

Charlie Lake Elementary School
January 2017 Newsletter

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Welcome back! On behalf of all staff at Charlie Lake, we would like to wish all of our community a wonderful 2017. Here are some of the up and coming events for this month. Any additions/changes will be posted on our website and does link to the school's Facebook page and Twitter feed. Many thanks to our parents who contact the school in the morning to indicate that their child will be absent for the day; this is greatly appreciated as it reduces a large volume of "Kid Check" calls that are required every morning. As you are aware, the school calls home to confirm all unexcused absences every morning to ensure that the student(s) are safe. If you are interested in being a "Kid Check" volunteer, your help would be most welcomed. Please contact Mrs. Miller in the office for more information.

We would like to welcome three student teachers from the local AHCOTE program: Miss Cowan, Miss LaRiviere and Miss Maloney who will be joining us this month until April 2017 to complete their Education 401/02 practicum. We look forward to them joining our staff for the next few months.

Kindergarten Registration: It is that time of the year again to begin gathering registrations for Kindergarten for September 2017. If your child turns five by December 2017, he/she can be registered for kindergarten. Please bring your child's birth certificate, care card and proof of residency to the school when you come to register. Registration can be made at the office during school hours. For more information, you are also able to find more details at the School District's website: www.prn.bc.ca. Click on the

link on the left hand side of the page. A Welcome to Kindergarten event will be held in late May 2017. More information will be sent out in the up and coming months to those families.

Interim Reports for Term 2: Interim Reports will be coming home during the week of January 20th to 24th, 2017. Schools are required to send two informal reports home per year. Please check with your child's teacher to see if he/she will be sending out an interim report this term or during term 3.

Lockdown Practice: On January 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm, our school will be practicing a "Lockdown" drill. We are required to hold two practices per year. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Science Fair: Our Charlie Lake fair will be held on Tuesday Feb, 21st. It is open to gr. K-6. The Regional fair will be held in FSJ on Tuesday, Apr. 11th. It is open to gr. 4-6 as selected by judges/ teachers/ Mrs. Fearon at the school fair. It is important that students keep their science fair project manageable; students should be able (with some adult assistance if needed) to conduct their experiments, investigations, and/or tests, record their results, and draw conclusions about what their results mean. Therefore, all experiments must be within the student's' capabilities—simple experiments are perfectly fine.

Your support will be invaluable. Your help and support can help your child develop critical thinking skills, interest, pride, and confidence in his/her ability to complete and present large projects. Some things that you might do to support your child(ren) with their science fair project are:

- q Listen to and praise your child. Be interested in their ideas.
- q Help your child with skills such as organizing, measuring, calculating, and constructing.
- q Encourage your child to work on their project regularly and complete it on time.
- q Provide space at home where your child can work with minimal distractions.
- q Help your child acquire the materials needed for the project.
- q Contact your child(ren)'s teacher if you have any questions regarding the science project.
- q Encourage your child to remember that the development of scientific skills is the ultimate goal of science fair and selection to the regional science fair is simply "icing on the cake."

Hour of Code: SD60 is excited to announce that students in K-9 this winter will participate in an Hour of Code. Activities may include unplugged computational thinking activities and online activities freely available to everyone at code.org/learn. Students will be participating in teacher led activities this week. Visit the district website for more information: <http://www.prn.bc.ca>

PAC News

Welcome back everyone. Our first meeting of 2017 is **Jan. 9th at 7 pm**. We still have some executive positions to fill. We are looking for a DPAC assistant to help Colleen attend meetings. Intermediate scholastic order forms for January are now available. Pick up the flyer across from

the office. Orders will be due back Jan 19th. Also be sure to pick up your home reading incentive form for January.

Great News: Shell Canada has approved our application for a speed sign on the frontage road. Shell is coordinating the installation of the signs so we will have more news about timing when we are advised. Wishing everyone a happy new year.

Important Dates:

Jan 10	Jersey Day
Jan. 16	Values Assembly @ 9 am
Jan. 25	Lockdown Practice @ 1 pm
Jan. 26	Hat Day
Jan. 27	NID (no school)
Jan. 30	NID (no school)

Hot Lunch Dates (PAC sponsored):

Jan. 9	Pizza
Jan. 12	Hot Dog
Jan. 17	Booster Juice
Jan. 19	Subway
Jan. 23	Pizza
Jan. 25	Taco
Jan. 26	Menchie's
Jan. 31	Hot Dog

Please see lakers.hotlunches.net for more information.

Foundation Skills Assessment: Students in grade four will be writing the FSA government exam from January 9th through to February 17th, 2017. A letter has been sent home to grade four parents with more information. Any questions about the exam can be directed to Mrs. Chretien.

Wishing all of our community a wonderful January! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to stop by and/or contact the office.

C. Chretien
Principal

L. Neuls
Vice-Principal

January 9, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Lockdown Practice

I am writing to let you know that Charlie Lake Elementary will be practicing a "Lockdown" on:

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 1:00 pm

The district has moved towards regular drills with students in all our schools. This follows the Ministry of Education's Safe Schools initiative to bring consistency to how lockdowns are carried out around the province. The district has also collaborated with the RCMP on the development of the plan as well as the response and follow-up.

Even though we try to ensure that all staff, students and parents are aware of the practice, we realize this type of drill can cause anxiety for some people.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Sincerely,

C. Chretien
Principal