



WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Reminder: Schools are Closed
Thursday, Oct 22nd – School Based Pro D Day
Friday, Oct 23rd – Provincial Pro D Day

Intruder Alert Preparedness

At Winchelsea, we have a number of procedures to ensure the safety of our students both on the school grounds and inside the building. Starting at 8:30 am before school, at recess, lunch and after school, staff supervises the playground and bus loading areas. The focus of our supervision is to ensure that students are playing safely, respectfully and that all students are included. A priority is also to monitor who is on our school grounds, and ask unknown adults to identify themselves. All adults working in our school sign in at the office, wear a name tag and must have completed a criminal record check.

Next week we will be holding our first intruder alert drill. This is a regular drill that we hold in addition to fire and earthquake drills. The purpose of the intruder alert drill is to maintain the security of students and staff in the case of a building lockdown. The intruder alert is activated by a special announcement on the school's PA system, or a special tone that will sound on the bell system bringing the students into the building if outside. When the intruder alert alarm is sounded all interior doors are locked, students are moved away from windows, and are placed under the close supervision of staff. If a student is not in a room when an intruder alert is announced, he/she should immediately enter the nearest classroom where attendance is taken. To ensure the safety of all students and staff, intruder alert drills are a regular part of our emergency procedures. Prior to an intruder alert drill, teachers explain to students the purpose and procedures to be followed.



On October 15, Austin, Liam, and Keera were the lucky winners of the "Fire Chief of the Day" draw. They rode in the fire truck and were treated to lunch at McDonalds. We wish to thank the members of the Parksville Fire Department for the excellent job they do in our schools and in our community.

Calendar Dates to Remember

- Oct 21 Rooms 6 & 3 walks to skating
- Oct 22 School Based Pro D Day – classes not in session
- Oct 23 Provincial Pro D Day – classes not in session
- Oct 27 Rooms 4 & 2 walks to skating
- Oct 29 Performance in our gym @ 10 am song artist: Alex Maillot
- Oct 30 Orange & Black Day
- Oct 30 Rooms 5 & 1 walks to skating
- Oct 30 Hot Lunch Day



This week we are sending home a copy of the Winchelsea Elementary School Code of Conduct. Please take the time to read it over. Extra copies are available in the office. In next week's newsletter, we will outline how our Code of Conduct fits within the context of the multiple approaches we use to support students and ensure that we have a safe, caring and orderly school.



Choir – Please remember that there is choir for grades 4 and 5 on Wednesday at 8:30 (or when your bus arrives if you are a bus student).

Winchelsea Promises Childcare offers Childcare 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM on:

- all Professional Development Days
- School Reporting Days
- Christmas Break
- Dec. 21, 22, 23 and two weeks at Spring Break

To register your child or children, call **Lynn Moore at 250-248-3686**

Lost – A purple and green dinosaur stuffy, an alligator stuffy and several recorders have gone missing from the music room. Could they please be returned? Thanks from Mrs. Burn.

Community Events

Buckshot Books is having their first annual **Traders Forum** on Oct 24th from 1 - 4pm for all kids interested in trading Pokémon, Chaotic, Bella Sara and Twilight cards. Children need to be accompanied by an adult, and should only bring those cards they are interested in trading. 1254 Fair Road, Parksville. 250-248-5484 for more info.

Further community events can be found at www.sd69.bc.ca.

Tear off and Return to the Office

The PAC Parent of the Month Parking Spot - Oct 09 (with a donation)

Print Name

Phone Number