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CROSS-COUNTRY FUN RUN

We'd like to give a huge shout-out to our cross-country sponsors and students who participated in the Fun Run at Garry Point on Tuesday after school. Thank you to Mrs. Swain and Ms. Hwu for working with our students and being at the run to cheer them on. Our students represented us well, and we are so proud of them! Way to go, Spul'ukwuks Eagles! See the bottom of the newsletter for more photos.



COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING



We hope that your family has been able to find a time to connect with your child's teacher for our first Learning Update (Conference) of the year. Our teachers have been saying how much they have enjoyed the time to meet with you and to find out more about you and your child! If you have not scheduled a time to meet with your child's teacher, please do so, as the partnership between home and school is important for your child's learning!

Attached to this newsletter is a document from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to help explain the changes to student reporting. The purpose of the changes is to align our reporting practices with the revised curriculum. Over the next few weeks, we will share parts of the document with you. This week, we'll share what's new and what's staying the same in reporting:

What's new

- Student reporting practices that align with B.C.'s curriculum and provincial assessment system
- Provincial Proficiency Scale at Grades K-9
- Changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning instead of "incomplete" learning
- Student self-assessment of Core Competencies and goal setting, in all grades in the 3 written reports
- Graduation status updates at Grades 10-12
- All learners, including students with a disability or diverse ability, will receive regular communications of student learning in the same way as their peers in any other program

What's the same

- Timely and responsive feedback to families throughout the school year
- 5 communications of student learning; 3 written and 2 of flexible format
- Letter grades and percentages at Grades 10-12
- Written descriptive feedback to accompany scale or letter grade and percentage

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

We are looking forward to seeing the creative and exciting costumes that our students (and staff!) will wear to school on Monday, October 31st! Over the last few years, our understanding of what is respectful to others has grown considerably and we do our best to reflect this in our words and actions. Our teachers will be having discussions with their students about how we can choose our costumes to reflect our **SOAR** acronym (Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, and Respect), and we mentioned it to our students at today's SOAR assembly. Keep in mind that anything relating to RACE (pretending to look like a different race), CULTURE (using symbols of another culture), RELIGIOUS FAITH (religious leaders, religions, or



artifacts), GENDER (gender switching to make fun), or TRAUMA (weapons, torture) is not a costume. There are so many other options to choose from! We are on this learning journey together to make our school a safe and inclusive environment for all!

Are you taking your child trick-or-treating? See this link from the BC RCMP safety tips:
<https://bc-cb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=2082&languageId=1&contentId=11818>

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 18	Photo Retakes
Oct. 20	Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill
Oct. 21	Pro-D – No School for Students
Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day – School Closed
Nov. 21	Pro-D – No School for Students
Nov. 23	Gr. 6/7 Catch up Immunizations
Nov. 24	TCO2 Presentations for Gr. 4/5 and 6/7 Students
Nov. 25	Spirit Day
Nov. 28	Written Learning Updates (Reports) Home
Nov. 30	Virtual Holiday Event (Evening)
Dec. 02	Last Day of School
Jan. 02	First Day back after Winter Break - Tuesday

Multiples Day was awesome! We will post some pictures in next week's newsletter!



More pics from the Cross-Country Fun Run!

