



Duncan Cran Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

School is off to a great start! All the students seem to be settling in and are making friends. We enjoyed meeting all families at our Open House. The colder weather is approaching quickly so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Even if you are dropping your child off in the morning they need to be prepared to go outside during breaks or in a case of an emergency.

BELL SCHEDULE

Starting October 13th our bell schedule will be adjusting slightly. The new schedule will be:

8:45 a.m.	Warning Bell for morning classes
8:50 a.m.	Classes begin
10:20 a.m.	Recess
10:35 a.m.	Classes resume
12:05 p.m.	Beginning of lunch
	- announcements
	- Primary students eat
	- Intermediate students play
12:20 p.m.	Primary students play
	- Intermediate students eat
	- Primary students play
12:35 p.m.	End of Lunch
12:40 p.m.	Afternoon classes begin
2:40 p.m.	Dismissal

INTERIM REPORTS

All students should be bringing home interim reports on Friday, October 16th. If you have any concerns please make sure and contact the teacher or myself. Children do best when the home and school work together.

PAC

The next PAC meeting is Monday, October 19th 7pm in the library. We would like to see a least one parent from each class at our meetings. They are about one hour long and are an opportunity to learn more about the school and offer input into things you would like to see happening. I promise if you attend that you will not have to do a lot of extra work. Babysitting will be provided.

PRO-D DAY

The next Professional Development Day will be on October 23rd.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

The student leadership group is organizing a dance from 1:30-2:30 on October 30th for our intermediate students. The cost will be \$2.00.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

FREE!!! On October 13, 20, and 27, from 6:30-8:30 at Duncan Cran School, Children's Mental Health will be offering a series of workshops **POSITIVE PARENTING AND SETTING LIMITS**. Parents and caregivers will learn effective strategies and skills when dealing with difficult behavior children and youth. The principles of setting effective limits, managing personal frustrations and anger and the impact listening has on positive parenting will be key elements of the training sessions. Questions and discussions will be encouraged. Brent Smith of Independent Networking Services will facilitate these workshops. **Please register by contacting Ruth Relland 250-787-3317.**

KIDZ CLUB

KIDZ CLUB still has childcare spots available. They offer before school and after school care, and care for kindergarten students during the day in room 12 and is available from 7:30am-6:00pm daily. They provide childcare for non-instructional days and school holidays. For more information contact Jen at 785-0380.

WEBSITE

We invite you to check out our website, www.duncan.prn.bc.ca. We will be endeavoring to keep the site as current as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12	Thanksgiving- No School
October 13, 20, 27	Positive Parenting workshops
October 16	Interim Reports go home
October 19	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm in the Library
October 23	Professional Development Day - No School for Students
October 30	Halloween Dance – Intermediate Students – 1:30 to 2:30 - \$2.

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NEWSLETTER SIGNATURE RETURN

Lucky students will be awarded a special pencil from the Early Newsletter Entry box.

Yes, I have received and read the October 9th, 2009 newsletter.

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____