

Crescent Park Elementary News

January 2020



Cold Weather/Indoor Days

January is here and has brought some cold temperatures with it. If the temperature drops below -20 C (either temperature or windchill) we will be staying inside. Students will have 15 minutes of play time in their classrooms if the temperatures are too cold to go outside.

If the temperature is above -20 C we will be outside for recess. Students need to be dressed for the cold weather. If we have enough snow, we will have sliders available for students who have snow pants, winter gear and helmets. A bike or hockey helmet will do.

Social Emotional Learning

Zones of Regulation



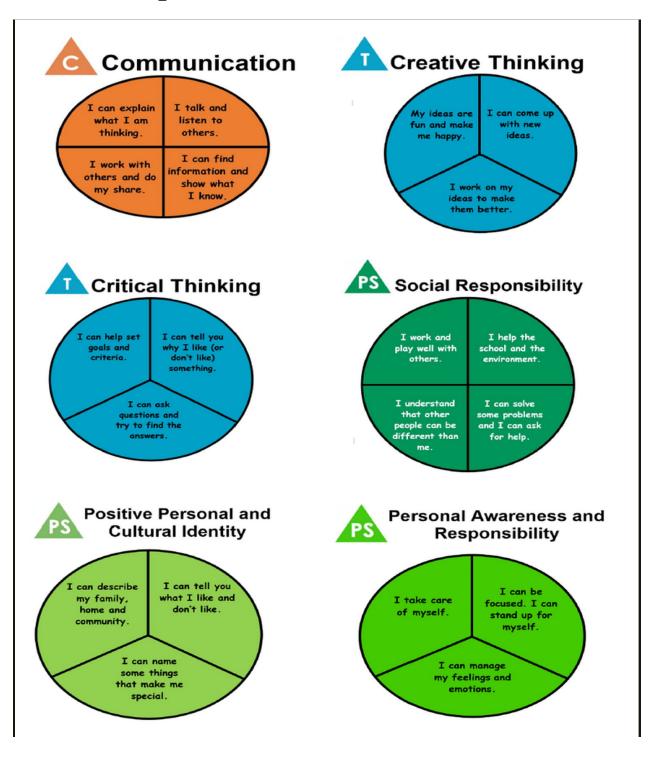
Daniel Goleman's research cites Social Emotional Intelligence to be at least as important as academic intelligence. Learning how to manage emotions and navigate social situations successfully is key to achieving goals.

At Crescent Park, we are trying to establish a common language around being able to manage emotions. The book <u>Zones of Regulation</u> by Leah Kuypers is one of our foundational texts for our work with our students. Green (Go) is the optimal learning place. We teach tools for getting back to the green zone.

Parking Lot Changes

There is a new Exit Only sign in our parking lot close to the entrance. It is to help ensure safety for students exiting the bus and/or other vehicles. Please be sure to use the other entrances and respect this sign, so we can keep our students safe.

Core Competencies



As part of the BC Curriculum, Core Competencies represent basic abilities and skills that we want all students to develop during their time in education. Teachers work on these competencies during the year and a self-assessment is done by the student at the end of the year. This self-assessment is attached to June report card. For more information on the Core Competencies follow this link https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies.

Book Fair is Coming in February

Thanks for all your support of our last book fair! We appreciate all those who volunteered and came out to see what our Book Fair offered. We sold over \$3000 worth of books and materials, which allowed us to use 60% of that amount to purchase new books for our library.

Our next Book Fair dates are February 12th and 13th, during Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Interview Days. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We will need volunteers as well. If you are available to help out, please let Ms. Billard know by e-mail or phone. (dbillard @sd59.bc.ca /250 782-8412)

Things to Do at Crescent Park

Walking/Running Club Facilitator: Ms. S. Graham

Students are welcome to come walk (or run) in the gym from 8:20 to 8:50 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Sign Language Club Facilitator: Ms. S. Graham

Students meet Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at 12:15 in Mrs. McInnis' room to learn how to sign.

Maker Space /STEAM Facilitator: Ms. D. Billard

Students can come up to the Annex at 12:15 to build and create small projects. Donations of building materials are welcome!

Intermediate (grade 4-7)students are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays Primary (grade 1-3) students are welcome on Wednesdays and Fridays

Leadership Group Facilitator: Mrs. H. McInnis

Meets as needed. Students from all grades are invited to come and help decide on activities and special days for the school.



FIND THE COW

Finding the cow is a long standing tradition at Crescent Park. Clues are posted/published each month and the first boy and girl from each class to figure out where the cow is hiding receive a prize. We now have two cows — one for primary and one for intermediate. Students are only allowed to report their solution of the cow mystery before or after school or at recess.

COW PRIZES FOR DECEMBER

Primary: Sloan Johnston

Casen Chicoyne

Intermediate: Cierra Davey

Caleb Jacobs

COW CLUES FOR JANUARY

Primary (black and white cow)

Do you know,
Have you seen,
Rolls of coloured paper?
Check it out
Next time you go

Into the gym to caper.

Intermediate (brown cow)

A brown cow awaits, Peers silently from above, Guards the doorway

Crescent Park PAC



Want to be part of the Crescent Park Parent Advisory Council?

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

- o get involved with your School District
- assist in fundraising events
- o provide input into P.A.C. spending
- receive up-to-date information from the principal on staffing, enrollment and up-coming events
- o discuss and recommend activities and events for the school

Attend one meeting or many, you choose your level of involvement. The P.A.C. meets the first Thursday of each month, usually at 6:30, in Mrs. McInnis' room.

Upcoming Dates

January 16th Plaid Day

January 17th NID No school for students

January 31st Formal Day

January 31st Awards Assembly (Honour Roll and Responsibility) 10:00

February 6th PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m.

February 12th 100's Day and 100 year old day

February 12th and 13th Early Dismissal Days/Parent Teacher Interviews

Book Fair Days

February 17th Family Day Holiday No school

February 24th Awards Assembly (Empathy) 11:30

February 26th Pink Shirt/ Stop Bullying Day

February 28th Jersey Day