

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November, 2017

Dear Parents,

The Halloween parties yesterday were 'spooktacular' fun with lots of exciting activities for everyone! There were many original and amazing costumes that helped create a truly wonderfully festive atmosphere!! The terrific assortment of foods sent in by the parents for the occasion was truly appreciated.

The Scholastic Book Fair at the start of October was also a huge success! We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to the parents who purchased books and/or volunteered to help run the event. We surpassed our goal and earned the school over \$1000 towards purchases of new books and resources for the classrooms. Thank you for your support!

Thanks also to everyone who brought in food items for the Thanksgiving Food Bank drive at the beginning of October. The Surrey Food Bank was delighted to receive all the generous donations from our school! Congratulations to the Kindergarten, Grade Six and Grade Seven classes for collecting the largest amount of food items and winning a *No-Dress Code Day*!

Attached is our calendar of events for November.

November Special Lunches

Special lunches in November include a Little Caesars lunch on Wednesday, November 15th, as well as Umami Sushi lunch on Thursday, November 30th. An order form for the Little Caesars lunch is attached to the newsletter; and a sushi lunch order form will be sent home later in the month.

Professional Day

There will be no classes for students on Friday, November 10th, as there is a professional day scheduled.

Remembrance Day – November 13th

The school will be closed on Monday, November 13th, for the Remembrance Day holiday. *Please note there are poppies available for purchase at the office prior to this date with all proceeds going to the Cloverdale Royal Canadian Legion.*

Make Your Own Super Hero Clothing Day – November 17th

The Kindergarten through Grade Six classes will be participating in a *Make Your Own Super Hero Day* on Friday, November 17th. Students can dress up in super hero clothing items and add super hero accessories to go along with this theme. They may choose not to dress up for Super Hero Day and can wear regular dress code instead.

CLASS SPECIAL EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS:

Grades Two & Three Indigenous Contemporary Art Workshops – November 1st

The Grades Two and Three students enjoyed Indigenous workshops called *Sharing Perspectives* conducted by the Surrey Art Gallery today, November 1st, to enhance the Aboriginal curriculum.

Grade Five Field Trip to Historic Stewart Farmhouse – November 3rd

The Grade Five class will be going to the Historic Stewart Farmhouse to participate in a workshop called *Immigrant Perspectives* on Friday, November 3rd. A permission form, along with further information has already been sent home.

Grade Six "Exit" Escape Room Field Trip – November 14th

The Grade Six class will be going to the "Exit" Escape Room in Langley on Tuesday, November 14th. They will be transported back in time and will have to use their logic and teamwork skills to try and escape from the four different themed rooms. A permission form will be sent home later this week.

Grade Four First Nations Field Trip at Langley Museum - November 20th

The Grade Four class will be enjoying a First Nations monotype printmaking workshop at Langley Museum on Monday, November 20th. A permission form, along with additional information, is included.

Grades Four to Six Social Media Awareness Presentation – November 21st

On Tuesday, November 21st, there will be a social media presentation at the school for the Grades Four to Six students. This workshop is conducted by Marco Diaz, a wonderful and humorous speaker who is a parent at the school. Further details will be sent home later in the month.

Grade One 'Heritage Christmas' Workshop – November 22nd

On Wednesday, November 22nd, the Grade One students will be visiting the Historic Stewart Farmhouse in Surrey to participate in a Heritage Christmas workshop. The workshop form is attached to the newsletter.

Grade Three Mini Ecosystems Workshop – November 24th

The Grade Three class will be participating in a mini ecosystems workshop at the Surrey Nature Centre on Friday, November 24th. A permission form will be sent home next week.

Kindergarten Field Trip to 4 Cats Art Studio – November 29th

To enhance their Art curriculum, the Kindergarten class will be going to the 4 Cats Art Studio to participate in an interactive clay workshop on Wednesday, November 29th. Further details, along with the permission form, will be sent home later in the month.

A Plea to Help Those in Need

There are a growing number of homeless people across the lower mainland trying to survive outside in our wet, cold winter weather. Across the lower mainland, homeless shelters and food banks are desperately seeking donations, and our elementary staff and students would like to help! Throughout November we will be collecting gently used or new clothing or other useful items to donate to Gateway/Front Room Shelter which provides services for the homeless in Surrey. Please use the following list as a guideline for items needed:

- warm winter adult clothing, including winter coats/jackets, sweaters, long-sleeved tops, undershirts, vests, gloves, rain ponchos, winter hats (toques), scarves, socks
- blankets
- work related clothing (i.e. work shirts, jeans, coveralls, heavy duty gloves)
- winter boots, work boots and running shoes
- personal care items and toiletries

If you have any donations to help with this very worthy cause, please put them in our collection bin in the school's upstairs entry hallway.

Cold Weather Reminders

With the weather turning colder, it is important for students to come to school with a coat, as well as a school sweater for wearing inside the classes. Gloves or mittens are also advisable to send along if the student plans to go outside at recess or lunch.

As cold and flu season is upon us, it would be greatly appreciated if parents would send a box of tissues (Kleenex) to your son/daughter's homeroom teacher to add to the classroom supply. Thank you to those parents who have already done so!

An Important Clothing Reminder

Please ensure that ***all school clothing is clearly labeled*** with the student's name, and that s/he has not accidentally come home with another student's school sweater or shirt. Thank you!

If at any time you have any questions, concerns, or ideas that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call the school.

Diamond School Staff