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School Year: 2019-2020  
October 2019

Principal: Shannon Apland  
Secretary: Shawna Amstutz (temp)  
Jennifer Mile (on leave)

## **Principal's Message**

It has been a wonderful September and I know October will be equally as great!

Thank you for joining us for our Open House and for the Terry Fox Walk. It is great to have so many adults involved in our students' lives.

Thank you to the many volunteers including, but not limited to; classroom helpers, morning running group volunteers, NETPEA coaches, library helpers and the list goes on... Some of our biggest help comes from our PAC executives and our regular PAC volunteers.

Thank you to the PAC for all the wonderful gifts of time and effort you give to our school.

*What an amazing start to our school year!*  
**Thank you all for being a part of it.**

*Sincerely,*  
*Mme. Apland*

## **Parent Advisory Committee**

Did you know that you are already a member of our PAC? This membership is free and lasts as long as you are a parent of a child attending our school (that is possibly a long time for some of you)!

The next meeting for the Parent Advisory Committee is Thursday, October 10th at 6:30 pm in the library. Free child-minding is provided as well as free pizza! *Hope to see you there.*

## **Welcome Practicum Teachers!**

We are thrilled to be a school that contributes to our profession by helping mentor and onboard student teachers. This fall we welcome two VIU final practicum students. Mme. Pascale Jallabert and M. Karim Maher. Thank you to Mme. Nadia and Mme. Evelyne for sponsoring and mentoring this year. Please help us make them feel welcome.

## **Formative Assessment Conferences**

We will dismiss students early **Tuesday through Thursday, October 22-24, at 1:17pm**, for parent-teacher interviews. Teachers will either have sign-up sheet outside of their classroom door beginning October 7th or they will be sending you information on how to sign up for an appointment (some are doing it online this year) by this time. Please look for more info from your classroom teacher(s).

## **Volunteering**

Parent/family volunteers are an important part of our school community and we welcome you in our school. We appreciate the extra effort you have to volunteer at school. If you have time and/or a particular area of expertise, please do not hesitate to have a conversation with your classroom teacher(s) about volunteering. A Criminal Record Check must be completed and be on file at the school. Criminal Record Checks can be completed and submitted to the RCMP directly by visiting the school's website and following the directions given under the Parent tab. Drivers for field trips and/or teams must also have, in addition to the Criminal Record Check, a Volunteer Driver Form completed. These forms are available in the office.

## **Absences**

If your child is absent from school or you know of dates your child will be away, we would ask you to please give the school a call by 8:35 am at 250-754-2722. If we are unavailable to take your call, please leave a detailed message on our answering service. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us.

## Dress Code

We appreciate the fact that our students come to school appropriately dressed for our school activities. Please remember to have a pair of running shoes at school for Physical Education and an extra pair of clothes/socks on hand in case of slips or falls in inclement weather.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season and weather. T-shirt logos must not have references to drugs or alcohol. Casual school wear is expected to be worn by all students. Rain jackets and boots are highly recommended for the wetter weather in the months coming up. Students will be expected to go outside for recess.

## Halloween Parade

Our Halloween costume parade will be at **10 am** on Thursday, October 31. Parents are welcome to watch from the gym.

Halloween is a fun time for students to dress up and take on other personas. Please note that fake weapons are not permitted on school grounds. We look forward to seeing students' creative ideas!

## Supervision before and after school.

The school provides supervision 15 minutes before school and after school. Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30 am, unless they are attending the onsite daycare or are signed in with an adult in charge for a sporting practice. Similarly, please ensure that your child(ren) are picked up at the end of the day by 1:52 pm (Mondays) and 2:52 pm (Tuesdays-Fridays). Students whose parents are late will be asked to remain at the office. If you know you will be late, please contact the office a *minimum of 15 minutes before the end of the day*, so that the office staff can locate your child and relay the message.

Please note that the alley and Scout Hut are not part of our school grounds, nor part of the city partnership area for our school use. We do not have security or sweeps in that area.

Please ensure you arrange to pick up your child(ren) from the **FRONT** of the school for their safety.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND COURTESY

*It is fantastic to see so many people riding bikes or walking to school!*

If you are walking to and from Campbell Street, please use the side walk that leads you to the school from the street on the left side of the school (closest to Caledonia Clinic). Cutting through the parking lot is not safe.

Remember to dismount and walk all wheels on SD68 property.

Alternatively, if you are coming from the Field area please use the stairs that pass by the portable. They are not as slippery as the dirt path. Bikes can be pushed up dirt path.

*Thank you for respecting these asks to help keep our parking lot and drop/off pick up as safe as possible.*

## Staff Parking Areas

We ask everyone to please respect the Staff Parking areas including the one on the right side of the office near the big rock and tree. Please do not wait in this area. Rather assemble on the inside of the fire gate towards the portable or to the left of the kindergarten room near the nature playground. We have had staff cars accidentally scratched by people congregating there. *Thank you so much.*



### Library News:

The library is growing with some new books and some great donations from Pauline Haarer families. Thank you for sending books no longer needed at home. These are added to the library collection where they can be checked out on Tuesdays or in the little library corner which is available every school day. Thank you, merci, graças, for reminding kids to tuck books in their backpacks on Sunday nights to return on Monday mornings. That way, books can be checked in and reshelfed in time for taking out on Tuesdays. Rotary Book Sale is coming up at the end of the month. Hoping to find some more great books

Madame Allisen

## Important Upcoming Dates to Note

- OCT 11: Non-Instructional Day (School Based Pro-D)
- OCT 14: Thanksgiving Day/No School
- OCT 21: Grade 6 Immunizations
- OCT 22-24: Formative Assessment Conferences (**Early Dismissal 1:17pm**)
- OCT 25: Non-Instructional Day (Provincial Pro-D)
- OCT 29: Cross Country Team has Zone Meet (AM)
- OCT 31: Halloween Parade 10am





Thank you Axel, Isak, Raquel and Ally for helping keep our outside learning environment clean!



Pauline Haarer-- A fun place to learn and play!