



October 16, 2018

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Principal: Mr. Steve Laird

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Debbie Stapleton

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, October 16th – Individual and Class Photo Day; Interim report goes home
Wednesday & Thursday, October 17th & 18th – 1 hour early dismissal (1:28 dismissal)
Thursday, October 18th – BC Great ShakeOut Day (Provincial Earthquake Day)
Friday, October 19th – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
Friday, October 26th – Theme Day – Mustache Day
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

Interim Report – Going out, Tuesday, October 16th

On Tuesday, October 16, you'll be receiving an interim report on your child's progress. You will notice that the interim is aligned with the new curriculum that went into effect September 2016. Learning Standards (or objectives) are made up of Content and Curricular Competencies. The foundational skills of reading, writing and numeracy are still important and are reflected in the content. The addition of curricular competencies formalizes the teaching practices that good teachers have always done. Students are expected to demonstrate the skills, strategies and processes of the Communication, Creative Thinking, Critical Thinking and Personal and Social competencies. Our interim reports are formatted using "I can" statements that are linked to content and competencies and provide a snapshot of their progress.

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).

Keep in Touch:

To keep in touch with all the things that are going on you can:

- check our school website and calendar
- download the Abbotsford Schools app
- follow @Godson Elementary Facebook

Toys... stuffies, electronic devices and personal items:

We ask that students leave toys and personal items at home. Toys are a distraction in class and then create issues outside if lost or broken. No toys at school unless the purpose is for Show & Tell. Thanks for helping us and for monitoring what your child brings to school.

BC Great Shake Out Drill – Thursday, Oct. 18

Students and staff will be taking part with the provincial earthquake drill Thursday, October 18th.

Students will practice Drop, Cover & Hold



Animals on School Grounds

A reminder that animals are not allowed on school district property. Please do not bring your dogs to school when picking up or dropping off your child.

<http://www.sd34.bc.ca/sites/default/files/AP 514 Animals on School District Property.pdf>

National Anthem

Schools are required to teach students the words to 'O Canada' and the respectful behaviour to be observed during its singing. We ask all parents/adults who are in the school during O Canada, to model the respectful behavior we are teaching the students.



Weather

It looks like the rains might be here for a while. We've had a nice autumn but now it looks like it's time to get ready for the cooler, wetter weather. At school, this means raincoats, boots, hats and gloves, as needed, even umbrellas. All too often many children show up at school unprepared to be outside. As parents that is your responsibility. Please make sure you send them out the door prepared for the weather.



Lunches

We ask that students bring a nutritious lunch in the morning. Parents bringing lunches at noon is often disruptive and often, the students do not receive their lunches until after the lunch period. We also ask that the students' lunches and snacks are nutritious – what we call “Brain” food (no pop, no chips).