



# Chantrell Creek Elementary School

Eagles Take Flight with Excellence, Joy, Unity, and Respect



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Dear Families,

What a fantastic Halloween celebration at Chantrell Creek. The students and school community embraced the day with such spirit. The annual parade in the gym was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to our own Vegas style magicians, Ethan and Hayden Donnelly for a great performance. Thanks to Ms. Davis for the impromptu, outdoor "Thriller" dance party. The beautiful fall weather added to the success of the day.

### **Unicef**

Thank you for your generous donations. Students raised over \$1408, for children in developing countries.

### **Bookfair**

Thank you parents for a very successful bookfair at Chantrell Creek. The teachers have been able to purchase over \$4000 worth of books and educational products from Scholastic.

### **Book and Coat Drive**

The staff and students of W.E. Kinvig are very appreciative of the books and coats donated to their school community. Thank you for your generosity and support given to our sister school.

### **Remembrance Day Assembly**

Will be held on **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 11:00. Poppies will be distributed to all students. Donations are accepted at the office.

Please note: This is a solemn assembly of remembrance, and students will not applaud after performances.

### **Official Time Change: "Fall back"**

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 a.m.

### **Parking and Traffic**

The heavy traffic during drop off and pick up creates safety issues. As the weather changes we anticipate even more vehicle traffic crowding drop off and pick up zones. Please:

- Drive **slowly** and **carefully**.
- Avoid double parking or blocking teachers' parking areas.
- Use the drop off loop. This was designed to enhance the flow of traffic.
- Respect volunteers who help our children get to school safely.

Your vigilance and full attention to traffic safety is necessary to keep our children safe.

### **Wet weather wear**

Students will be going outside in all but the worst weather. Please ensure they have coats, boots and umbrellas at school. When an "In Day" is called, student monitors will be in the primary classes and the supervisory aides will circulate throughout the school.

### **Beaver Activity in Chantrell Creek Park**

The city of Surrey has notified the school about the beavers inhabiting Chantrell Creek Park. The beavers are increasingly felling trees that could strike trails, benches and other areas that may be occupied by people. Although the city is undertaking various activities to reduce the risk of tree failure due to beaver activity, the risk of potential injury to those using the park has increased. The public is advised to exercise caution when entering the area and avoid using the forest where beaver activity is evident.

For further information please contact **Greg Ward**, Manager Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs at 604 501 5170.

### **Allergy Awareness**

Several of our students have severe anaphylactic reactions to a variety of nuts and their by-products. Please help us in committing to do everything possible to protect these students.

Some ways you can help include: refraining from sending foods to school that contain peanuts/ nuts, reminding your children to wash their hands carefully after eating, reminding your children not to share or trade snacks and please do not use these products in any treats you may send to the classroom for special occasions throughout the year.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to make our school a safe environment for all students.

### **Student Craft Fair**

The student craft fair will be on **Wed. November 30<sup>th</sup>**, in the gym from 2:45-4:30. Students interested in selling their homemade crafts are welcome to be part of this fun and educational experience. The items typically sold include Christmas themed gift tags, bags, cards, aprons etc. This is not a bake sale. Students may sell edible items but they are to be packaged and presented as a craft.

Mrs. Wright will be the teacher sponsor for this event.

❖ Registration forms and guideline information will be available at the office.

Parents willing to help with this event, please let Mrs. Thorvaldson know at the office.

### **Mark your calendar**

**Nov 10** Remembrance Day assembly – 11:00

**Nov 11** Remembrance Day – no school

**Nov 14** Pro-D day – no school

**Nov 24** General P.A.C. – meeting 7:00 p.m.