



Beach Grove Elementary School
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In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

October 26, 2018

Events Calendar

October:

31- Halloween Parade @ 2 pm

November:

8 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

9- Remembrance Day Assembly
11am

12- Remembrance Day Stat

23- Non-Instructional Day

December:

18- Christmas Performance
afternoon and evening

19- Term 1 Report Cards Home

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, Natalie B, Dutch D,
Kane L, Terezka S, Charlee T, Kate C,
Josh G, Aiden L, Sadie C, June R,
Doug M, Tyler J, Monica S, Brody N,
Nathan O, Cooper M, Gabi R,
Shepherd L, Elliana L, Dorian P.

Successful 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 had \$ 6400 in books and other items and so the school raised \$2085 in books and cash that will help offset our library.

Thank you to our parent organizers Gina M, Kim B and Marlene L, and the rest of the parent volunteer team.

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

Today 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. Thank you to parents who came out to help with the student release portion of our drill.

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.

Beach Grove will host our annual Halloween Parade in the afternoon on the 31st. Parents are welcome.

Students are reminded that weapons as part of costumes should be left at home.



PAC and Cobs Bread

We have partnered with the Tsawwassen Commons Cobs Bread.

If you mention Beach Grove Elementary PAC when shopping at that location, they will donate 5% of your purchase to our school.

At the end of the school year, they will match what has been raised up to \$500!

Please pass this on to friends and family as they can also mention Beach Grove PAC when they make their purchases.

Thank you from BG PAC

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 or simply by modelling a joy of reading.

Playground Update

As I am sure you have noticed this week work has started on parts of the PAC playground proposal. At this time several aspects of the project are being started and supported through PAC raised funds. An outdoor classroom space is being constructed along with the installation of picnic tables and a large digging area for the children to play in. I would like to thank our PAC and especially Alyson Brennan who has worked tirelessly in an effort to get funds raised, plans drawn up and approved, applications to the district and municipality and in general just working through what is a long process. We are still awaiting our turn on the cities matching grant in order to complete the full project.



Sincerely,

Rick Hall,
Principal

And the Beach Grove Staff