



October 22, 2018

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Principal: Mr. Steve Laird

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Debbie Stapleton

Dates to Remember:

Monday, October 22nd – Kindergarten classes to Willow View Farms

Tuesday, October 23rd – Div. 1, Div. 2 and Div. 3 to MAAN Farms

Wednesday, October 24th – Practice - Shelter in Place Drill

Thursday, October 25th – Pedestrian Safety Assembly @ 9:00AM

Friday, October 26th – Theme Day – Mustache Day & Arcade Challenge @ 1:00PM

Wednesday, October 31st – Theme Day - Dress Up Day; Halloween Parade @ 8:45AM

Friday, November 2nd – Practice – Lock Down Drill; PAC Movie Night @ 6:00PM

Friday, November 9th – Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00AM

Monday, November 12th – Remembrance Day Holiday

Wednesday, November 14th – Picture Retakes

Friday, November 16th – Theme Day – Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday-Thursday, November 20-22 – Book Fair in Library

Thursday, November 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Friday, November 23rd – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)

Monday, December 3rd – Gr. 1-5 - Ice Skating at MSA Arena

Family Movie Night

Friday, November 2nd

Come watch **Teen Titans – Go to the Movies**

Doors open at 6pm

Movie starts at 6:30pm

Admission: \$2.00/person or \$5.00/family

Pizza, popcorn, juice and water are sold at a low price.



Emergency Drills - Shelter in Place and Lockdown

Students and staff participated in BC Great Shakeout Drill last week and did a great job! This week and next, we will practice the two remaining emergency drills - Shelter in Place, and Lockdown. The purpose of practicing these drills is so we will be better prepared, should a real emergency occur.

Halloween Reminders – No Blood, Gore, Masks or Weapons

Halloween is on a school day which means we'll be inviting students to wear their costume to school. If your child's costume includes a mask and/or a weapon, and blood or gore, we ask that they do not bring them to school. Students will be involved in a Halloween parade at 8:45am.

Safety Over Convenience

We need your help in keeping our students, your child/ren safe. These are ways that you can help us:

1) Entering/Exiting the School

We ask that ALL parents enter and exit the school via the front doors and sign in. Please drop off your child in line and then walk around the school to enter via the front doors. Again – Safety over Convenience.

2) Parking

Parking in our fire lane: is NOT an option. The fire lane is on the East side of the school near the small gym.

Staff Parking Lot: NO Parking at any time – no excuses. We have more staff members than we do parking spots, which means some staff have to double park in designated areas.

Bus Lane: We do have 3 buses that pick up and drop off students on a daily basis. Please do not park in the bus zone.

Drive Through Lane: Please do NOT stop or park in the middle of the lane or on the left side of the lane. Let's be respectful to the people behind you.

Handicap Parking: In order to park in these spaces, the vehicles should have a visible handicap decal.

Parking in our Additional Parent Parking Lot: Please do not park along the fence. It makes it difficult for cars to back up from their stalls.

Brundige Avenue: Additional parking has been created by the City of Abbotsford with a new sidewalk. Please park as per the city signs. Please do not block any driveways.

Stevenson Street: The school district widened the cul-de-sac in order to fit more cars. Please do not block any driveways.

Neighbouring Streets: Please note that we have been given permission from the city of Abbotsford to park on the neighbouring streets where city signs are posted "Residents only". The permission is during PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF TIMES ONLY.

Attendance Reminders

As we get in to the school year I can't help but notice how much time Mrs. Kenyon spends each day welcoming late students and keeping track of attendance issues. We all lead busy, over-scheduled lives but it is important to model good behaviour for our children and set them up for success while they are young. Research shows the importance of good attendance both socially and academically. Please remember that all students are expected to be in attendance during school hours and dropped off / picked up at the appropriate times.

- Drop off time is between 8:15 am and 8:30 am.
- Students are expected to be in their seats working at the 8:35 bell
- Pick up time is between 2:30 and 2:40

Please adjust your schedule or make arrangements with a neighbour or friend to provide before or after school daycare. There is no supervision outside of these times.

- Phoning the office to say that you are coming to pick up your child early interrupts the classroom learning for both your child and the other children. If early pick-ups cannot be avoided, they should be arranged in advance where possible with the teacher (via your child's planner).