



Crescent Park Elementary News

Crescent Park's School Growth Plan

Each year, our teachers and administrators, using the data provided from different sources within the school, create goals for the school as a whole. This year we have reviewed our growth plan from last year and decided to continue working on them. The three goals our school has committed to are: Improving literacy and numeracy scores and working on building community within the school.

Literacy

One of our school wide goals is literacy. We all know that literacy includes reading and writing. Reading includes the ability to decode and to understand what you are reading (comprehension). Sometimes students can master the skills needed to decode but are not able to process what they are reading, while they read it. Reading comprehension is the ability to process text, understand its meaning, and to integrate with what the reader already knows. We want our students to be

fluent in decoding and comprehension. We want them to be able to express themselves in writing effectively.

Some strategies for reading comprehension include:

- Activating background knowledge - using what you know
- Questioning
- Analyzing text structure.
- Visualization.
- Summarizing.

One of the ways parents can help their children with reading is to read to and with them.

Crescent Park's Home Reading Program is up and running. If your child reads (or you read to them) 25 books and you fill out and initial the sheet with the required information and return it to their teacher, they will get a prize. Then they can continue reading with another sheet.

Community Groups

One of our School Growth Plan Goals is to build community. Every Friday afternoon from 1:30 - 2:20, students participate with their mixed grade group in workshops. Older students can buddy up with younger students in their group and teachers get to work with students, they otherwise might not work with. These workshops are a series of three lessons, one a week, which result in a finished project or where students learn and practice a specific skill. The workshops are: Karate, Mask making/drama, Yoga, Cooking, Photography, Music, Puppetry, Pottery/Ukrainian Egg Decorating, and Art. Students will rotate through the workshops during the year.

September/October Awards Assembly

Awards assemblies are meant to celebrate improvement and achievement in a number of areas. This month's assembly focused on Integrity, although teachers are free to award students for other achievement as well. The following awards were given out:

- Ms. Graham's class Ellie Endicott, Ryleigh Ferguson, Aurora Hasz
- Ms. Buck's class: Jayde Dunbar, Keifer Hamilton
- Mrs. Mckenzie's class: Jace Gillis, Isla Nicholson (Leadership), Emmersyn Manning
- Miss Fraser's class: Ryder Gauthier, Khloe Thompson, Elliot Klassen, Austin Painter, Alexa Ferguson
- Ms. Keizer's class: Gemma Gold, Caleb Broad, Ava Davoren
- Ms. Damas' class: Payton Agar, Teagan Hasz, Marwah Jami, William Threfall, Tryst Manning, Amayah Dostal
- Mrs. McClarty's class: Boston Meadows, Teagan Wells, Elly Shirey, D.J. Brimacombe
- Mrs. McInnis' class: Jakob Reid, Kendra Davoren, Rilynn Chicoyne
- Mr. Heyden's/Dueck's class: Olivia Castro, Eaminul Russel, Abby Thom, Kaelyn Jones
- Ms. Malkinson's class: Delainey Kassen, Alex Smith, Kale Gitscheff

Parents are always to attend at assemblies. Our next assembly will look at the trait of Curiosity.

Hallowe'en Celebrations

We will be celebrating Hallowe'en on **Thursday, October 31st from 1 p.m.** Children are welcome to bring in their costumes - no weapons please! They will have the opportunity to dress up at noon. Our Hallowe'en begins with a parade which starts in the Kindergarten class and continues up to the grade 6/7 class and then to the gym. Once in the gym we will parade around and then call out the types of costumes to come into the centre. Afterward, classes will have their own celebrations in their rooms. Parents are welcome to help their child get ready and watch the parade.

Bus Safety

Winter is coming and in preparation, SD#59 Transportation Department asks for your assistance with the following: For the safety of all students riding on SD#59 school buses in the coming winter months, they must have **appropriate winter clothing when they ride the school buses**. This will include but not be limited to: Winter coats, Winter footwear, Head wear and Hand protection. This is to ensure the safety of all school bus passengers if there were to be any delays while the bus is performing its route. I.e: mechanical challenges, road conditions or other delays.

Cold Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please be sure that **your child is appropriately dressed for the cold** and windy weather, as we go outside every day. If the **temperature and/or windchill drops below -20**, we will stay inside.

Cold Weather Activities Outside

Students are welcome to build forts outside in the snow, make angels in the snow, or build snowmen. They can also slide down the hill, if they are properly dressed with snow pants. Throwing snowballs is not permitted.

Dates to Remember

October 30th Community Groups 1:30 - 2:20 (this Wednesday only)

October 31st - Hallowe'en celebrations from 1:00 p.m.

November 1st Fire Drill 11:40

November 8th Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11th Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday (No school)

November 20th and 21st Early Dismissal Days/parent Teacher Interviews

November 20th and 21st Book Fair

November 29th NID

