warning us to start preparing for the next seasonal change. With that, comes the need for students to come prepared to school with the appropriate outer wear, hats, mitts/gloves, warm coats, warm footwear. What we often find is students go from a warm house to a warm car to school. When they get here, they are cold when outside, where they spend a lot of time. With COVID the more we can be outside, the better. Students need to be comfortable. Please label all items. Labels are available through PAC's Mabel's Labels fundraiser.

Winter Weather Policy

Please refer to the District Policy. At temperatures of -20 or colder (including the wind shield factor) students will be invited inside before school or have "In Days" at recess and lunch if temperatures are at -20 or colder.

"In Days" at Edgewood

Should temperatures reach -20 or colder including wind chill, then we activate our "In Day" practices. In the morning, before school starts, students will be directed to the front, main door and will enter the gym to wait for the bell where it is warm. We ask, parents who drop off on these cold days, to please, if possible, drop off as close to the bell as possible. This helps to reduce congestion. As we are still in a Pandemic, we may move some students to their pod area in-order to help decongest the gym. At recess and lunch play, if it is still too cold to be outside, students will remain in their classes doing quieter activities, games, puzzles, books, drawing.



Edgewood Eagles

SOAR

**Safety, Ownership,
Achievement, Respect**

Theme of the Month

Respect

Safe Start

If your child is going to be **late or absent**, please call the school and leave a message, complete with your child's full name, grade, and teacher. Calls home are made for those students not in attendance to ensure their safety and whereabouts

Supervision

Morning supervision
8:15 – 8:30
After school supervision
2:12-2:27

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PAC News

Meet our new executive for this school year. We thank the following parents for taking on these important leadership roles for your child's school.

Chair: Danielle Bellamy
Co-Chair: Meghan McGibbon

Secretary: Marian Berg
Treasurer: ___Hoffman

Being a part of PAC is one important way to be involved in your child's school experience and help build community. There are many ways to be involved.

Please visit our school website for updated meeting minutes, financial reports and agendas.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th, 7pm via Zoom and Onsite

Everyone Welcome!

PAC Clothing Orders - Now Closed!

Save-On Foods Helps PAC

Don't forget that purchasing Save On gift cards (GCs) from any Save-On Foods brings money to our school. Consider using a GC to pay for your groceries, or if you are purchasing any for Christmas gifts, go to the Customer Service counter at any Save-On to purchase your GCs. Be sure to say you are with Edgewood and PAC receives a percentage of all sales of GCs.

PG Bottle and Return it Center (aka BBK Bottling)

.....has an Edgewood PAC account and student leadership account. You can donate any returned bottles and drink container refunds by simply telling them when you return your items that you wish for the refund to be given to our school. It is that easy!

October Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday in October the very best wishes.



*Oscar M., Nicholas M., Ozzy O.,
River B., Mason B., Skylar B.,
Waylon B., Alex Y., Kate R., Kylan D.,
Elliott B., Paisley L., Eddie R.,
Konnor F., Charlotte G., Saige T.,
Adam K., Sophie S., Finnley M., Emily
K., Mrs.Zogas*

Students were recognized at our recent assembly and received special birthday pencils.

District Policies to Know Take Two!

There are many important **School District policies** for parents to be aware of and review each school year. These policies can be found on the School District Website or right click on the links below and follow the prompts.

[Policy 5131 District Code of Student Conduct](#)

[Policy 6179 Acceptable Use of Networks](#)

[Policy 3541.35 Winter Weather](#)

[Policy 3542.3 Healthy Food Choices in Schools](#)

[Policy 5101 Financial Hardship](#)

These policies are just a few of the many important policies for our District. Please take the time to review those above as well as those on the District Website. It's good to be in the know.

Indigenous Education at Edgewood

Students will have the opportunity for learning and refining their Indigenous drumming and singing skills. They have already started with Mrs. Hedley during weekly Physical Education/Music classes. Coming soon, and new this year, the sport of Lahal.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program & BC Dairy Foundation

We have had two deliveries of fruit and milk so far this year. The latest delivery were pears. We thank PAC for continuing to support this program for our school

Open House 2021 on Hold

The yearly, traditional practice of our Open House Night, where students bring their parents and families to the school to meet staff, see their class and visit the school is once again on hold due to COVID.

