# CRESCENT PARK NEWS



# **Crescent Park Elementary School**

School District #59 (Peace River South)
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Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn and Safe



### **TERRY FOX RUN**

On Tuesday, October 1 we had our annual Terry Fox Run. We raised \$332.35. Thank you and well-done Crescent Park. =)



# Crescent Park PAC

Place · Community 9300 17th street, Dawson Creek, BC, Canada

#### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Attending a P.A.C. meeting enables you to:

- get involved with your School District,
- advise the principal on the school's education plan,
- recommend programs and events for the school,
- provide input into the school's budget.

Attend one meeting or many...have a say in your child's education and enhance your school community.

# The next PAC meeting will be Monday, November 5 at 5:30 in Room 9. Child minding is provided by grade 6/7 leadership students.

Upcoming meeting are also announced on the PAC Facebook page.

The new PAC executive is as follows:

President Kaitlin Sevier
Vice President Crista Waller
Treasurer Rana Neufeld
Secretary Amanda Neufeld
Social/Fundraising Ashley Jemieson
Hot Lunch Michelle Allen

Thank you to the previous PAC executive for all their hard work.

# **OCTOBER 31**

Students are invited to bring a costume to school and dress up at lunch for our Halloween parade after lunch. Reminder – toy weapons are not allowed. Please avoid costumes that would be too scary for younger children.

#### **NOVEMBER 1**

Pajama day, wear your pajamas to school.

#### PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retakes will be on Wednesday, October 30. If you would like retakes for your child, please email the office to be added to the list.

#### **ILL STUDENTS**

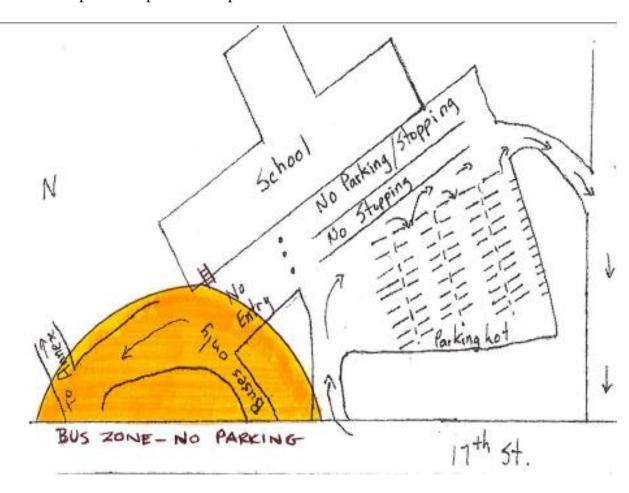
To help us all stay healthy, please do not send your children to school if they are sick.

#### **PARKING LOT**

Please Park on the west side of the barricades. There are signs to help with traffic flow. Please do no park in or drive through the bus zone.

**Sidewalk** – these spaces are for staff only – please don't park here as backing out is very unsafe for our students. Parents, please only park in the parking lot.

**Portables** – If your child attends class in a portable, you can use the northern loop by the annex to drop off and pick them up.



## CHILD ACCESS AND CUSTODY

#### Please read carefully.

Increasingly, when custody concerns arise, schools must make some decisions regarding parental access to the child(ren), and parental access to school information.

In all cases where there is a legal change in custody of minor children, or legal changes in parental access to minor children in a home, it is essential for the school principal to be informed of and receive any order supporting those changes. In the absence of such information, schools will continue to provide access and information, based on past practice with that family and any court order on file. Parents can expect that where the principal of the school is not certain of the custody status of a minor child, the parents will be contacted. The guidelines that the school will use in dealing with custody or access concerns are as follows:

1. When both the custodial and the non-custodial parents have access to the child(ren) it must be clearly defined in a joint-access or joint-custody court order provided to the school. The school will routinely provide information to

the custodial parent(s) described in the court order. Upon request the school may provide information to a non-custodial parent, providing such access is described in the court order.

