



ÉCOLE PUNTLEDGE PARK ELEMENTARY
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Principal: Mr. Allan Douglas

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Andrea Rowland

October 8, 2004

Dear Parents;

It was very nice to meet so many of you at our Open House in September. Thank you for taking the time to visit the school and meet the teachers.

The magazine sales are coming along nicely. Thank you to Colleen Holden and Nicki Lampron for processing the orders, organizing prizes and keeping the campaign flowing along. The absolute **last day** is **Tuesday, October 12th** (the subscriptions will go in, student prizes will be ordered and the campaign will be wrapped up). Any orders after this date will have to be returned.

Our new PAC chair is Tome Nakashima. Thank you, Tome for volunteering to take on this very important position. Our School Planning Council members are Tome Nakashima, Mark Steven, Lisa Taylor, Tracey Croonen, Andrea Rowland and myself. We have been meeting and reviewing the growth plan for the year. Our goals are to continue working on:

- a) reading comprehension and writing strategies
- b) to continue working on numeracy and problem solving skills
- c) to continue working on the emotional, physical and cognitive well being of all of our students.

We will continue to have an art focus and daily P.E. program in addition to our academic goals.

Yours truly,

Allan Douglas

TOUR DE ROCK ~ Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the Tour de Rock - Cops for Cancer. École Puntledge Park Elementary students raised \$2,700!!!

WHEREABOUTS PROGRAM~ Please remember that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, you can call the **NEW WHEREABOUTS LINE at 334-4495 Ext.**



#2. The old whereabouts phone number is no longer in service. This new line is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Please leave a message so we know why your child is not at school. The Whereabouts Program is our way of tracking students who do not show up at school and we do not want to see anyone go missing. Thank you.

TERRY FOX RUN ~ The annual Terry Fox Run will be on Friday, October 8th at 11:30 a.m. Donations are to the Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research and can be dropped off to your classroom teacher between now and October 8th.



Thank you for your continued help and support.

IMMUNIZATION REMINDERS ~

Free flu shots will be given to children who are identified by their doctors as "high risk" for flu. Please call the Health Unit at 338-1711 for an appointment at a Children & Family Flu Clinic. Your child may also be eligible for a Pneumococcal Vaccine. Ask the Health Unit about this. **Kindergarten/Grade 1 booster**-this is the 5th dose of the childhood series due between 4-6 years of age. **Grade 6** – Hepatitis B & Meningococcal C Vaccines in school December 3rd. Anyone wishing to help out please contact the office.



GRADE 4, 5 & 6 STUDENTS ~ We would like to remind parents of grades 4, 5 & 6 boys and girls that the Boys & Girls Club has a Homework Club on Thursdays, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in our library. Students can pick up registration forms in the office for the Boys & Girls Club in the office. The fee for the Boys & Girls club is \$5.00, but the Homework Club Program is free.

Also, for Grade 5 & 6 boys and girls, the CRA After School Program is on Wednesdays at our school and is free. This includes karaoke, arts & crafts, active games, and video and board games. Sign up at the office.

GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD ~

International Walk to School Day is on October 6th. This is our fifth year participating. This is our second year putting out a district challenge to all other elementary schools. We are determined to win it back from Huband Elementary School this year. We will also continue on with the classroom awards for the highest percentage of students and staff walking or riding to school.



This initiative provides communities with an opportunity to celebrate walking and other active ways to get to school. This event raises international awareness about child pedestrian issues and reminds us about health and environmental issues. Last year, one third of schools in B.C. and schools in 27 different countries participated.

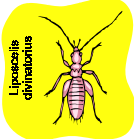
For more information, or to get involved, call Dominique at 334-4495, or check out the website: www.waytogo.icbc.bc.ca Get into the spirit and take the challenge.

BOOK FAIR ~ We will be having our English Book Fair on November 16, 17 & 18, and our French Book Fair on December 6-10th. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please come into the library and see Mrs. Potts.



Would you please have a look under beds and in other hiding places for any books taken out and overdue from our library from last year.

