

Hello and welcome to a brand new school year at Crescent Park Elementary!

Whether you are returning or new to the school, may I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome and share my excitement about the coming year! As your new principal, I am happy to be back at Crescent Park and working with such a fine group of professionals. We are going to have a great year in 2019/2020!

Let me begin by introducing the current staff:

Teaching Staff

K Shanon Graham
K-1 Vanessa Buck
1-2 Shannon McKenzie
2-3 Karen Fraser
2-3 Natalie Keizer
3-4 Marian McClarty/ Cristina Rigiletti
4-5 Heather McInnis
5-6 Trevor Heydens (a.m.)/ Joanne Dueck (p.m.)
6-7 JoAnne Malkinson

Educational Assistants

Randi Freeman
Mona Lal
Lydia Linley (Significant Needs)
Karen Smith (Significant Needs)
Rhoda Pierce
Carmen Girard
Gerri Anderson (Aboriginal Education)

Non-Enrolling Staff

Coach Mentor Trevor Heydens (p.m.)
Reading Recovery/ LRT/ Prep Laura Harris
LAT (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Deanna Graham
TL/Prep (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) Denise Billard

Secretary

Betty Kirtzinger

Custodian

Gabriel Basinger

Technical Support

Jason Lowcay

Crossing Guard

Gerry Hendricks

Admin

VP/Prep Joanne Dueck

Principal Cynthia Percy

Bell Schedule

8:30 Supervision begins

8:50 Warning bell

9:00 School in session

10:30 Recess starts

10:45 School in session

12:00 Lunch time starts

12:30 School in session

2:36 School dismissal

3:00 Afternoon supervision ends

Parking Lot

Please! Go slowly and watch for children crossing the parking lot and do not park in the bus or emergency lanes.

Munch A Lunch – Hot Lunch Program

The Hot Lunch Program is up and running you can pay and order online (Munchalunch.com) or send cash to the school. First order is due by September 27th. Proceeds from Monday Hot Lunch go to help the classroom in charge. Wednesday and Friday Hot Lunch proceeds go to PAC to help with school items such as books for the library, swimming lessons, ski trips, etc.

For the first week:

Monday will be a choice of pastas from Boston Pizza.

Wednesday will be pizza.

Friday will be quesadillas.

Volunteers are always needed to help!

FUNDRAISING FOR TECHNOLOGY

Diehlman's Fundraising Packages are in and will be coming home soon! They need to be returned by October 18th and items will arrive the last week of November.

Proceeds will go toward purchasing computers for the school

Important Dates

September 25 8:30 a.m. Open House

September 26 p.m. Terry Fox Run

September 30 Orange Shirt Day

October 3 6:30 p.m. PAC Meeting AGM

COMMUNITY GROUPS BEGIN!

Community Groups begin Friday, September 20th. All grade groupings will allow students to work together and learn different subjects such as, Karate, baking, i-

pad, coding, yoga, music, drama, etc. Community Groups occur every Friday from 1:30 – 2:20.

WHL School Visit

On Friday, September 13, 6 members of the Western Hockey League visited Crescent Park. They were only here briefly but did get to interact in the gym with Ms. Malkinson's grade 6-7 class, Mrs. McInnis' grade 4-5 class and Mrs. McClarty's grade 3-4 class. We wish them every success!

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct is an important part of how we get our learning done.

For the 2019-2020 year there are two changes that parents need to be aware of:

1. Hats

The wearing of hats in the hall is permitted. Hoods that obscure the student's face should not be worn in the hall.

2. Cell Phones

Cell phones have become an increasing issue at our school over the last few years – both as a distraction to the learning in the classroom and as an issue on the school yard. Technology is a wonderful tool but when misused, it can put your child in danger or cause difficulties for other children (cyberbullying). The laptops and Ipads we use in the classrooms have dangerous sites blocked and we are able to control what students have access to.

It is not possible to do that with cell phones. We have amended our policy to help children learn and to keep them safe. If you feel that you want your student to have access to a cell phone before and after school, cell phones may be brought to school and left either in the student's back pack or with the teacher. If the child needs to call you at a recess or lunch break this can be done from the office.

We apologize for any inconvenience but feel that this change will make the school a safer and more effective learning environment for all students. If you would like to dialogue about this issue, please contact Ms. Percy.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the life blood of our school and we welcome parental involvement. If you would like to volunteer, please make sure you have a current Criminal Record Check on file at the office. You can pick up the forms from Betty.

E-Mails and Contact Numbers

Please take a moment and let us know if your phone numbers, emergency contacts or e-mails have changed. In order to be better communicate, we need up to date information from you. In an emergency, we want to be able to get a hold of you right away. Just contact the office at (250) 782-8412 or bkirtzinger@sd59.bc.ca.

Website

In order to standardize websites within the District, we have a new website, which is in the process of being set up. Our current website is still working and there is a digital version of the Newsletter there that you can access. We will let you know as soon as we can switch over to the new website.

COACH MENTOR'S CORNER

This year Trevor Heydens has the exciting opportunity of working as the Coach Mentor Teacher within our Aboriginal Education Support Team at Crescent Park Elementary. This is in addition to teaching grade 5/6. We are looking forward to a great year!

UPCOMING EVENTS FEATURE: TERRY FOX RUN SEPTEMBER 26th

Terry Fox is a Canadian hero, who demonstrated courage perseverance and compassion in his run across Canada. Crescent Park will be having their Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 26 in the afternoon. We walk around the school

grounds and families are welcome to join us. Terry Fox's dream was that each person in Canada would donate a dollar for cancer research. Students are encouraged to bring a dollar to donate for cancer research.

HOME READING PROGRAM

Reading is an important skill for all students.

Did you know that if a child reads one book for each school night, they would read 181 books? If a child reads 1 book for every night (including weekends and holidays) they would read 365 books! Reading regularly helps develop reading skills and also increases the child's vocabulary and knowledge of many subjects.

To encourage each student to read more and encourage a love of reading.

Crescent Park has a Home Reading Program. Each student will bring home a Home Reading Form. Each day, please read with your child for 15 minutes. You can read to them, or they can read to you or to another person. Then you can initial that the book was read on the form. Once a child has completed a form, they can return it to their classroom teacher, claim a prize, and get the next Home Reading Form.

Thank you for participating in the Home Reading Program to help develop your child's reading skills and a love of reading.

PLEASE HELP!

If any of the families that have chickens would be interested in donating 2 dozen eggs every 3 weeks, it would be a big help to our cooking component during Community Groups.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

A warm welcome to all our new students! And a warm welcome back to all students returning to Crescent Park after a wonderful summer break!

I am happy to be returning to Crescent Park as Principal after two years away at other schools. It is my privilege to work with an excellent staff of professionals and I believe we can all look forward to wonderful learning adventures for the students this year

If any problems or concerns arise within your child's classroom, there is a procedure to follow:

1. The first step is to contact your child teacher. If possible, please always call ahead and make a time to meet. Teachers want to communicate with parents. There are often meetings scheduled before or after school and there are also supervision duties, so please be mindful of their time.
2. If talking to your child's teacher does not resolve the issue, please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Dueck. We will then work toward a resolution of the issue with yourself, the teacher and (when appropriate) the student.

I look forward to seeing you at our Open House and at different events this year!

Sincerely

Cynthia Percy
Principal