2. When a parent does not have access to the child(ren), or there is a restraining order in place, the conditions must be clearly defined in a court order and provided to the school. Should the non-custodial parent in this case, attempt to have access to, or remove the child(ren) from the school, the custodial parent and the RCMP will be advised.

Again, in all cases where there are custody and access concerns, the school will need to be informed, and will require current copies of court order(s). Any changes in access or custody of the child(ren) will also need to be reported to the school. Basically, the position of the school will be that an existing court order will inform the actions of the school, until a newer court order is provided that extinguishes the conditions of the existing court order. Schools will not accept verbal information describing a change in access and will wait for the written court order to be provided, before releasing the child, or information on the child, to any parent that has not had access.

#### **INCLUSION CLUB**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Crescent Park Elementary School we take pride in having various students, teachers, and parents enter our school. We encourage everyone who enters our school to be caring, supportive and kind towards all people. This year, we are continuing with our Inclusion Club to embrace our differences and celebrate what makes us unique. The purpose of this club is to create a safe space for every student, regardless of how they identify. It's about finding new friends and developing leadership skills within our students. All students from grades four to seven are welcomed to join us and are encouraged to stop in. This group is designed to promote conversations about various grade-appropriate topics and provide our students with a safe and inclusive environment. This SD59 SOGI initiative is welcoming all students to be part of an inclusive school community that is focused on creating an environment in which all students, especially those who identify as LGBTQ2S+, feel safe. If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact the school, and we will be happy to help you: (250) 782-8412.

We will be meeting on Fridays at lunch in the library. (12:10 to 12:40)



# **BUS STUDENTS**

If students wish to ride the SD59 bus home with a regular bus rider, they must follow this process:

- Parent of the regular rider must contact the bus garage and provide permission
- Parent of the student catching a ride must contact the bus garage and provide permission

If this does not occur, the drivers have been directed not to let the non-bus students ride until we receive permission.

This applies to all grades and ages of students.

If your child is not riding the bus after school, please call the office, or the bus garage at 250-782-2106. It is **very** important we know if students are not riding to make sure everyone gets home safely.

Upon dismissal, bus students must quickly gather their belongings and go straight to the School Bus Loading Zone. The busses are on a tight schedule and cannot be kept waiting for students.

The bus garage has a recorded message to let parents know if the busses are running. Please call 250-782-1061 for the recorded message.

#### **HOME READING CLUB**

Did you know Crescent Park has a Home Reading Program to promote love of reading with our students? Goal: to encourage reading every night. Here's how it works:

Students who read at home for 20 minutes can earn prizes. (If your child reads more than 20 minutes a day that's awesome, but please only complete one line per day on the reading sheet.) Students take a reading sheet home and when it is complete, bring it back to school. Then they will get to choose a prize. Each level (ie. 25 books) has a prize (ie. a pencil, a certificate for pizza or ice cream, a book). When they bring back a reading sheet, they will get the next reading sheet to take home.

If a student reads one book every night, in the school year they will read 179 books this year! If they read every night, including weekends and holidays, they will read 365 books. Last year some students reached the 300 book level! Reading at home builds reading and comprehension skills as well as vocabulary and imagination. It is one important way that parents can help their students grow as learners.

When the first reading sheet comes home, you can start the reading sheets as of September 1. If you have any questions, please contact me or your child's teacher at school, 250-782-8412.

Thank you for your participation in building your child's reading and love of reading. Karen Fraser

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Monday, October 21 Subway Wednesday, October 23 Edo

Friday, October 25 NID – no school

Monday, October 28 KFC

Wednesday, October 30 Photo retakes – contact office

Wednesday, October 30 Boston Pizza

Thursday, October 31 Costumes after lunch

Friday, November 1 Pajama Day Tuesday, November 5 PAC meeting

Friday, November 8 Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 11 Remembrance Day – No School
Wednesday, November 20 Parent Teacher conferences/Book Fair

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