

Chalmers Elementary Newsletter

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Important Dates to Remember:

June 26	Div. 15 & 16 – Burns Bog
June 26	Green Team and Bee Keepers Wind-Up Ice Cream Sundae Party (Lunch)
June 27	Div. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 – Centennial Beach
June 28	Grade 7 Luncheon and Dance
June 29	Last Day of the 2016-17 School Year (Dismissal at 10:30 am)
June 29	Grade 7 Farewell Assembly at 9:00 am
June 29	Term Three Report Cards Home
June 30	Administrative Day for Staff (No School for Students)
Aug.	School Re-Opens from Summer Break (Office Only)
Sept. 5	First Day of School – Dismissal at 12:25 pm (2017-18 School Year)
Sept. 5	PAC Welcome Back Social (Gym)
Sept. 8	Welcome Back Assembly (Gym)
Sept, 21	Terry Fox Run
Sept. 21	Welcome Back BBQ & Open House from 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Sept. 22	PRO-D Day (No School for Students)
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day

Dear Parents:

As we head into the last week of the school year, I can't help but notice the increased level of energy in the building. The anticipation of Summer Break is beginning to create a fervor of excitement and energy that can almost be touched.

I would like to thank you all for your support this year. The students at our school are hardworking, polite, and full of life. The parents are involved and very supportive.

We have an amazing staff at our GREAT school! They work hard, they care, and they are ultimate professionals who have tremendous pride in our school. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as Principal of this amazing school.

We have learned a lot together and I anticipate more excitement next year as we continue to make Chalmers a great place to learn.

On behalf of the staff at Chalmers Elementary, I would like to wish everyone a restful Summer Break filled with great times with friends and family!

Mr. K. Levenstein
Principal

Mr. T. Weber
Vice Principal



Last Day of School:



The last day of school for the 2016-17 school year is Thursday, June 29th. Our final day of school will begin with our **Grade 7 Farewell Assembly at 9:00 am**. Following the assembly, students will return to their classrooms to say their final goodbyes and receive their Term Three Report Cards. NOTE: Any students not at school on June 29th will have their report cards mailed out to their home address. **Students will be dismissed on June 29th at 10:30 am.**

Stinger Challenge Day 2017:

Thank you, students, parents, and staff, for a great Stinger Challenge Day! In true Chalmers fashion, our staff, Grade 7s and the Chalmers PAC worked together to create another fantastic Challenge Day for our students. An event such as this would not be possible without the involvement of many people working together:



- **Our Staff Sports Day Committee** took on the organization of the entire day this year, handling many of the “behind the scenes” jobs. Our entire staff followed their lead, and worked hard to ensure a fun-filled day for our students. Please take an opportunity to pass along your thanks for a job well done
- **Our Grade 7s** – All year long our Grade 7 students have displayed their leadership skills, positive energy, helpful attitude – Stinger Challenge Day was no exception. Our Grade 7s are to be commended for their organization and skill in running the events, as they were instrumental in the success of the day
- **Our PAC** – We would like to thank our volunteer parents who assisted with this year’s Stinger Challenge Day. From running the concession and organizing special lunch orders, the support and involvement of our parents contributes tremendously to special events

Lost and Found:



Students and parents have until this Thursday at 10:30 am to claim lost and found clothing items. Clothing items not claimed after 10:30 am this Thursday will be donated to charity.

We'll Miss You:

As you may already be aware, we will be saying goodbye to several staff members at the end of the school year. We would like to recognize the following staff who are leaving Chalmers Elementary at the end of the school year:

- Mlle. Leah Hughes (Grade 7 LFI Teacher)
- Ms. Shawna Hay (Grade 6/7 Teacher)
- Mrs. Jeannine Martin (Grade 4/5 Teacher)
- Mrs. Elizabeth Berwick-Wang (Grade 2 Teacher)
- Mrs. Alyson Quan (Grade 1 Teacher)
- Mrs. Kari Guloien (Grade 1 Teacher)
- Ms. Samantha Ashbrook (K / Grade 1 Teacher)
- Ms. Leila Waugh (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Ms. Camille Hobbs (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Ms. Parinita Jain (Primary Supported Learning Teacher)
- Ms. Theresa Disney (Band Teacher)
- Mr. Bal Kandola (Learning Support Teacher)
- Ms. Bupinder Nagra (Learning Support Teacher)
- Mr. Patrick Klassen (Mainstream Support Teacher)
- Mrs. Christiane Dube (School Counselor)
- Ms. Sonja Saqui (School Psychologist Intern)
- Ms. Alia Kallo (Speech Pathologist)
- Ms. Allison Crawford (Education Assistant)
- Ms. Elsie Cheng (Education Assistant)
- Mrs. Susan Gunn (Education Assistant)
- Mrs. Suki Kaur (Education Assistant)
- Mrs. Ankur Mehra (Education Assistant)



PAC Welcome Back Social:



The Chalmers PAC will be hosting a social event for our families on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

After morning entry for students, the Parent Advisory Council will be hosting a *Welcome Back* get together for parents in the gym... with refreshments provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Chalmers PAC will also be hosting a social event for our Kindergarten parents during their staggered start on the first day of school from 11:00 – 11:45 am. If you are a Kindergarten parent, please plan to join us for some refreshments in the gym while your child meets their new Kindergarten teacher.

