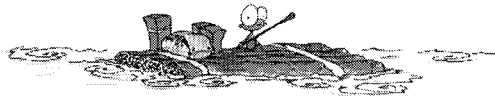


Raft River Elementary School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL

As we welcome October, we notice more orange, yellow, and red in the environment... and it's absolutely beautiful! There is also a change felt at school... going from the nervous and exciting start of a new school year to settling into focused and sustained learning. This year, teachers are collaborating together to plan lessons that are cross-curricular and multi-grade to engage students in inquiry-centered Project Based Learning. Raft has embraced the topic of "Salmon", ranging from primary students looking at the salmon's biome to intermediate students exploring the notions of sustainability, by-products, and up-cycling. Very interesting, indeed! Stay tuned for updates on your children's inquiry.

FAST EDDY!

On Wednesday, Sept 28th, Fast Eddy stopped at Raft on his run back to the west coast. As you know, Fast Eddy is almost finished running twice across Canada to raise funds for Alzheimer and Breast Cancer. Some students from both our school and the high school joined Fast Eddy to run approximately 5 km into Clearwater. During the assembly at Raft, he shared stories from his run and answered great questions from our students. Then, we went for a run around the school grounds with him before he left. Being a Clearwater native, Fast Eddy was truly happy to spend time with the children.

PHOTO DAY

A reminder that Thursday, October 6th is Photo Day. Retakes will be on Thursday, November 3rd.

NEWSLETTERS

For the first two newsletters of the school year, we have made available paper copies. However, to be environmentally responsible, future newsletters -- typically, once a month -- will be available digitally online:

(1) by email -- even if you have been receiving the newsletters by email in the past, please email Mrs. Noble to restart email subscription.
cnoble@sd73.bc.ca

(2) on the school website.
<http://raft-river.sd73.bc.ca>

If you do not have Internet access, please notify the office and we will send a copy of the newsletter home with your youngest child.

What's up in October?

Wednesday, 5 th	District Cross Country Run Championships in Kamloops
Thursday, 6 th	Picture Day
Friday, 7 th	Harvest Soup @ 1:00pm
Monday, 10 th	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, 12 th	Fire Drill @ 9:45am
	Dan Coleman Classic Cross-Country Run @ 3:00pm
Thursday, 20 th	Early School Dismissal @ 12:40pm for Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Friday, 21 st	District Non-Instructional Day

Oct 9th to 15th is Fire Prevention Week and we will have a Fire Drill with the Fire Department that week. Teachers will also be letting students know about the Fire Department Colouring Contest.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...

Please remember to notify the office (250-674-2218) if your child is going to be absent from school.

THANK YOU!!!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

In the past when a school supplies list was provided, there were some problems, such as: parents not being able to purchase supplies in a timely manner; not having the correct type of supplies; and, running out of supplies half way through the year. In the spirit of simplifying and ensuring that no student misses out on learning due to the lack of supplies, the School District will supply the necessary materials at a set cost. This cost is set by the District based on their purchasing ability.

Kindergarten to Grade 3: \$34.00 includes the agenda-planner

Grade 4 to Grade 7: \$49.00 includes the agenda-planner

If you haven't paid for the supplies yet, you can send a cheque with your child to give to the teacher, payable to Raft River Elementary School with your child's name written on it. Or if you prefer, please stop-in at the office to pay at your earliest opportunity.

If you have purchased your own school supplies, please pay \$5.00 for the school agenda-planner which is a key communication tool between teachers and parents.

SPORTS

Raft is organizing the first-ever Dan Coleman Classic Cross Country Run on Wednesday Oct 12th. We are honouring a retired teacher and Track and Field coach who has had a profound and positive impact on children in Clearwater and beyond. We are inviting all grades 3 to 7 student-runners in School District 73 to attend. – yes, Kamloops, it's your turn to come out this way! Community members wishing to pay tribute to this great man should be there at the start/finish location on the Clearwater Secondary School field at 3:15pm. Our Assistant Superintendent, Rob Schoen, will be our MC to toast Dan and to start the race. We are encouraging "cheerleaders" to dress in 70's style!

Run Club is on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch.

Volleyball has started up for the season. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch.

HARVEST SOUP DAY

Don't forget to send a bowl and a spoon to school on Friday, October 7th !!

BRRR... It's getting chilly outside!

We're noticing that some of our students are not dressed appropriately for the cooler weather. Please remember that the school doors are not open until 8:30am, so they must wait outside. Let's get those sweaters and jackets out.

MEET THE TEACHER AFTERNOON

On Thursday, October 20th, students will be dismissed early at 12:40pm in order to provide parents and guardians to meet the teachers between 1:30pm – 3:00pm. We encourage you to come to school with your child(ren), visit the classroom(s), and stop-by in the Art room for a refreshment. We look forward to seeing you at Raft!

SAFETY FIRST

It has been reported by our school bus drivers that there are a lot of cars in and around the schools and around town with no headlights or tail-lights on despite our foggy and dimmer mornings. They kindly request that drivers have their lights on.

The parking at the schools, particularly at Raft, gets very congested in the front of the school. In order to promote a safe and orderly pick-up and drop-off, please refrain from parking in the staff parking spaces where you have to back-up, and instead, use the parking at the Skills Centre right next door, or parallel on the road. There are also cars dropping off children by the bus road at the back of the school where it is particularly dangerous if you are stopping behind the bus.

Thank you all for your consideration for safety!

From Mrs. Allan, Mrs.Gormley, & Mrs. Weatherall... About the recent Local Forestry Field Trip

On Sept. 27th, Raft River Elementary students were fortunate to be part of Forest Week by attending stations on the hospital walk trail. Organized by Abby Bates and Bas Delaney, the sixty plus students learned about the forests from a station approach. Heather McClennan had some very interesting news about forest health (the big bugs in the cases were a hit!). Orienteering and locating a treasure taught compass work and Josee Qureshi from Ministry of Forests was a very animated educator on forest biodiversity. Richard Freeman from Natural Resources and Barry Bamford, our city counsellor, did a wonderful job explaining ungulates. Did you know ungulates have multiple stomachs and split hooves! Sharon Neufeld taught the students all about several plants that can be eaten (or not) and/or used for medicinal purposes. Kim Muddiman was at the tree identification station and wowed the students with the tree bore implement and counting tree rings. The volunteers were exemplary and the learning was terrific! This field trip provided an excellent opportunity for students in understanding one of the main natural resources in our own back yards.

Message from the Wells Gray Outdoors Club...

The Club will be holding a Level 1 Coaching Course to teach Rabbits on October 21 (from 5 - 9) and 22 (from 8:30 - 5:00). This will be classroom only, and will be held in Clearwater. Minimum age is 14 years old, however, they could still take the course if a bit younger. We would like to know if you have any interested people that would like to take this course. We hope to offer the second level course in December when we get some snow. The cost of the course is \$80.00, (for CCBC members) however, we are attempting to obtain some funding to lower the fee and make it more affordable. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any possible candidates.

Contact Hazel Wadlegger @ hazelwadlegger@hotmail.com

UP AHEAD...

If you're starting to plan your Winter Vacation, here are the dates to keep in mind: School is closed on Monday, December 19th and reopens on Tuesday, January 3rd.