

# CRAIGFLOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. Michelle MacFarlane  
Vice-Principal: Mrs. Jana Dick



June 29, 2017

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As my time with you comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to say **Thank You**. I appreciate how you welcomed me into the Craigflower community 3 years ago; you were friendly, kind, patient and supportive. It has been an immense pleasure getting to know you.

As you probably know, I am retiring at the end of this year and won't be returning in September. I have been in education for 38 years and have taught in many areas of the province. Of all the schools I have worked in, I wouldn't want to end my career anywhere but Craigflower. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of this community and it will always hold a special place in my heart.

To our grade five students and to those students who will be attending other schools, I wish you all the best as you carry on your academic careers. The lessons you have learned at Craigflower will serve you well in all of your endeavors. To our returning students and parents, enjoy the summer.



## Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Office opens for new registrations
- Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
School re-opens, Community Breakfast beginning at 8:30  
Students in grades 1 through 5 attend 9:00 - 11:30
- Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
First full day of school Grades 1 - 5
- Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
Professional Development Day  
School not in Session
- Wednesday, September 20  
Family BBQ and Meet the Teacher 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Terry Fox Run
- Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
Community Breakfast 8:30  
Feather Ceremony 9:15  
Orange Shirt Day

## Student Achievement

We have been working so hard on **Reading** this year. By continuing our structures that we implemented last year, the students have continued to receive reading instruction 5 times a week with either a teacher or a reading specialist. It was wonderful to see students walking around with books, smiles on their faces and eager to attend Reading Group. We focused on oral reading fluency, making connections with what we are reading and word power.



Below is a chart showing you the school's progress in Reading this year using PM Benchmarks.

	Number of Students		
	October 2015	October 2016	June 2017
At Grade Level or Above	4	43	65
1 Year Below	42	18	16
2 Years Below	28	11	7
3 Years Below	15	10	7
4 or more Years Below	6	2	4

### Staffing News

It is that time of the year when we say farewell to some of our staff as they move on to new challenges and to new locations. I would



like to extend our gratitude and best wishes on behalf of the staff, students, and parents to, Florence Aryavong, Laurie Bayly, Heather Beiermeister, Judi Chessa, Katie Clark, Mitchel Du Plessis, Nicole Hamilton, James Skwarok, Amanda Sullivan, Tracy White, and Vini Zucko. They will be greatly missed here at Craigflower.

Mr. C. McCoy will be coming from Alberta to be your new school Principal. I met with Mr. McCoy before school ended and have spoken with him on the phone. I know that Craigflower is in good hands. Thank you in advance for welcoming him to the Craigflower family.



### Feast

We held our annual feast last Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. We had a full house with over 160 people attending. It was wonderful to see so many parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and friends attending. It was a great event - great people, great food and great prizes. I would like to give a special Thank You to the committee for organizing this successful event. We would also like to thank our sponsors who graciously donated to our feast.

Amica Mature Lifestyles

Mr. Will

Anniko Hunter Barristers & Solicitors

Esquimalt Lions

Brad Vigue

First Choice Haircutters

Diana Neufeld

Appletree Restaurant

Coast Capital Savings

ANED

Gorge-ous Coffee

Health Essentials

Jason Erb

Options Picture Framing

Robina Thomas

Mrs. Pullman

Paint Nite

Pharmasave

Scotiabank

Dylan Thomas

Starbucks Coffee

Staples

Mrs. Morin

BC Transit

Canadian Tire

Mrs. Semmler

### Report Cards

Students will bring home their final report cards today. If you would like to discuss your child's report card with their teacher, please phone the school at 604-384-8157 to make an appointment. Teachers will be available on Friday to discuss any questions or concerns.

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## Student Medication

Please remember to pick up any medication that we may be holding in the office for your child(ren) before June 29<sup>th</sup>. Medication *should not* be left at school over the summer.

All students will meet in grade groups (their new grade level) on

the first day. They will meet in the following rooms:



## Summer Office Hours

The school office will be open from August 28<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you move over the summer and will not be attending Craigflower in the fall, please call to inform the school as soon as possible. If you know of any new families moving in to our neighbourhood that are needing to register, please advise them to come in to the school during the week of August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Kindergarten	Gym	Mrs. Kosciuk/ Mrs. Butler
Grade 1	Room 3	Mrs. Semmler
Grade 2	Room 12	Mrs. Adams
Grade 3	Room 9	Mrs. Pederson
Grade 4	Room 7	Mr. Tran
Grade 5	Room 8	Mr. Davis

Kindergarten students need to come to the gym to sign in where they will receive their information for the upcoming week.

## Opening Day, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Craigflower will follow the same routine as the rest of the District on the first day back to school in September



It is extremely important that all students attend so that we have an accurate count of students who will be attending Craigflower. If you will be returning late from vacation, please advise the office at your earliest convenience. It is imperative that we know our numbers as soon as soon as possible so that we can arrange our classes for the year.

## Bell Schedule

8:55	Welcome Bell
9:00	School Starts
2:53	School Ends

We are still working on the schedule and will let you know in September about the times for recess and lunch.

## Grades 1 - 5

9:00 - 11:30 School in Session

Breakfast will be served about 8:30 a.m. - everyone is welcome.

