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# In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

October 27, 2017

## Events Calendar

### October:

31- Halloween Parade @ 2 pm

### November:

8 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

10- Remembrance Day Assembly  
11am

13- Remembrance Day Stat

24- Non-Instructional Day

### December:

1- Movie Night - Doors Open at 6:30

20- Term 1 Report Cards Home

21- Last day prior to Winter Break

## October Birthdays

Birthday wishes go out to these students who celebrated a birthday in October.

Happy Birthday to;

Emmett R, Olivia C, Rowan E, Mason B, Alina D, Anna K, Nora L, Natalie B, Dutch D, Kane L, Noah R, Terezka S, Charlee T, Kate C, Alexander F, Emily F, Josh G, Pim-On I, Aiden L, Sadie C, Doug M, Tyler J, Anika L, Josh C, Monica S, Brody N, Nathan O, Kiopling R, Cooper M, Gabi R, Shepherd L, Elliana L, Dorian P.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair was held this past week and was a great success. As a fund raiser this year the Book Fair sold \$6200 in books and other items and so the school raised \$2000 in books and cash that will help offset our library.

Thank you to our parent organizer Gina Muego and her support team

Kim Blackwood, Jane Swinglehurst, Gillian Hughes, Majessa DeLos Santos, Sylvie Veenstra, Angie Wong, Adriana Greig, Gihoon Park, Mr and Mrs Ingkanisorn, Marlene Lochkrin, Elaine Rosler, Kim Cooper, Deb Santoro, Sally Skinner, Mariko Taylor, Jodi Bragagnolo, and Lena Kley.

## Home-School Partnership - Parent/Teacher conferences

Our Parent/Teacher conferences were held this week. A special thank you for supporting your child's learning by attending these conferences. We encourage you to continue to take an active role in your child's education by supervising your child's homework, checking your child's student planner and communicating with your child's teacher. The importance of the school home partnership is illustrated in the poem below.

### *Guiding Hand*

*I dreamed I stood in a studio  
And watched two sculptors there  
The clay they used was a young child's mind  
And they fashioned it with care.*

*One was a teacher - the tools he used  
Were books, music and art.*

*The other, a parent worked with guiding  
hands,*

*And a gentle, loving heart.*

*Day after day, the teacher worked with  
touch*

*That was deft and sure,  
While the parent, standing by his side  
Polished and smoothed it o'er.*

*And when at last their task was done,  
They were proud of what they had wrought,  
For the things they had molded into the  
child,*

*Could never be sold nor bought.  
And both agreed they would have failed  
If each had worked alone,  
For behind the teacher stood the school  
And behind the parent, the home.*

..... author unknown

## Emergency Preparedness Drill

Earlier this month we held our first Earthquake drill and it ran very smoothly. Our students practiced the duck and cover procedure and then moved out onto the playground. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that in this type of an emergency the school will only release students to those adults identified on the Emergency Release information on Parent Connect. Please make sure that the appropriate individuals are listed for your child's release in an emergency by going onto Parent Connect and updating the details.

## Trick or Treat Safety Tips

Every year children are injured through the misuse of **FIRECRACKERS**. Please review with your children that firecrackers are extremely dangerous and that their use is illegal. Also, discuss strategies for your children to follow if they find themselves in any areas where others are using firecrackers.

- ☐☐ Wear a light coloured, flame-resistant costume. Use reflective tape strips on front and back so motorists can see you better.
- ☐☐ Wear a short costume so you will not trip. No biking as your costume may get caught in the spokes.
- ☐☐ Make-up is better than a mask. If you do wear a mask wear one with large eye holes so you can see clearly.
- ☐☐ Carry a flashlight so you can see in the dark and be seen better by passing motorists.
- ☐☐ Never Trick-or-Treat alone, have at least two "buddies" with you for the entire evening.
- ☐☐ Younger children should trick-or-treat while it is still light out with older children or adults.
- ☐☐ Tell your parents your route and when you will be home.
- ☐☐ Never go into a home. Remain at the front door at all times.
- ☐☐ Do not take short-cuts through backyards, alleys, or parks, stay on well lit streets.
- ☐☐ Trick-or-Treat on one side of the street , then cross safely to the other side. Do not criss-cross the street.
- ☐☐ Do not eat or drink any candy or food until you arrive home and have your treats checked by an adult.



## Parents as Partners Read Read Read

Children improve their reading ability by reading a lot. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and outside. Independent reading increases both vocabulary and reading fluency. Unlike using workbooks and performing computer drills, reading books gives children practice in the "whole act" of reading, that is, both in discovering the meanings of individual words and in grasping the meaning of an entire story. Research shows that the amount of time spent reading is directly related to children's reading comprehension, the size of their vocabularies, and the gains in their reading ability.

**Clearly reading at home can be a powerful supplement to classroom work.** Parents can encourage leisure reading by making books an important part of the home. by giving books or magazines as presents, and by encouraging visits to the local library.

## Cross Country Running Club

We had a great fall season with our Cross Country running this year. Our students excelled in our two Cross Country Meets and represented our school very well. We were fortunate to have wonderful weather for our early morning practices and a great turn out from our students made it a rewarding and fun experience. Well done to all our students and we will see you out running in the early spring.



Sincerely,

Rick Hall,  
Principal

and the Beach Grove staff