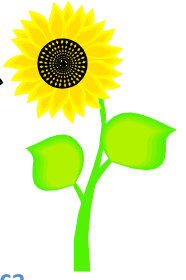


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Coming Soon:

May 3 - District Relay Meet, Oliver (Grade 4)
May 20 - Western Day Assembly
June 3 - District Track Meet, Osoyoos (Grade 4)
June 29 - Last Day for Students
Welcome to Kindergarten Celebration - date to be announced

School Meals for April

April 7 Soft Shell Beef Tacos (with lettuce and cheese),
Fruit.
April 14 No Lunch (Early Dismissal)
April 21 Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Fruit
April 28 Turkey Hot Dog, Veggies & Dip, Fruit

Attached to this Newsletter:

- Term 3 Overviews
- Interview Schedules
- Meal Envelope for April
- StrongStart Calendar



April Activities and Information

Parent -Student-Teacher Conferences

Parent-student-teacher conferences will be on **Tuesday, April 12** (afternoon) and **Thursday, April 14** (late afternoon and evening). Attached to this newsletter is a letter from your child's teacher indicating the day and time you and your child have been scheduled to meet with your child's teacher.

On these two days, school will be dismissed at 12:00. Please note that the buses will leave Cawston School at 12:30 p.m. If your child rides the bus, you may want to send a very large snack on these days so they could have their regular recess snack and then eat a second snack between 12 & 12:30, before getting on the bus. All four buses will pick up the children and leave at 12:30, including the Dolphin bus.



Term 3 Overviews

Attached to this newsletter are the class overviews for Term 3. These overviews show what your child's class will be studying during this last term of the year. Term 3 is always busy with many year end activities but the learning in all areas of the curriculum remains our main focus.

Book Fair

Mrs. Lucich has organized another Book Fair for us, to be held during the week of Parent Conferences. It will be in the library:

Tuesday, April 12 9:00 - 4:00

Wednesday, April 13 9:00 - 3:00

Thursday, April 14 3:00 - 7:00



Mrs. Lucich has some parent volunteers signed up to help at the Book Fair but she would welcome any help she could get. Please call her at the school if you would be available.

Ready Set Learn

Calling all three and four year old children and their parents!! Please join us for our annual Ready, Set, Learn Celebration to be held in our gym on Wednesday, April 20 from 11:00 - 12:30. We will have some literacy, math and art activities for the children and parents to do together, visit the Kindergarten classrooms for a story and finish up the event with lunch for everyone. Community Service Providers will be on hand to discuss the services they provide and answer any questions parents may have.

We will also have a wonderful "goodie" bag for all three and four year old children to take home - filled with a book and lots of other preschool supplies. Please pass on this information to all families in our community who have 3 and 4 year old children. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note - we will hold a separate Welcome to Kindergarten Celebration later this spring for all children coming into Kindergarten in September 2011.

PAC Meeting

We will be having regular April PAC Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00. All parents are welcome to attend.

FSA Results

Just before the March Break, the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) results were mailed to all Grade 4 parents. Please do not hesitate to call us at the school if you have any questions about the information you received. Overall, our students did very well and we were pleased to see the school's results.

Chiefs Flags Assembly

Monday, April 18 will be a special day for our school community and especially for our First Nations students. On that day, we will receive the four Chiefs Food Flags at an assembly at 9:30. These flags represent the main foods traditionally eaten by the Okanagan First Peoples - Bear (meat), Salmon (fish), Bitterroot (roots) and the Saskatoon (berries). After the assembly, the flags will be permanently displayed in our school gym.

Representatives of the USIB and the LSIB, Board Office staff and other dignitaries will join our students for this assembly. All families are welcome to attend. We would especially encourage all our First Nations families to come to the celebration.

African Drumming Workshop

On Friday, April 8, Bobby Bovenzi will present an African drumming workshop to each grade. We will then gather for a school-wide finale. This workshop complements our school music program, where all students study rhythm.



PAC Popcorn Day

Our next PAC Popcorn Day will be on Friday, April 15. Thanks to our PAC who make this special treat for our students.





PAC Subway Day

The PAC will hold a special meal - Subway Day - on Friday, April 29. We will send home the order envelopes with our mid-month newsletter on April 18 .

Be Polite

Our April High Five focus will be "Be Polite". Mrs. Reichl's Kindergarten class will be providing suggestions for how we can "Be Polite" on the morning announcements and on the bulletin board outside the office.

Special thanks to Miss Kruger's Kindergarten class for their "Be Safe" suggestions. We used their ideas throughout March on the announcements and on the Be Safe bulletin board display.

Meal Program

With the ever rising cost of food, we have to make some firm "rules" about our meal program. Mrs. Douangpanya purchases all our food in bulk and in advance...so we can get the best price possible. In order to keep the meal cost at \$ 3.00 we have to insist on the following:

1. If you sign up for the month, you must pay for all the meals - even if your child is sick or not at school on a Thursday. We have already "bought" their food, even if they are not at school to eat it.
2. You must sign up by Wednesday of the first week of the month. Late sign ups will no longer be accepted.

We are sorry we cannot be more flexible about our meal program but this is the only way we can continue the program at the current \$3.00 per meal. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm Sunflower welcome to Miss Amy Colin, who is currently doing her teacher training at the University of Victoria. Miss Colin will complete her four week teaching practicum at Cawston School, April 11 to May 13. Special thanks to Mrs. Jenna Keyes, who will be working with Miss Colin as her supervising teacher.

Social Responsibility Lessons

During the month of April, Mr. Troyce Beglaw, RCMP Auxiliary Constable, will present a series of four Social Responsibility lessons to our Grade 3 classes. We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mr. Beglaw for volunteering his time to support our students.

School Plan

Over the next two months, our staff and the School Planning Council will be working diligently to put together our School Plan for the 2011-12 school year. For the past two years we have focused on improving our students' writing skills and we are beginning to see positive results. All parents who are interested will have an opportunity to provide input into our proposed 2011-12 school plan at the May PAC meeting.

At this time, we want to say a special thank you to the members of our School Planning Council: Traci Russell, Monica Chursinoff and Deanna Gibbs. The School Planning Council represents the voice of our parents as they work directly alongside our staff on the School Plan each year. It is a considerable time commitment for the three parents and we want to acknowledge their dedication to this very important process in our school.



Mathathon

A warm Sunflower thank you to our families for their incredible support of our February Mathathon. Thanks to your pledges, we raised \$ 1,900.00 which will be used to help pay for our year end field trips. Thank You!

Notice of Public Meetings- Re: Tuc-el-Nuit Consultation Process.

School District 53 is considering a recommendation to close Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. TEN students would be moved to Oliver Elementary School beginning September 2012.

The following are meetings dates and locations, approved by the Board of Education, for public consultation meetings regarding the potential school closure of Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School in Oliver.

1. April 27, 2011 – public consultation meeting at the School Board Office – 7:00 pm
2. May 4, 2011 – public consultation meeting at Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary School – 7:00 pm
3. May 18, 2011 - special public meeting of the Board to give first and second reading of the School Closure Bylaw and to review district and public information and input.
4. May 25, 2011 - regular meeting of the Board – agenda item for consideration and decision regarding the closure of Tuc-el-Nuit School.

Visit our website and click on the link on the right side of the main page ("TEN consultation process"), where you are welcome to leave comments. <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/>