

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October, 2017

Dear Parents,

Autumn has officially arrived, and the new school year is off to a fabulous start! We have a busy month ahead filled with lots of exciting events. Attached is our school calendar for October.

The Grades Four to Seven classes participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up on Thursday, September 21st. We had a beautiful day for this event, and over a hundred students, parents, and teachers joined the many Canadians from coast to coast and cleaned up one of our local waterways at Brookwood Park in Langley. All participants should be very proud of their efforts, knowing that they made a difference to our shorelines and waterways. A special thank you to all the parents who drove and supervised for this field trip!

A tremendous thanks goes out to Kim and the Grade Three class for organizing the Terry Fox Day event and donations. They did a wonderful job presenting information about Terry Fox at the school assembly and the students enjoyed doing buddy laps together throughout the day. All donations brought in will go towards cancer research and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this very worthy cause!

Fire Prevention Week

From October 8th to 14th, fire departments across Canada and the United States are participating in Fire Prevention Week to raise public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it. One of the fathers who is a firefighter, Harp Samra, has graciously offered to do workshops for the Kindergarten to Grade Four students on Tuesday, October 10th. For further fire prevention information and activities visit the website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive

To enhance our community spirit, students and staff in Diamond/Relevant schools will be having a food drive and collecting items for the Surrey Food Bank throughout the week, until the morning of Friday, October 6th. The classes from Kindergarten to Grade Three, Grades Four to Six, and Grades Seven to Nine with the greatest number of donated items for the food bank will win a *No Dress Code Day*, and the winners will be announced on Friday. Please check the expiry dates and be sure the food is in the original packaging when sending in any donated items. ***Please send in your non-perishable food items by October 6th for this very worthy community cause.***

Scholastic Book Fair

There will be a Scholastic Book Fair at the school beginning Tuesday, October 17th and continuing through Monday, October 23rd. The book fair will run on these days from 3:05 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. Please help us to reach our goal of \$1600 in sales as this entitles the school to over \$900.00 to purchase library books and resource materials for the school. Scholastic has a wide range of books and other materials, so drop in and see what is available.

If you are available to help with the book fair on any of the days from 2:45 to 4:30 p.m., please phone or speak to Sue in the elementary school office.

Special Lunches

Special lunches in October are as follows:

Friday, October 13th – Subway Lunch

An order form for this lunch is attached to the newsletter.

Friday, October 27th – A & W Lunch (*Note: Grade 7 A & W Lunch will be on Fri., Oct. 20th*)

An order form will be sent home later in the month.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, October 9th, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Shake Out British Columbia Day

Thursday, October 19th at 10:19 a.m. has been reserved for the next *Shake Out B.C.* earthquake drill. This drill will further support public awareness and education of earthquake and emergency preparedness.

Student Photograph Retakes

Please note that Mountain West photograph retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th. If you require a photo retake please contact Sue at the elementary office. Class pictures will be taken in the spring.

Halloween Party

On Tuesday, October 31st, the students will be participating in Halloween activities in the afternoon. Students can either wear their costume to school on this day, or they can bring it with them and change before the party. A notice will be sent home later in the month with further details. ***Please note students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m. on this day!***

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS:

Bose Corn Maze Field Trip – Grades Three & Four

On Friday, October 6th, the Grades Three and Four classes will be going to the Bose Corn Maze in Surrey. The students will venture through a fifteen acre maze with twelve foot tall walls of corn. They will also enjoy a mini maze, hay jump, swings and a slide. A permission form has already been sent home.

Vancouver International Airport Explorer Tour Field Trip – Grade Five

The Grade Five class is participating in a Vancouver International Airport Explorer Tour on Wednesday, October 11th. The students will have the opportunity to learn about the operations of a major international airport and tour the terminals. Further details and a permission form have been sent home.

Coastal Climbing Centre Field Trip – Grades Six & Seven

To promote team building, the Grades Six and Seven classes will participate in rock climbing at the Coastal Climbing Centre on Tuesday, October 17th. Further details, along with a permission form, will be sent home later in the week.

Aldor Acres Pumpkin Patch – Kindergarten, Grades One & Two

The Kindergarten to Grade Two classes will be visiting Aldor Acres Pumpkin Patch in Langley on the morning of Friday, October 20th. The students will also learn about fall vegetables, visit the petting zoo, as well as go on a hay ride to the pumpkin patch where they will have the opportunity to choose a pumpkin to take home. Further details will go home next week.

School Clothing

Please take a few minutes to ***label all school clothing*** to help us return lost items to their owners. Since the weather is becoming colder, students are reminded to bring a school sweater for class, as well as adequate outer wear and coats for outside play.

Yearly Eye Examinations

As students grow, their eyesight changes; hence, it is important to take your child in for an eye examination every year. The cost of the visit to an optometrist for an eye examination for children under sixteen is covered by health care.

Some Reminders about Attendance...

* School begins at 8:55 a.m. for all students. For attendance purposes, please note that students arriving after the bell are marked late, and the late is recorded on the progress report attendance.

* Students who arrive late should check in at the office before going to class.

* Students leaving school before the end of the day should inform their homeroom teacher or someone at the office before leaving the school grounds.

* Please notify the office if your child is going to be absent from school.

* Please notify Sue of any phone number and/or address changes.

Parking Area Traffic

We are asking for everyone's assistance in adhering to the following safety rules:

**** PULL FORWARD COMPLETELY INTO THE DROP OFF ZONE! ONE CAR BLOCKING THE TRAFFIC FLOW CAN CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF TRAFFIC ON HIGHWAY #10.***

**** When there is heavy traffic in the parking lot, please do not stop in the drop off lane. PULL INTO AN EMPTY PARKING SPACE INSTEAD!***

**** Do not park in the drive through areas of the parking lot.***

**** Do not turn left onto Highway #10 when leaving the parking lot, as this is illegal.***

**** Turning left into the school's parking lot from Highway #10 is also illegal and a hazard for other vehicles. Take the time to circle the block and enter by turning right off Highway #10.***

It is our job to assist students to develop confidence, good work habits, and the self-esteem necessary to be able to constructively voice concerns and effectively solve problems. Please let us know if your son or daughter is having any difficulties at school, as it is very important to us that all our students are feeling comfortable socially and academically.

Diamond School Staff