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PLANTS FOR PEACE

Some of our Intermediate students approached their teacher and asked if they could do something to help the people of Ukraine, who are dealing with a humanitarian crisis as a result of the invasion of their country. At the same time, Primary students were busy making packets of sunflower seeds from last year's Spul'ukwuks harvest and wondering how they could help. From that, the idea of "Plants for Peace" was born.

All students will bring home a decorated packet of sunflower seeds (the national flower of Ukraine). We hope that each student can return with a donation, which we will give to the Canadian Red Cross, where our donation will be doubled. If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to keep the seed packet to grow your own sunflowers.



A giant sunflower from our school garden!

There are three ways to donate:

- Cash at school
- CashOnline
- Directly to the Canadian Red Cross (if you need a tax receipt). Please let us know if you donate this way so we can keep track of our school's donations.

We are so proud of our students and their desire to help those in need! We can see that they are clearly developing in their Personal and Social Core Competency. Students who have a positive personal and cultural identity "contribute to their own well-being and to the well-being of their family, community, and society."

(BC Ministry of Education)

HOW TO GROW

Easy to grow! In late May, choose a sunny site with well-draining soil and sow seeds about 6-12mm deep and 7.5 to 10cm apart. Seeds can be started 2-3 weeks early indoors using plantable peat pots at 21C. Harden off seedlings then transplant to a site in full sun. Keep plants evenly watered and fertilize twice during the season with a granular 15-5-5 or equivalent.
(Planting information from OSC seeds)



Students harvesting seeds from one of our sunflowers

MASK MANDATE



You may have heard in yesterday afternoon's announcement by the Provincial Health Officer that the mask mandate has been removed in most indoor spaces. As we shared earlier in the pandemic, public announcements don't immediately translate into school changes.

The direction we have received from the Ministry and District is that **our school must continue the mask mandate until we leave on Spring Break (up to and including Friday, April 1st)**. When we return on May 2nd, masks will be optional unless we hear differently. If this direction changes, we will send you an email with more information.

TIME CHANGE

Thankfully, most of our devices do it for us, but don't forget that this weekend our clocks need to go forward by an hour for the start of Daylight Saving Time. If you turn your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night, then you will not be confused about what time it is when you wake up on Sunday morning! Remember to be extra careful when out and about on Sunday and into the next few weeks...accidents tend to go up after we lose that hour of sleep.



STREET PARKING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL



We have received word from our neighbours that there are vehicles dropping off and picking up students from the "No Parking" areas across the street from the school. This is a concern for the safety of all our community. These vehicles are blocking the view of the crosswalk, and there have been some close calls with cars and pedestrians.



We have noticed frequent jaywalking across the street and through the parking lot as well. We ask that you please model for your children the correct way to cross a street and move through the parking lot by using the crosswalks. Yes, it takes extra time, but our children are worth the effort!

RAPID COVID TEST KITS

Thank you to those families that have come to pick up the rapid test kits allocated to your children. We will no longer have formal pick-up times. We are storing the remaining kits until parents pick them up. You may come any day between 9:00-11:30am and from 1:00-4:00pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Today, March 11th, is a significant date in the Hindu religion. It is known as Maha Shivaratri, and is a festival to celebrate Lord Shiva.

March 17	PAC Meeting 9:30am
March 25	Report Cards Home OR
March 28	Report Cards Home
April 1	Last Day of School
May 2	Return to School
May 5	Class Photo Day