

Hello Families,

Thank-you for sending all the necessary items to school, like boots and sun hats. **If you have not sent a sun hat**, please do, even though it's cold throughout the day, the sun shines hot on their little faces. Sunscreen is also a great idea. **I cannot apply the sunscreen**, but I will teach them how to do it themselves. ☺

Here are some reminders and info for October:

## Learning About:

- Ways to make 10.
- Living and non-living things, scientific observations



- Conflict resolution (words to solve problems, rock/ paper/ scissors)
- Punctuation and journaling
- Families



- Community helpers (fire fighters, police)
- Wetlands



Whoa! Look at Kyle leap into the air during the Terry Fox Run.

- Fall colors and seasonal changes



## Show and Tell:

Our themes for October are **“nature –made or from the environment”** (to re-inforce the concept of person-made (machine made) vs. made by nature (natural)). This has led to some interesting topics of course and some really fantastic questions such as *“well if I made it and nature made me, then my art is*

*made by nature!"* (sound arguments from 6 year olds...ha! And *"where do people come from?"* I told the children that, depending on who you ask, this answer may be different and that's ok. I also re-directed them to ask you this question, as ultimately you are their greatest teacher. 😊

### **Ideas for show and tell:**

- Shells
- Rocks
- Gems
- Animal pelts
- Animal bones
- Special items connected to memories or special events (from nature of course)

## **Footwear:**

The best kind of shoes for our school (and safest) are runners and boots. Slip-on flats for the girls are not safe for gym and running.

## **Field Trips (x2) and back to back!**

1. Tree planting at the Silverdale Wetlands, **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** (half day)
2. Laityview Pumpkin Patch, **Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>**. (full day, parent volunteer ARE WELCOME, but we have no room on the bus and ask that if you wish to come, please drive yourself and we are happy to have you!)

*\*\*\*forms have NOT been sent home for the pumpkin patch, but will be sent home next week\*\*\**

## **Halloween:**

We will have a Halloween themed learning day and afternoon party on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send a snack, please do! (if possible, can we keep sweets and treats to a minimum? I know children love to bake cupcakes, but last year I had 12 sets of Halloween cupcakes and it was a bit too much sugar... :P

### **Great snack ideas for Grade 1 are:**

- Fruit and/ or veggie plate
- Cheese, crackers (sliced meat is a bonus!)
- Cookies (I will limit this to one per student for energy's sake)
- Banana or zucchini bread
- Pretzels, hummus

Along those lines, just a few ideas, as to avoid the cupcake fiasco last year....

**IF you want to contribute**, please sign up or e-mail me and I will post a sign up board by our classroom door and we can see what's already being prepared. Thank-you in advance to all the families who donate items and help out our classroom.

## **Cooking:**

I will be asking for cooking money for classroom cooking projects. If each child could contribute \$25.00 to our cooking fund, that would be much appreciated. If you cannot, I completely understand and don't feel any pressure. Our first food adventure will be 'healthy food art', although I don't have an exact

date. I will send home a form for the \$25.00 , but have to complete some paperwork first. I will also plan food art on a Friday afternoon I know I have some helpers in my room.

## **Donations:**

*I am looking for the following items for our classroom, if you have them or could buy us 1 or 2 things, that would be incredible!!*

- Paper plates, flat preferably, small, medium and large.
- Ribbon, any color, all sizes, fabric is extra great for an upcoming art project on jellyfish...
- Large size cans for our pencil crayons (I will cover with paper and tape to ensure safety)
- String, all kinds

## **Folders:**

Thank-you for helping us stay organized by checking and sending back our folders. More notices will be sent home tomorrow.

## **Parent Volunteers:**

Parent Volunteers are always needed on Friday afternoons (this is when we plan to do a usually large scale art project, all hands on deck!) If you would like to volunteer, please send me an e-mail, if Friday afternoons don't work and you still would like to come into our classroom and help, shoot me an e-mail and we can figure something out.

**A HUGE Thank-you to the parents/ family members that come for morning reading!** It helps greatly to have adults while I get folders, organize notices and help those in our class who need extra guidance.



Orange Shirt Day, 2017

## Other:

Facebook PAC info page (most recent pictures uploaded here!) as well as info from our wonderful PAC. Our PAC provides lots of the funding for field trips, we could not enjoy so much experiential learning if it was not for their hard work and dedication. Thank-you to our PAC for everything they do.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/770460469634124/>

Dewdney Elementary photo website, not updated yet, but tons of amazing shots from our last school year.

<https://dewdneyelementaryschool.weebly.com/>

If you ever have any questions, concerns or just want to chat about your child's progress, don't hesitate to e-mail me or speak with me after school. ☺

*It is a privilege and an honor to be your child's teacher. Thanks for reading this entire e-mail!*

Warmest regards,

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*“be the change you wish to see in the world” -Ghandi*

*“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela*