

September Newsletter

September 7, 2012

1. Welcome Back! We are excited to be back. New staff at Charlie Lake Elementary includes Mrs. Tong – Grade 3/4 and Mr. Warbinek will be replacing Mrs. Lea. Mrs. Lea is on a one-year leave.
2. Reminder to parents that we have the parking lot at the back of the school, which is a safer drop off point than the Frontage Road. Traffic needs to move counterclockwise around the light standard. If you are parking there, please back in to the spaces. Reminder that the cement blocks define the parking spaces. Also, a reminder that it is not permissible to park between the C-Can/garbage bin and the walkway connecting to the back parking lot.
3. Information regarding **school supplies** and other charges are outlined in the student agenda. School supply lists are available at the school office. School supplies have been purchased for Ms. Gatt's grade 4 class and Mrs. Tong's grade 3/4 class. Parents are encouraged to purchase these student supplies from the school.
4. Students in kindergarten will start school during the second week of school. Their first day is Wednesday, September 12.
5. Reminder to parents that students need a pair of inside shoes. This extra pair should come to school with students as soon as possible and should stay in the classroom.
6. Please mark, Monday, September 17 on your calendar and join us for a PAC (Parent Advisory Council) sponsored **Chili and Bun meal at 5 pm**. This will be followed by an open house and meet the teacher time between 6-7 pm. Ms. Copeland will be at the office for the payment of supply charges. The first PAC meeting of the year is scheduled for 7 pm. Please come and find out about how you can be more involved in your child's education. Child minding services are provided for the PAC meeting.
7. If you would like to volunteer to help out in the school or your child's classroom, please contact the office to help out in the school or your child's teacher for classroom volunteering. Criminal record must be completed every two years and are available at the office.
8. Students receive agendas as part of their supplies, the **parent handbook** is an insert in the agenda. There is a lot of information in the insert regarding school charges, student expectations and more. Please take time to review its contents.

9. A number of our students are severely allergic to nuts. We strongly encourage parents not to send any food items in lunches that may contain nut products or by products. Minute amounts of the oils and or even the smell of nuts will set off a severe and dangerous reaction if it comes into contact with these students. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school safe for all students.
10. Computer rollout for our grade six students will be scheduled shortly. We will send home information once we have the student computer assignments.
11. Elementary beginner band will begin next week, on Tuesday, September 11th. Beginner classes are on Tuesday and Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 at Duncan Cran. Students will be bussed. If your child is in band, a letter has been sent home today.
12. Our **Terry Fox Run/Walk** is being planned for Friday, September 28. Our event will start with a short assembly before we move outside for our run/walk. There will be need for volunteers to help keep students safe on the 271 Rd. Please let me know if you can help. We will be doing a coin drive to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation. Our goal is to raise \$500.
13. A reminder to parents that students are not allowed to go to the store at lunch.
14. As part of the Healthy Schools initiative we would asks parents not to send pop or energy drinks in student lunches.
15. Notes are needed if students are travelling on different buses. Please indicate on the note, date and student they will be travelling with. Students will not be allowed to travel on other buses without proper parental permission.
16. **Kid Check** will be starting tomorrow, September 7. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Copeland.
17. We require consent forms for any students who take medication during the school day. Forms are available at the school office and require your family doctor's signature. These forms need to be updated each year so you will need to come in even if the process was set up last year.
18. **Strong Start** will start Monday, September 17 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Charlie Lake Elementary. Strong Start is a play-based early learning program for children 4 and under. Information is available on the Ministry website: www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/strongstart_bc
19. Lunch orders will be coming out later this month for October. Please help us by making sure your child's and their teacher's names are filled in. Also, please use a separate order form for each child in your family. It would also help, if all the forms for your family were sent together with one payment.
20. **Individual student photos** will be taken on Wednesday, October 3 starting at 9 am.
21. Just a reminder to parents that students who wish to set up after school visits with friends, should bring notes if they are travelling on a different bus or are getting off at a different bus stop. Phoning after school to arrange these visits ties up our phones and difficult for us to manage. Notes provide us with time to make bussing arrangements. Thanks.

22. The Charlie Lake Community Church is hosting a Community BBQ on Sunday, September 9 at 12:30 p.m. They welcome all family, friends and neighbours.

M. Bourcet
Principal

D. Boyd
Vice-Principal

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4	5	6	7
10	11	12 Kindergarten start day.	13	14
17 Chili/Bun Meal- 5 pm Meet the Teacher - 6 pm PAC Mtg - 7 pm	18	19	20	21 Non Instructional Day
24	25	26	27	28 Terry Fox Walk/Run 1 p.m.