As we continue to navigate this pandemic, we will keep you updated on any changes to this.

Early Dismissal November October 20th, 21st, 25th, 26th 1:27 pm

Let's Talk About Learning!

As has been communicated, we are at the time of year where it's time to more formally "talk about learning". This year, for a variety of reasons (equity, Pandemic), we are offering families and teachers a choice of how this communication can occur. This year we are offering phone conversations, Zoom meetings and onsite meeting options.

The learning foci at the start of every school year are the social competencies, building strong class and school communities, students understanding themselves as learners, reviewing basic skills as well as SEL (social/emotional learning). With our social connections still somewhat limited due to the Pandemic, this foundation building is so important.

During Early Dismissals, busses will run at their regular times, and there will be supervision for those students taking the bus. Parents who pick up are asked to do so at 1:27 on each of the 4 days if at all possible. Please let your child's teacher know if end of day routines will be different these four days (compared to regular dismissal days). This request is very important for safety reasons!

It is very beneficial for students to be a part of communicating about their learning. If at all possible, particularly with our older learners, having them be present for the call, perhaps via speaker phone, or Zoom will help the conversation be "with" them rather than "about" them.

Please ensure the school has your most updated contact information. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this first "informal" communication of student learning. Continued in the next section is an outline of what parents can expect for CSL for the year as required by the Ministry of Education.

Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

In order to stay progressive with educational best practice, the province and our District has moved away from reporting learning as an "event" to more timely and responsive communication about student learning. The requirements for this year are the same as in previous years, a **minimum of 5 methods to communicate student learning** to parents. **Three** of these must be **formal** and copies placed in the student's file. The remaining two may be informal. Formal methods have traditionally been communication in the written form. All students in the District will receive a year-end written Summative Report in June.

Informal methods of communication could include, but are not limited to, conferencing (parent, teacher, student), written interims, parent meetings, approved digital portfolio tools, email updates, telephone calls, and/or student work portfolios.

With the **Summative Report** in June, a self-assessment on all three Core Competencies (Thinking, Communicating and Personal and Social Responsibility) will be included.

As the expectations from the Ministry have changed, **reporting is not the same as when parents were in school**. The mindset has shifted and is aligning with the current research on student learning as it continues to evolve and expand our learning as educators. Regular communication regarding student learning will be provided through all communication mediums.

CSL Days (aka report card writing days) will continue. Creating meaningful communication of student learning can not be done on just one day. It never has. It is an ongoing process. CSL Days are used to focus on assessment of student learning, creating communication and communicating with parents. Information regarding communication of student learning can be found at the Ministry of Education's web site and on the District Website.

As always, at any time you have questions or concerns about your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher.

We know that students learn differently, thus communication of student learning may not look the same for everyone. Flexibility is important to best meet the needs of learners.

CSL at Edgewood 2021-22 - What You Can Expect

- **A minimum of 5 communications for math, English Language Arts (ELA), and the student as a learner**
- **A minimum of 2 communications for all other subjects (this includes the June Summative)**
- **A formal written CSL sent home before the last week Winter Break - (days may vary teacher to teacher - subjects included will also vary - math, ELA and the student as a learner will be included for sure)**
- **Parent/teacher/student phone check-ins - November 2,3,4,5 - NEW THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID**
- **A formal, written CSL sent home early April - (days may vary teacher to teacher- subjects included will also vary - math, ELA and student as a learner will be included for sure)**
- **A formal, written CSL sent home the last school day in June for all subjects and with student self-assessments on the Core competencies**

Timely, responsive communication of student learning does not happen on the same day for each class and for each student. Flexibility is important. Please know and be prepared for communication to also include unit summaries of learning, unit tests, learning portfolios, self-evaluations, and/or self-assessments. Many of these items may require a signature to ensure it was received. These are acceptable forms of communicating student learning. To make all CSL meaningful, sit down with your child and review the learning that has come home. Have them drive their learning by talking about what has come home and where they are with their learning. Learn about their strengths, where they need to stretch. Help them set goals. CSL is for students and parents, not just parents. Check your child's planner regularly. Contact your child's teacher if there are questions. Student success takes a team. Let's all be part of the team for your child.

