

November 3, 2017

THE COYOTE CONNECTION

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, CHERYL SEBASTIAN

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It is hard to believe that we are already into November!

The past 2 months have been very busy with students and staff digging into 'learning' and growing together as a 'Sk'elep family'. We had a great turnout of parents and family for our Harvest Feast and Parent-Teacher Interviews. If you didn't get a chance to speak to your child's teacher please call and make an appointment to do so. Huge thanks to all of you for your support and encouraging your children to always do their best!

The next few weeks will be just as busy as we prepare for report cards, Remembrance Day, and Family Night. In addition to information being provided to you in this email, information will also be posted on the **PAC – Sk'elep School Parent Information** Facebook page and on the bulletin board outside the office just before you enter the double doors to the classrooms.

Winter has given us a 'push' by coming in with a blanket of fresh white snow, winds and cold weather. Please make sure that your children are dressed warmly with coats, boots, hats, scarves, snow pants, and mittens. Students will be expected to be outside during recess and lunch every day unless the weather is such that it is unsafe for them to be outdoors.

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to two of our staff members as they move on to other adventures. Mrs. K. Gairdner, Grade 3 and Mrs. L. Hammerton, Grade 2 will be leaving our family over the next few weeks. We wish them both well on their journeys and look forward to inviting new teachers into our Sk'elep family.

Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m. – parents are welcome to join us.



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The annual Sk'elep School Christmas Craft Fair has been a tremendous success over the past few years, and plans for this year are underway. The Sk'elep School Craft Fair and Loonie Auction will be held here in our gym on **Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

We have decided to have our students more involved with this fundraising event, so the PAC has asked that each class fill a theme basket/box with donations from Sk'elep staff and families from each class. Each student is asked to contribute one or more items to the theme basket. The baskets will each be used for the loonie auction. All money raised goes directly to Sk'elep School of Excellence. Please send in items for the baskets by Wednesday, November 22rd.

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Arlene Dixon

Kindergarten Theme- Baby Basket (baby toys, clothing, receiving blanket, books, teddy bear, diapers, etc)

Grade 1 Theme- Book Basket (books for all ages)

Grade 2 Theme- Movie Night Basket (movies, popcorn, snacks, etc.)

Grade 3 Theme- Ladies Spa Basket (make-up, nail polish, candles, bubble bath, bath oils, creams)

Grade 4 Theme- Arts & Craft Basket (any craft materials, markers, paper, stationary, glue, scissors, etc.)

Grade 5/6 Theme- Coffee & Tea Basket (tea, coffee, mugs, cookies, biscuits, etc.)

Grade 6 Theme- Kitchen/Baking Theme (kitchen utensils, cake pans, cake, muffins or cupcake mixes, icing, sprinkles, etc.)

Grade 7 Theme- Family Game Night Basket (any board games, card games, dice, etc.)

BOWLS NEEDED - Our cook, Alecia Michel, is collecting bowls to donate to the New Life Mission. They need bowls for soup over the next few months throughout the winter. If you have any unused bowls, please bring them in to Alecia and she will ensure that they get dropped off to them. Kukwtsetsemc.

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FLU SEASON FACTS – The flu is a viral infection, like a cold, but flu symptoms will come on suddenly and can lead to bacterial pneumonia, dehydration and worsening of chronic medical conditions. Learning the facts about flu can help you and your loved ones stay healthy all season long. The flu season runs from October to May.

SYMPTOMS:

- *Fever or chills*
- *Cough*
- *Sore throat*
- *Runny or stuffy nose*
- *Muscle, body or head aches*
- *Vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children)*

EXPOSURE – 2 DAYS – SYMPTOMS APPEAR

PERIOD OF CONTAGIOUSNESS – 1 day before and 5 – 7 days after symptoms appear

HIGH RISK:

- *People 65+ years*
- *People with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease)*
- *Pregnant women*
- *Young children*

The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccination. You can also help by staying away from people who are sick, covering your mouth when you cough and sneeze and by washing your hands frequently.

Elder's Corner

by Irvine Johnson

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My name is Irvine Johnson and I'm originally from Esk'et. I have decided that retirement is not for me yet so I am now helping children learn our Secwepemc language.

I am passionate about teaching the children to learn to read and write Secwepemctsin so that they will always be able to read it. Learning to read Secwepemctsin will ensure that the language will live on for future generations.

Hear with your ears and listen with your heart.

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Mark on Your Calendar **Upcoming Events for November**

November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:45 am
November 13	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 15	Family Night
November 24	Report Cards Home

Upcoming Events for December

December 4	Non Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL
December 19	Christmas Concert
December 22	Last Day of Classes Early Dismissal at 11:30 am
December 25 - January 5	Winter Break
January 8	School in Session

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