



Duncan Cran Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your family had an excellent holiday and that 2010 will be a great year. This term is a very busy and an important learning time for the children. Please make sure they are here on time, as it affects their learning when they come in late and it disrupts the learning of the other students in the classroom. **Classes start at 8:45.**

Please make sure your child is dressed to go outside at recess and lunch time if it is warmer than -15. Also, shoes, boots, jackets etc. should have their names on them for easy identification. All students must have inside shoes for safety reasons.

For students to be successful it is important that they keep their assignments up to date. If your child is getting behind in his/her work, you will be getting a phone call to ensure that your child will be successful.

SKATING RINK

We are once again trying to clear the rink so we can get some more water on it. If you have a snow blower and could come clear the rink that would be great. It is suppose to warm up so we would like to be able to take advantage of it.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting is January 18th at 7 pm. Babysitting will be provided. We would like to see more parents attend. We promise not to ask you to volunteer for any jobs but just to sit and talk about our school.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

This is a provincial assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students in the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy. We will be completing the assessments from February 1-12 so it is important that your child is here for these dates.

INTRAMURALS

We will be starting intramurals this week. At lunch time students will have the opportunity to compete in the gym to gain house team points. If any parents would like to join the fun we can always use help with supervision.

STRONG START PROGRAM

Our parent and tot drop-in pre-school program is open every morning (8:30-11:30) except Tuesdays for children and parents to come and play with some great toys. We are open Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-3:00. Please let your neighbors and friends know about the program as everyone is welcome. The program provides the opportunity for children to play with other children and for parents to interact with their children.

READY SET LEARN

The Ministry of Education in conjunction with the school district sponsors this event. It is an evening program where parents can bring their preschool children ages 3-4years old to the school and participate in a variety of activities. This year we are hosting 3 evenings with a different focus each evening. The dates are February 4th 6:30 – 7:30 – Numeracy; February 11th, 6:30-7:30 – Language Skills; February 18th 6:30-7:30 pm – Fine and Gross Motor Development All families are welcome. Please let your friends and neighbors know. Each family will receive a goodie bag weekly with books, etc. to have at home. If you would like more information please contact the school.

SCIENCE FAIR

The school date for the Science Fair is March 1st. Intermediate students will need their projects completed by this date as we will be having judges come to our school that day

to examine the projects. Intermediate teachers will be sending home more information shortly. The District Science Fair is April 13th.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Parents of kindergarten children received a letter informing them of the screening and immunization clinic at the Health Unit, February 8th to 12th. Please call the Health Unit at 263-6000 to make an appointment for your child as soon as possible.

2010-2011 REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for next year's kindergarten class. Please bring in the child's birth certificate when registering. Please let your neighbors know.

BASKETBALL

Basketball season will be starting soon. You'll be able to find permission forms and schedules on our website as soon as they're available.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Join Norbert Kaspar and Jarrod Bell for a session about Internet Safety for Parents from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm on Wednesday, January 27th, 2010 at the District Development Center at the School District 60 offices.

We will look at:

- Social Networking
- Cyberbullying
- Cybersafety
- Web Filtering
- Becoming aware and getting involved in your child's digital life
- Q&A
- Please register by the 25th of January email

jbelle@prn.bc.ca or call Sharon Irving at 250-262-6013

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18, 2010	PAC Meeting @ 7 pm in the Library
February 1, 2010	Non-Instructional Day – no school for students
February 1-12, 2010	FSA assessments for Gr 4 & 7 Students
February 4, 2010	6:30-7:30 Ready Set Learn – Numeracy
February 11, 2010	6:30-7:30 Ready Set Learn – Language Skills
February 18, 2010	6:30-7:30 Ready Set Learn – Fine & Gross Motor Skills
February 8 – 12, 2010	Kindergarten screening @ the Health Unit
March 1, 2010	School Science Fair
March 22 – April 2, 2010	Spring Break
April 6, 2010	First day back from Spring Break
April 13, 2010	District Science Fair

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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 December 10th, 2009 newsletter.

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____