#### November 3, 2017

# CAPILANO

#### **IB World School**

## **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, November 6:** Curriculum Implementation Day – students do not attend school

Friday, November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly at 10:50 am in the gym

Monday, November 13: Remembrance Day stat holiday (in lieu) – school closed

**Tuesday, November 14:** School tour at 9:30 am (more information can be found further down in the newsletter).

Monday, November 20, 21, 23 & 24: Student/Family/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 22: Performance group (Infinitus) performing for whole school – 1:15 pm

**Thursday, November 23:** CPAC parent education series – second session at 7:00 pm in gym (See CPAC web site for more information)

**Tuesday**, **November 28:** CPAC meeting in library at 7:00 pm

Friday, December 1: School-based Professional Development Day



# **Fall Has Arrived**

October has come and gone, and we have been fortunate to see many wonderful learning activities taking place throughout the school. Thank you to all of our students who bring their passion and positive energy to school.

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the playground after Halloween. Unfortunately, we were able to fill a couple of large garbage cans with spent fireworks and other garbage items that were left over from the night before. We appreciated all the help getting our grounds clean.

Sincerely,



Doug Beveridge (Principal) & Tanya Black (Vice Principal)

#### **Before and After School**

At the start of every day, we are finding more and more students coming inside prior to the opening bell. We would like to ask everyone to please wait outside until the first bell rings at 8:45 am. In some cases, students who have made prior arrangements to come in early for extra help with work or for an academic workshop (i.e. math help) may head to their classes.

#### **Rainy Weather**

**PLEASE make sure your child is dressed appropriately for spending recesses and lunch times outside.** This means a rain/water resistant coat and rubber boots or "outside" shoes on wet days, and a hat on cool, or very sunny days. At recess students will be expected to go outside <u>rain or shine</u>. On days of "heavy" rain, a PA announcement <u>may, on occasion</u>, be made, asking the students to stay indoors during the noon hour.

#### **Guest Speaker**

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the whole school had the opportunity to hear from D.O. Gibson, a rapper who visits schools across Canada to spread a message of positive energy and following your dreams. He shared with the students his personal journey, a few raps, and H.O.L.L.A (Help, Outlet, Lead, Leave, Assert), a message on how to handle challenging situations. A special thanks to the Capilano PAC for sponsoring this event.

#### **Service Hours**

We have recently expanded our service hours program to include students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Service hours have been a part of grade 7 life at Capilano for a number of years, and this year it was decided to provide service opportunities for more students. Students in grade 7 are expected to track their hours and have their hours approved by an adult. At the Grade 7 Farewell Assembly, held at the end of June, we will honour those students who have shown a willingness and dedication to service. For more information about grade 7 service hours, please speak to a grade 7 student.

For students in grade4, 5 and 6, teachers will hold onto the service hours sheet for each child in their class. Students can discuss with their teachers what activities can count towards service at Capilano School and record their hours in a class binder. In June, students have the opportunity to receive a Capilano service hours certificate, as well as be recognized at the year-end assembly.

We have already seen a positive response from our intermediate students about the chance to help out and be recognized for their positive contributions to our school.

## **Student Family Teacher Conferences & Online Sign-Up**

Our Student/Family Teacher (S/F/T) conferences are scheduled for late November, 2017. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 pm on Monday (November 20<sup>th</sup>), Tuesday (November 21<sup>st</sup>), Thursday (November 23<sup>rd</sup>) and Friday (November 24<sup>th</sup>).

This school year we are going to be using an online signup system (schoolappointments.com) for all conferences. Our online sign up system will open for parents Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am and will remain open until Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Further information will follow.

#### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is located at the end of the grade 1 hallway. Please take the time to look through the lost and found items that have accumulated over the first two months of the school year.

#### **Kindergarten Tour**

On Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have an open tour for families with children who may be coming to Capilano School next year. The tour will be from 9:30 – 10:15. Please contact the school office if you are interested in joining us.

#### Something to Think About

"We know what we are,

but know not what we may be."

~ William Shakespeare

#### A Message From One Of Our Students

Greyhaven Exotic Bird Sanctuary (greyhaven.bc.ca) is a non-profit society whose purpose is to protect the quality of life for exotic birds. Greyhaven actively promotes avian welfare and awareness in the community through educational seminars and presentations to local schools, colleges, clubs, and other organizations. The goal to help people understand the level of devotion and commitment it takes to share your home with a bird. They are strongly committed to the welfare of our birds, and dedicate each and every day to giving the highest level of care.

The sanctuary relies completely on donations and fundraising to defray costs. The challenge for Greyhaven is to find the resources to care for the increasing number of birds entering its facility. Medical expenses, food, cages, toys and essential equipment are ongoing expenses.

That's where we come in. My name is **Allie** and I am in the fifth grade. My goal is to raise money for this charity. If you are interested in donating, you can contact greyhaven.bc.ca to help these birds live better lives. Thank you for your help.