HEAD LICE ~ We've had our school-wide lice check and are happy to report that we are now nit free!! Please remember to do your best to check your child's head periodically and to report any occurrences of lice to the school. For more information on treatment—call the Courtenay Health Unit 334-1140.



BEAR SIGHTING ~ Every year at this time, the bears are looking for food and will wander into the playground area and the surrounding neighbourhoods. Please remind your children that if they come upon a bear to:

- make yourself appear larger by putting your arms in the air
- do not make eye contact with the bear
- back away slowly
- always walk in groups
- make noise as you walk, so you don't surprise a bear



Please encourage your children to walk to and from school in a group and to make lots of noise.

TRANSIT BUSES FOR FRENCH IMMERSION STUDENTS ~

Following the survey for information and interest that was done last June by School district #71 and concerned parents, an agreement has been reached with School District #93 (the Francophone School District) to allow any excess seats available on the Francophone bus system (currently operated by Garden City), to be made available to French Immersion students. Those seats were made available at a meeting on September 29th to attending parents for \$30 per month for the first child in a family and \$15 per month for every other child in the same family. The service started on Monday October 4th for participating families.



We hope that there is enough interest to expand this service next year. This could **only be done** if there was enough serious interest expressed by parents to go forward with a proposal to add a 5th bus to Garden City's current 4 bus system. The addition of a 5th bus would allow a greater range of service, shorter ride times and availability to more students.

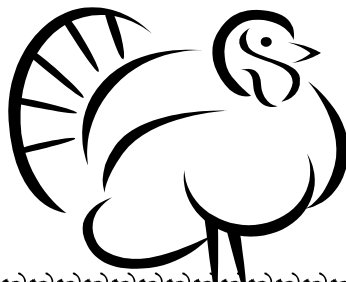
If you would like to know more or add your name to the list contact Jan Katerberg at 338-9190 or email jkaterberg@shaw.ca

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL ~

The Aboriginal Educational Council is the voice for Aboriginal students and families in School district #71. The Council works in partnership with School District Administration to ensure the provision of ongoing, comprehensive education support services relevant to the needs of Aboriginal students, as well as to ensure sensitivity and respect to Aboriginal issues. The AEC meets monthly to work in partnership with SD#71 Aboriginal Services regarding services for Aboriginal education.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at the School Board Office from 9am-12pm, and parents are welcome to attend. The annual general meeting for the AEC will be held on April 27, 2005. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting where elections for parent representatives of the council are held.

Contact Helene McGall, District Vice-Principal, for general enquiries about Aboriginal Services at 334-5500.



SUMMARY OF PAC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

**Next PAC meeting of the new school year is October 18, 2004 @ 7:00 p.m. in the school library.
All parents are welcome to attend.**

Treasurer’s Report – Jan Katerberg

There was a summary of the allocation of funds for gaming and non-gaming. The PAC budget is in good standing to start a new school year.

Fundraising – Colleen Holden

The magazine sales are on right now and always prove to be a good fundraiser. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact the office.

DPAC – Ron Amos

BCCPAC is presenting a School Planning Council Level 2 workshop at 6:30 pm, September 23rd at Mark Isfeld Secondary. Next DPAC meeting is September 27th at Vanier Secondary. Meetings are generally held on the last Monday of each month, everyone is welcome to attend.

School Planning Council – Mark Steven

The first meeting of the year is on September 30, 7-30-8:15 pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Teacher’s Report – Debbie Nelson

There seems to be more interest expressed by parents in the “Writing for Excellence” workshops that were put on by Devon DePutter. Debbie will see if she can come again this year for Part 3.

