

November 20 - Newsletter

Craigflower Community,

Wow! so much has happened since our last newsletter on Halloween.

We had our **Indigenous Veterans Day and Remembrance Day Ceremony/Assembly** on Monday, Nov. 10. Thank you to our 3 MC's (Master of Ceremonies), all the classes that made wreaths, our guests, and guest presenter Const. Jesse Schroeder. The event was respectful!

On Friday, Nov.17, we had our school-wide field trip to Goldstream, and it was awesome. Great bus rides to/from, good weather, food (hot dogs, fish head soup), hot coco, etc. We opened with a circle and then had 4 stations for classes to rotate between:

- **Fish head Soup/Fires and Culture/History** by John Harris
- **Storytelling and Hot Chocolate** by Esquimalt Elder, Maryann Thomas and Krystal Cook (and other guests)
- **Paddle Art** – Sanding, designing, and painting by Francine Spahan/Ms. Monet
- **Zombie Apocalypse:** Nature Survival Game by Emily, Maria, and Lacey

Thank you, students, staff, parents/guardians, guests, presenters, chefs, and organizers. A very special thank you to Maria Nordstrom for taking on the planning and running of this fantastic event.

We had **Caregiver/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday**, and it was so great to have families connecting and learning about how our children are progressing, and planning for future growth and success.

Tomorrow is Friday, November 21, and there is no school for students due to the Professional Development Day!

Next week, we are preparing for the CF PAC Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 29. Hope to see you there!

PAC is looking for **baking and volunteers** to cover a few shifts. Please contact Lianne Wohlberg if you can help support them. lwohlberg@sd61.bc.ca

School Access and Parking:

- Thank you for **not** parking in our parking lot. We need every spot and more for our staff, SD61 staff that come and go, outside professionals that come to provide a service, etc.
- Please be respectful of our neighbours and their properties.
- We encourage you to take “Active Transport” (walk, cycle, bus, scoot, etc.), and there is a walking school bus. **To start your registration**, fill out the application survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/7DBLUSa5LY>

Please do not park in our accessible spot or in any way block our fire lane.

West Coast Recesses – The Rains are coming! At CF, we believe that students need outside time (activity, fresh air, etc.) and will be asking students to head outside in our Victoria weather. Please help your students plan for rain, wind, snow, etc. We will only call students in before school or during the breaks if the weather is dangerous or unreasonably harsh.

Lost and Found – The clothes are building up. They are hanging and in a growing pile by the gym doors. Please come and look for your kid’s stuff. Thank you!

- **Bob’s Bikes – Need a bike, this is how you might get one.** We have a community member who collects and builds bikes for kids and adults. Bob wants to provide our community with more bikes. So, if you or your children need a bike, please send me an email at ddoyle@sd61.bc.ca with the following information:
 - Full Name (First and Last)
 - Grade and Division
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Height
 - Style of Bike (BMX, Mountain Bike, etc.)

Once I have your email and your information, I will connect with Bob and start to arrange a bike. Thank you!

Calendar Items: **Please subscribe** to the CV Website Calendar for up-to-date information <https://craigflower.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar-2/>

Nov. 21 – **Professional Development Day (no school)**

Nov 26 - Deadline for Purdy's Chocolate Orders

Nov. 27 – Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony

Nov. 29 – CF PAC Craft Fair 10 am – 2 pm (Saturday)

Dec. 10 – PAC mtg 6 pm (Library)

Dec. 11? (tentative date) – Winter Event 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Dec. 18 – Report Cards/Learning Updates Home

Dec. 19 – Last Day of School before the Winter Break and PJ Day

Thank you for your support!

Dwayne and Maria