

Mission Statement: The Columbia Park Elementary community supports the development of our students as life-long, independent learners and responsible citizens, who value diversity and defend human rights in all environments

Columbia Park Elementary Newsletter

R.A.I.S.E. "Respect all individuals, self and the environment"



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Principal's Message:

Hello and happy winter everyone. With the snow flying and the puddles turning to icy patches, please do your best to ensure your children are coming to school in warm jackets, mits and gloves, and snow pants (when appropriate). CPE continues to be a busy, busy place with lots of events to look forward to. Please have a look at the following newsletter to stay up-to-date on all the important dates coming up. Don't forget to have a look at our webpage where you'll see an updated Google Calendar, and if you're looking for daily updates on what's going on here at CPE, sign up for Twitter and follow @ColumbiaParkSch or just check out the Twitter feed on the webpage.

Andy Pfeiffer
Principal, CPE



The CPE Parent Advisory Council (PAC) has been very busy! Here's an update:

- The **family photo fundraiser** was once again a big success, with almost every available spot filled up! Thank you to the PAC organizers and volunteers, and to Sarah Mickel, the local photographer.
- The PAC continues to organize monthly **Muffin Mondays** for students. One parent from each classroom signs up bi-monthly to bake healthy muffins for the class (one for each student). Any extra muffins are frozen and given to students if they forget their snack or lunch.
- **Purdy's Christmas chocolates** are available for gift giving again this year! This is also a great fundraiser for the PAC. Orders are **Due Nov. 20th**
- The annual **Christmas Craft Fair** is coming up **December 14th**. This is an opportunity for STUDENTS to purchase Christmas craft items for their loved ones. How it works is each CPE family is asked to make (or buy) 5 items to be sold at the Fair. The items are displayed in the Gym, and two classes at a time come down to spend their pocket money on gifts. Each time new classes come down, the items on sale are refreshed (that's why we ask for 5 items), so it's always a full selection of items.
- The **next hot lunch** is just on the horizon: **Nov. 24th Pizza Day**

The CPE PAC also donates 100% of their money back into the school so thanks to all the families who support fundraising efforts. ...And did you know that every parent or guardian of a CPE student is automatically a member of the PAC? You don't have to be on the executive to be involved. The **next PAC meeting is Nov. 14th at 6:30 pm**. Meetings are an hour, and babysitting is provided. Join the CPE PAC Facebook Page to get even more information. Hope to see you on the 14th!

Next PAC Meeting: November 14th at 6:30pm in the Library

Breakfast Club

The CPE PAC is also continues our breakfast program here at Columbia Park Elementary School. On **Tuesdays and Thursdays** the side doors to the gym are opened to students and parents at around 8AM. Students can take their shoes off, enter the gym, and enjoy a free breakfast. Thanks to Southside Foods for continuing to generously donate to make this happen.



Book Fair

The annual Book Fair is this **November 16 and 17th**. The Fair is a great opportunity to get a jump start on Christmas shopping. Also, Book Fair is a great way to get more books into our library: the library gets 50% of the total value of the Book Fair back in product (books!). Students will have a chance to visit the Book Fair during the day, and families can come in with or without children to check it out. There will be classroom wish lists posted as well. So if you would like to help build your child's classroom library, requested books can be purchased and a "donated by" sticker gets filled out with the donor name. We look forward to seeing you there!



One to One Reading

We welcome the generosity and expertise of seven community volunteers for the One to One Reading program at our school this Fall. Eileen Harris, Koreen Morrone, Laura Beraducci, Christy McKay, Candice Mangione, and Pat Beaulieu have all volunteered an hour a week or so to spend reading and playing literacy games with some of our students. All of the volunteers have completed the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) training for the One to One Reading program, as well as criminal record checks. CBAL is always looking for volunteers for this program, so if this is of interest to you, contact the school office or CBAL directly. Brochures with more information are posted in the school foyer.



Christmas Concert – Admission by Food Donation

Students and staff are preparing excitedly for this year's production. We are all very grateful to Mr. Redding and Ms. Strange who are coordinating most classes. Remember that this year's concert is **Tuesday, December 19th**. We will have a

dress rehearsal at 1:15pm on that afternoon for those unable to attend the evening performance. The evening performance will **start at 6:30 (doors open at 6 – no early birds please!)**. The concert will be about one hour long. Admission by silver collection or food donation for the Food Bank will be gratefully accepted at the door. We hope to see you there!

Grade-Specific Sports Programs

School District #19 offers a great series of sports activities for children. Beginning in January, the Grade 3s and 6s will begin their downhill skiing unit at Revelstoke Mountain Resort. In January or February, Grade 4s will be going cross-country skiing at Mt. McPherson. More information will be coming home soon to these students. Grade 1s will skate likely in the latter part of February, and Grade 2s and 5s will swim in the Spring. Grade 7s will be going to the curling rink, and the Kindergartens go to the Gymnastics arena. We are pleased to offer all students these opportunities to participate in a variety of sports with skilled community coaches!



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| Picture Retake Day | November 16 th |
| Pizza Day orders due | November 16 th |
| Book Fair | November 16 th and 17 th |
| Purdy's orders due | November 20 th |
| Xmas Craft fair | December 14 th |
| Xmas Concert | December 19 th |
| Last day of school breakfast | December 21 st |
| Christmas Holidays | December 23 rd to January 7 th |
| First day of breakfast club | January 9 th |

Bussing

Parents, thank you very much for looking at the attached district guidelines for riding the bus. In addition, please ensure that you contact the school if there are any changes to your child's bussing. For example, if you wish your child to get off at a different stop than normal, that information is something that we need to know well ahead of time. Thanks!



Basketball

Basketball season is just getting underway at CPE. Thank you very much to volunteer coaches Mrs. Pérusse and Mr. Kieller. Thank you also to parent and community volunteers such as RSS student Owden Taranko who is helping with coaching and running practices. The final, **district basketball tournament** will be **Thursday, December 7th** at RSS.

Revelstoke Board of Education Riding the School Bus



School District 19
(Revelstoke)

Respect is the foundation upon which our schools in Revelstoke have built their codes of conduct. These codes of conduct outline both how students are expected to demonstrate respect and the manner in which unacceptable behaviours are handled. The school bus is an extension of school. Expectations for students are therefore aligned with the School Code of Conduct. The principal will inform parents if behavioural expectations have not been met on the bus.

Principals have prime responsibility for addressing the conduct of students being transported to/from school on school buses. Teachers and coaches have the responsibility of direct supervision during co/extra-curricular trips. In compliance with school district policy, bus drivers have paramount authority in matters dealing with the safe operation of the bus.

Students may bring items onto the bus that fit on their lap, such as small instruments or backpacks. These items must not interfere with adjacent riders, must not project into the aisle or exit ways, and must have edges covered.

Students

- Be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time and stand well off the road
- Watch for the driver to signal to you when it is safe for you to cross the road and look both ways before crossing the road
- Return home if the bus is unusually late picking you up in the morning
- Stay seated until the bus comes to a complete stop & the doors are opened
- Use appropriate language/volume
- Be courteous
- Remain seated & share seat if necessary
- Keep aisle clear
- Keep head and limbs within the bus



Parents

- Review road safety rules i.e. looking both ways before crossing the street
- Make alternative arrangements for sending large items, such as snowboards & skis, to school
- Ensure ice skate blades are covered with guards and/or in a suitable skate bag (ie. cloth or hard case)
- Provide your elementary child with a note if you wish them to get off at a different stop
- Notify the school secretary if your elementary child is not taking the bus home
- Report safety problems to the School Board Office

