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Principal's Message

I'd like to extend a warm thank you to all the parents and caregivers that were able to participate in a Parent/Teacher Conference on Wednesday, October 20th! We had 83% of the parents booked for an interview which is a fantastic turnout! Thank you for booking an appointment and expressing an interest in your child's education! If, for some reason, you were unable to honour your appointment and you would still like to touch base with your child's teacher, please contact the school office at 250-698-7301 to make an appointment.

The hottest topic trending right now with students is *not* Parent/Teacher Conferences but Halloween. On this topic, your child has the option of wearing a Halloween costume to school on Friday, October 29th, but we do have a favour to ask of you: Please keep the props and accessories at home because it never fails that the super popular accessory gets broken before the end of the day despite our best efforts to protect it. Then it breaks our hearts to see the crocodile tears that inevitably follow such a tragedy. Because of the K-7 mask mandate for BC public schools, Halloween masks should stay at home and saved for the real deal: Sunday, October 31. Thank you so much for your understanding!

I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and happy final stretch of autumn.

Take care,

Respectfully,
Mrs. Kelemen, Principal



Mark your Calendar

October

- 27 Hot Lunch: Chili & carrots
- 29 Hallowe'en Games Day!

November

- 2 Photo Retakes and Class Photos
- 3 PAC Meeting 6 PM
- 5 Moustache Day!
- 7 Daylight Savings Ends—Clocks Fall back
- 10 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11 AM
- 10 Hot Lunch: Grilled Cheese, cookies
- 11 Remembrance Day—No School
- 23 & 24 Book Fair
- 24 Hot Lunch: Chicken Strips, Veggies
- 25 Report Cards go home
- 29 Purdy's Orders Due

December

- 2 Mom's Pantry Arrives

Hallowe'en Games Day!!!

The Grade 7s in Mrs. Benoit's class are hosting a Hallowe'en Games Day in the gym. Health protocols will be in place (as usual) and followed where only one class at a time is in the gym in a predetermined time-slot. Everyone will sanitize their hands before going in the gym and will be sanitizing as they leave.

Fun games will be available for each class and will include ring toss, bowling, eyeball and spoon race, musical chairs, and more!

Donations of candy from parents are gratefully requested.



Halloween

Costumes Welcomed!!!

Students can wear a costume to school on Friday, October 29th, but they should keep props and accessories at home.

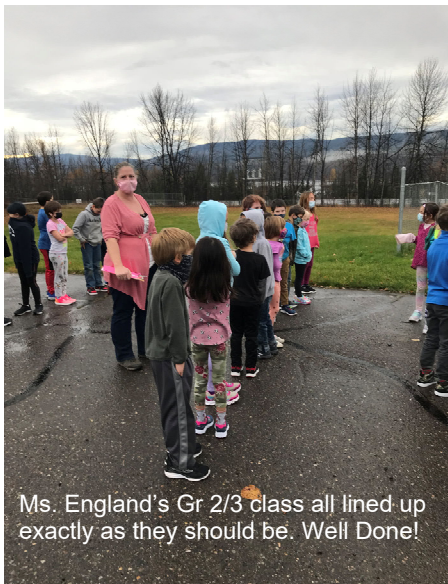
All shared treats need to be store bought!



Decker Lake's Doings...



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On October 21, the school practiced their **"Shake Out"** drill. Students first hid under their desks as soon as they heard Mrs. Kelemen announce "Earthquake!" Second, after the "earthquake" was finished, students waited one minute more to make sure the "shaking" had stopped. Last, everyone evacuated the building and went to the school's muster area. The entire exercise was completed in 11 minutes with the evacuation taking only four of those minutes. We are so proud of all our students!



ATTENDANCE...Does it **REALLY** matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

Board Biz

Vaccines for children ages 5 to 11

These vaccines are not yet available but parents can register children aged 5 to 11 for the COVID vaccination at

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/vaccine/register>.

Superintendent Manu Madhok presented his 'Superintendent's Report to the Board' at the October 18, 2021, Board Meeting.

Please go to the site below to view the report:

<https://www.sd91.bc.ca/apps/news/article/823085>

And the last word goes to:

Mrs. Benoit who has once again organized the highly anticipated, and delightfully enjoyed by our students, Halloween Games in the gym!