Principal’s Report – Allan Douglas

- There are 268 English language and 175 French language students enrolled to date
- 18 students raised \$1,800. for our school by having their heads shaved
- Terry Fox run is set for October 8th at 11:30
- 21 Lake Trail grade 9 students will begin an ‘Elementary Focus’ every second day for one hour
- Citizenship court will be held on Nov. 4th with the whole school involved

Vice-Principal’s Report – Andrea Rowland

- There will be a homework club at the school sponsored by Boys & Girls Club for grades 4-6
- Floor hockey will also start up Oct. 6 – Dec 1. Flyers are available in the office if you are interested
- Gordon Neufeld’s seminar “The Teachability Factor” is being presented this Fall and 20 teachers are attending

COMMITTEES:

Whereabouts – There are currently enough volunteers. There is a new phone system in place, which seems to be working well.

Nutrition/Lunches – There is approximately 20-30 lunches made each day and 10 breakfasts. If you would like to volunteer some time during the lunch please phone the office.

Lice – Lice checks were held on Friday the 17th. A new zapping comb is being ordered and will help assist with chronic cases of lice.

Bingo – Will need volunteers for the booth at the Bingo Palace.

Earthquake – The earthquake kits will be inventoried and replaced with new items when needed.

New Business – Tome Nakashima was voted in by acclamation as the new chairperson. Jan Katerberg gave us an update on the French Immersion transportation issue. An info meeting will be held in the future. If you wish to volunteer for or need to contact any of the programs undertaken by the PAC, please call one of the people listed here or drop your name off at the office.

PAC Chair	Tome Nakashima	897-3137
Treasurer	Jan Katerberg	338-9190
Secretary	Lisa Taylor	338-4275
Breakfast/Lunches	Anne Koke	336-8773
Nutrition	Eva Saxton	334-8445
Fun Fair	Joanne Steven 703-2070/Julie Kochanuk	336-2322
Whereabouts	Anna Leevers	338-9486
Lice Checks	Gaylene Rehwald	338-2973
Newsletter	Linda Graceffo	338-9172
DPAC	Ron Amos	338-7923
Magazine Sales	Colleen Holden	334-3676
School Planning	Mark Steven	703-2070
Council	Tome Nakashima 897-3137 /Lisa/Dave Taylor	338-4275



***** Please note there is a drop off box in the office for PAC*****

HOT LUNCH

OCT. 8 – Subway -
Tuna, veggie, pizza or ham sandwich - \$3.00
Butterscotch, vanilla or chocolate Pudding - .50¢
Juice - .50¢

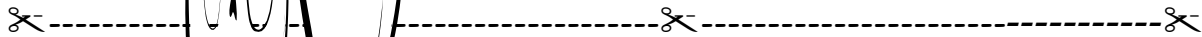
OCT. 21 – White Spot -
4 chicken fingers - \$3.00
Cumberland doughnuts - .50¢
Apple - .50¢
Juice - .50¢

NOV. 12 – Dairy Queen –
Plain or cheese burger - \$2.00
Bacon burger - \$2.50
Banana - .50¢
Jelly cup - .50¢
Juice 50¢



OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6 ~ International Walk to School Day	7	8 ~Hot Lunch – Subway	9
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17	18 ~ PAC Meeting 7-9 p.m. in Library	19	20	21 ~ Hot Lunch White Spot chicken fingers	22 ~ Provincial Professional Development Day – NO CLASSES	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 ~ Turn clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed 
31 ~Halloween ~Daylight Savings Time ends	1 November 	2	3	4	5	6



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DRAW ~ Congratulations to Kaleigh Cam of division 18 for being our monthly newsletter draw winner for September. Kaleigh wins a \$5.00 gift certificate, compliments of...

The monthly newsletter is our way of communicating with the parents and guardians of our students. It will now go home with the youngest member in the family or you can get it on-line by going to our website: <http://sd71.bc.ca/sd71/school/puntledge/school/news/news.htm>

To enter the draw for October, please complete the tear off and return it to the school.

Student's Name _____ Division _____

Parent's Signature _____

Don't forget our literacy goal:

Some Hints for How to Read to your child:

- Encourage variety: fiction and non fiction, funny and scary, classical and "pop"
- Check your mindset: sharing books should be fun and relaxing for all
- Encourage your child to expand his/her choices

Re-read favourites

Read books that are below and above your child's independent reading level

