



WINCHELSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2 – September 15, 2009

PAC Meeting – Tonight: Tuesday, Sept 15 th @ 7:00 pm in Library
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PAC Meetings

Our Parent Advisory Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. All meetings start @ 7pm and are held in our school library. All parents / guardians of WES students are welcome to attend. If you can't make the meeting tonight, then book your calendar for next month. We always look forward to meeting new faces and hearing new ideas for a fresh start on a new year!

Winchelsea Open House – Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday, Sept 23rd

It's "Meet the Teacher" night and everyone is welcome to come and visit your child(ren's) classroom and tour the school from **6:00 – 7:00 pm**. Please remember that this is a social evening where general program items will be presented, if you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher, please make an appointment. (Please note change of date from 1st notice).

The PAC will be offering a barbecue dinner prior to the open house from 5-6 pm. There will be hot dogs with/without onions, slices of pizza, fruit leather & water – ALL FREE!

WES Newsletters – Coming Home with Youngest Sibling

In an attempt to cut down on our paper use, we will be issuing our newsletters and leaflets to the youngest member of each family group. These items generally go home every Tuesday. If you missed a notice, the office always has additional copies available.

Tour de Rock – Cops for Cancer 12 day bike ride

On Thursday, Sept 24th the Tour de Rock will be stopping by for a short visit with our students around 2:15 that afternoon. We will have a donation jar available in the school office if anyone would like to make a donation to Tour de Rock.



Student Accident Insurance – application attached

The Qualicum School District does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. However, the School District does provide the opportunity for families to voluntarily purchase private accident insurance through the IAP Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance Program underwritten by Industrial-Alliance Pacific Life Insurance.

All parents are encouraged to purchase Student Accident Insurance, either through their own insurance agent or through the Student Accident Insurance Policy. Applications from IAP Kids Plus™ are being sent home today and also application can be made on-line at www.iapkidsplus.com

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Students with Medical Problems (Alerts)

Please note it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to make their child's school aware of any **life threatening** medical problem/s your child/children may have. This includes any changes in condition for those students already on our medical alert file. Parents are also to provide the school with medication in its original container marked with the student's name. Please check the expiration date of the medication. If the medication requires administration (i.e. injection) it is important that those responsible for the procedure have the proper training. Please call the Health Unit 250-248-2044 for assistance.

H1N1 VIRUS

Please read the attached information sheet regarding information for parents and caregivers. You can also check the School District's Website for updated information on this virus and the steps to take to help prevent the contraction and spread of the virus. www.sd69.bc.ca.

Class Re-organization Now Complete

We have had an extremely smooth start to our school year. Our first two days in which students returned to their previous classrooms, allowed everyone to begin the year with a lowered level of anxiety than is sometimes found when everything changes on the first day. During this time students spent a full day in multi-aged groups visiting 6 stations focused around our Social Responsibility goal of "Solving Problems in Peaceful Ways". Our class re-organization is now complete. We have taken care in assigning students to classes, and tried to make the best placement decisions, paying attention to academic and social groupings, while at the same time, balancing gender and grade distributions, all within legislated class size requirements. Be sure to attend our Open House next Wednesday evening to meet your child's new teacher.

Calendar Dates to Remember

Sept 15 PAC Meeting tonight @ 7pm
Sept 23 WES Open House 6-7 pm (PAC dinner 5-6 pm)
Sept 24 Tour de Rock @ 2:15 pm
Sept 25 School Based Planning Day – classes not in session
Oct 6 Lifetouch Photo Day
Oct 12 Thanksgiving Holiday
Oct 20 PAC Meeting @ 7pm



Winchelsea's Promises Childcare - 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

6:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Before school program @ \$7.50 an hour

11:28 to 2:50 PM – Kindercare program @ \$20.00 a day

3:00 to 6:00 PM – After School program @ \$15.00 a day.

Open Professional Development day @\$35.00 a day and Spring Break. Spaces are limited to eight students at a time. Call the Daycare at 250-248-3296, extension 7 or call Lynn Moore at 250-248-3686.

Community Events

Qualicum Beach Historical and Museum Society is having a "Children's Day at the Museum" in Qualicum Beach – 587 Beach Rd. on Sat, Sept 26th from 1-4 pm. Come join in the fun with face painting, pedal power, lemonade stand, fossil rubbings, petting zoo and pony rides, come see the alpacas, make a wooden boat or hat and participate in shake making and help build the pioneer house and take home your very own potted fir seedling.

Fire Prevention Week: Oct 4-10th . Parksville Fire Dept is having their annual Open House on Sunday, Oct 4th from 9am-3pm. On Wed, Oct 7th @ 6:30 pm your local fire dept is sounding the siren to provide your family the opportunity to practice your escape plan. More info next week.

Knox United Church – 5th Annual Fall Fair this Saturday, Sept 19th from 8:30am – 2:30 pm at the corner of Pym & Humphrey. A huge garage sale, furniture, silent auction, baking, a Tea, entertainment and children's activities. Free Admission and Free Parking (at Ballenas High School).

Tiger Lily Farm is celebrating Fall on Sunday, Sept 20th with a Harvest Festival. Join us for a corn roast, take a pony ride or a pony cart ride, ride the tractor pulled wagon, watch the Coombs Country 4H Horse Club Drill team and have your face painted. Also there is the regular barnyard activities. Visit www.tigerlilyfarm.ca for a complete schedule of events. All activities are included with the barnyard admission.

PAC Parking Spot

Each month the PAC holds a draw for a prime parking spot in our staff parking lot. This spot is clearly marked with a yellow sign and when you are the recipient, it is yours for the month, anytime of day. If you would like to be in the draw for the month of Oct, please fill out the parking spot ticket and attach a small donation to it and return it to the school office by Sept 29th.

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

Print Name

Phone Number