October's Theme of the Month: Respect

According to Michele Borba, in her book, *Building Moral Intelligence: The Seven Essential Virtues that Teacher Kids to Do the Right Thing*, respect is "showing you value others by treating them in a courteous and considerate way". Here at Edgewood, we extend this to ourselves and the environment.

Respect is also one of the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings. Here respect is symbolized by the buffalo. At your most recent assembly, students learned why this animal is so sacred. Ask them what they remember, or perhaps research together.

In her book, Borba talks about the "crisis of disrespect". She shares data to back up this idea. She also outlines 6 factors her research explains as responsible for this crisis.

1. **The Impact of Treating Children Disrespectfully** (both knowingly and unknowingly)

Did you know? Research shows the average adult can make an average of 18 disrespectful comments to a child for every respectful one.

2. **The Decline of Civility**

Did you know? In recent years, the "rages" have increased - road rage, air rage, shopping rage, etc)

3. **The Price of Fear and Suspicion**

Did you know? A top parental concern is for a child's safety resulting in children being taught to be suspicious of people. This overemphasis on suspicion of others is affecting a child's attainment of respect. It is hard to show respect for others if there is a pre-established distrust. (The author does not minimize the importance of child safety when it comes to befriending strangers.)

4. **The Decrease in Prominent Role Models**

Did you know? The expanse of media in the lives of today's children has resulted in many vivid and often unhealthy displays of respect for others, life, property, laws etc. Access to media today makes it almost impossible for there not be portrayals of negative interactions between others.

5. **The Increase in Obscene Language**

Did you know? The use of swearing, obscene and sexualized language and gestures is dramatically on the rise.

6. **Crudeness, Rudeness and Raunchiness Flaunted by the Media**

Did you know? No other generation of youth has faced the number of media influences as they do now. The use of disrespectful language in movies, TV, and other media has skyrocketed. Vulgarities in media are no longer restricted (not suitable for under 17, 13 etc).

Borba insists that we need to commit ourselves to nurturing this essential virtue of respect, model it, practice it and get it back where it belongs, in our children's everyday practice. Not doing so will greatly reduce their chances for living in a moral society. People who haven't achieved respect, don't treat themselves, others, the environment morally.

Not all is lost. **There 7 things Borba suggest we do.** 1) Treat your child as the most important person in the world 2) Give love with no strings attached 3) Listen attentively and respectfully to your child 4) Communicate respect with your whole body, not just with your words 5) Build positive self-concepts 6) Tell your child why you love and cherish them 7) Enjoy being with your child.

Grade 6/7 Student Leadership News

Halloween for Hunger Food Drive and Musical Chairs October 25th to 29th

Throughout the last week of the month, October 25-29th, students can bring in non-perishable food items and place these in the boxes by the front entrance. All donations will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul. To help encourage donation and also celebrate our collection, leadership will once again host rounds of Musical Chairs for interested students throughout the week. More information coming.

Halloween Costume Day October 29th

Students are welcome to dress in costumes on Friday, October 29th. Props for costumes are to be kept at home for safe keeping. Students are asked to remember when choosing their costumes that our school community has a wide age range of learners, and our youngest students can be scared easily. Keep the fright for Halloween night with regards to costumes.

Black Friday Spirit Days

Our "Black Fridays" are back. These are days we encourage students and staff to wear their spirit wear or the colour black, our school colour, to show our school spirit. Leadership students would like to recognize classes who have the most black worn with special surprises. Until the school t-shirt orders (from the recent order organized via PAC through Munch a Lunch - orders closed this past Friday) arrive, black shirts or hoodies are encouraged.

We thank our enthusiastic group of student leaders this year.