Come and meet old friends and make some new ones.

Grade 7 Year-End Events:

This year's Grade 7 farewell events consist of two main activities – a Grade 7 luncheon and dance, and a farewell assembly. The Grade 7 luncheon and dance will take place on Wednesday, June 28th from 11:30 – 2:00 pm. The Grade 7 farewell assembly will take place on Thursday, June 29th from 9:00 – 10:00 am.



The Grade 7 luncheon and dance is a “closed” event for our Grade 7 students and Grade 7 staff. The Grade 7 farewell assembly is the special assembly where our Grade 7 students enter the gym paired with a Kindergarten student and receive their leaving certificates when they exit the gym. Given the size of our school, seating will be extremely limited for the farewell assembly. As a result, our Grade 7 farewell assembly is closed to only our Grade 7 families (two tickets per family). Additional members of our Grade 7 families without tickets will have to wait until all ticket holders have been seated. If there is extra space, then the additional family members will be granted entry based on available space in the gym.

September 2017:

The beginning of a new school year can be a time of uncertainty. Although tentative classes are put together in the spring, final organization cannot be done until September as there are many families who will arrive or leave during the summer months. Even slight changes from projected enrollment numbers can create staffing changes and require that classes be reorganized once school has started in September. This can be very disruptive to all concerned.

With this in mind, the staff at Chalmers has spent much time planning for our September opening and how we might alleviate some of the uncertainty around “back to school”.

Despite not being able to set our classes ahead of time, we want to ensure a smooth entry for our students. Please read the following section carefully as it fully explains how **students in Grades 1 – 7 will be organized for the first week of school (new Kindergarten students will soon receive information in the mail regarding the September gradual entry schedule):**

- Students in Grades 1 – 7 will return to school on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 8:45 – 12:25 pm
- All returning students will report to the classroom that they were in during the 2016-17 school year
- All Grade 6 & 7 Late French Immersion students will report to their new classrooms which will be posted on the first day of school
- All **new** students will report to the gym for placement in classrooms
- School hours during the first week back will be as follows:
 - Tuesday - 8:45 – 12:25 pm
 - Wednesday - 8:45 – 2:00 pm
 - Thursday/Friday - 8:45 – 3:00 pm
- During the first week of school, most students in Grades 1 – 7 will work with the teacher they had during the 2016-17 school year. Those students whose teacher is no longer at Chalmers will work with the newly assigned teaching staff
- During the first week of school, students are asked to only bring a limited amount of school supplies (pencil box containing pencils and pens, pencil crayons, scissors, etc.). All other supplies should be left at home until they are assigned to their classes for the year

We look forward to a smooth start to the 2017-18 school year!



Harvard Montessori – Preschool and Before & After School Program

Our name, Harvard Montessori, speaks for itself - a preschool that aims to provide a rich and interactive academic experience for all students. Just as our health benefits most from a well-balanced lifestyle, research has consistently shown that students, too, benefit most from a well-balanced curriculum. With this in mind, Harvard Montessori has [assembled a qualified, professional, and experienced team to](#) deliver a Montessori based program to children from 3-5 years.

Programs Offered:

- Before- and After-School Program (includes Pro-D days and School Holidays)
- Preschool:

Morning Preschool: 8:50 am – 12:20 pm

Afternoon Preschool: 12:50 pm – 2:50 pm

*Government subsidy accepted

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**** Coming Next Fall... Red Cross Babysitting Program ****

So, you want to be a babysitter? Or, your parents want you to take this course so they feel confident leaving you at home alone?

Different from all other babysitting courses, “Babysitting with First Aid Hero” emphasizes first aid and learning through real life scenarios. Active role play! Interactive and fun! Covered in the course:

- Exploring the business of babysitting
- Creating safe environments
- Safely caring for ages 0 – 12
- First aid skills



Where: Chalmers Elementary
When: Wednesdays – October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Time: 2:10 – 4:10 pm
Who: Students in Grades 6 & 7
Cost: \$63.00 (taxes included), register online and save 5%!
Mail Fee: \$68.25 (taxes included), extra charge for administration
<http://www.firstaidhero.com/babysitting-vancouver.html>