



Duncan Cran Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

We hope that your family had a great Spring break. Time is going by very quickly but it is important that we stay focused, as there is lots of learning left to happen before the end of June. Report cards went home before spring break so please continue to monitor your child's progress and if you have any concerns, please contact the teacher.

It looks like spring has arrived and with it lots of mud puddles!! Please make sure that your child has an extra pair of pants to change into if they get wet.

If you are leaving or moving out of our area and your child will not be attending school here for the 2010-11 school year, please let us know. Also, if you have a child, or know of a child in our area, who will be attending kindergarten in the fall please register as soon as possible.

FAMILY NEEDING OUR SUPPORT

One of our grade one students, Bria Perfect has just been diagnosed with cancer and is in Edmonton undergoing further assessment. As a school community we want to help and support the family so will be doing some fundraising activities to help support the family. Our first event will be our male staff members will grow beards. Students will have the opportunity to bring in coins to vote as to how long Mr. Burrige, Mr. Longley, Mr. Read or Mr. Peterson have to go before they can shave. For each hundred dollars collected the teacher has to keep his beard for one more week. Any help or support our school community can give the family will be greatly appreciated.

SCIENCE ALIVE

Intermediate students will get to have hands-on opportunities with people from Science World on April 12 & 14.

PITCH IN

Students will be participating in the annual clean up of our area on April 23rd.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

One of our students has cystic fibrosis and his mother Kim Burton is asking for our support with a fundraiser. The local chapter collects old gold jewelry and has it melted down and a goldsmith then makes a new piece of jewelry that is auctioned off. Here is Mrs. Burton's request: "I am asking for your assistance by asking the staff and parents of Duncan Cran for the generous donation of their old, broken and unwanted gold jewelry. The only requirement is that the items donated have to be at least 10K gold so that it can be melted down, but it can be broken or even have stones or glass." Mrs. Burton will be picking up the items by May 14th. Please drop off your items to the office. If you have any further questions please contact Mrs. Burton 787-9788 or email her at burton03@telus.net.

SCIENCE FAIR

Mr. Longley will be taking fourteen students to the Regional Science Fair on April 13th. This event is at the North Peace Senior Secondary School. I would encourage parents to attend as it is amazing to see all the different projects.

PINK SHIRT DAY

On April 14th, we are encouraging all students to wear pink as part of a national awareness day to stop bullying. On Monday, April 12th, the leadership group will be doing a presentation at the assembly.

PAC MEETING

Our next PAC meeting will be on April 26th at 7 pm. All parents are invited to attend. Babysitting will be provided. On May 13th at 6 pm. PAC will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and dance. All families are invited to attend. If you could help with this fun event, please phone the school and let the secretary know.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Mr. Burrige will be coaching our badminton team and he will be having tryouts and practices next week. Intermediate students have been busy practicing and will have the opportunity to participate in mixed, doubles, or singles competition. The tournament is April 29th from 4-8pm and all day April 30th. Duncan Cran will be one of the venues for the tournament.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Mrs. Andersen is hosting a Jump Rope for Heart event on Thursday, April 22nd after school. The event is open to all students and there will be a meeting at lunch on April 12 at lunchtime. Students will get pledge envelopes and need to have them returned by April 21st. Last year's total collected was \$2300.00 - let's try to beat it.

PARENT CONFERENCE

The 3rd Annual Parent Conference is being held on Saturday April 24th from 8:30-2:45 at North Peace Senior Secondary School. Parents will have the opportunity to attend multiple workshops that will explore ways to support your child's growth. A detailed schedule has been sent home. If you did not receive it more copies are available at the office or you can go to the District web site www.prn.bc.ca.

LIBRARY – RECYCLED BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE AND SPCA COLLECTION

April is SPCA month and Mrs. Flury is collecting any donations for animals from April 7th -30th. She will be hosting a recycled book fair from April 26th –April 30th. If you have books to donate please drop them off at the library. Recycled Book Fair schedule:

Monday	April 26 th	Ms McGarroch Mrs Cote
Tuesday	April 27 th	Mrs Holmes Mr Peterson Mrs Andersen
Wednesday	April 28 th	Mrs Montgomery Ms Jensen Mrs Oakley – am & pm
Thursday	April 29 th	Mrs Hollman Mr Longley Mr Read
Friday	April 30 th	Mrs McEachern Mrs Petuh

All items cost \$.25. All proceeds will be donated to the SPCA. We are still accepting used reading material and SPCA items.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 12 & 14	Science Alive
April 13	District Science Fair
April 14	Pink Shirt Day
April 22	Jump Rope for Heart
April 23	City Wide Pitch In
April 24	Parent Conference
April 26	PAC meeting @ 7 pm
April 26 to April 30	Recycled Book Fair
April 29 & 30	Elementary Badminton Tournament
May 7	Non Instructional Day – No school for Students
May 13	PAC Spaghetti Dinner & Dance at 6 pm
May 14	Gold items picked up fro CF fundraiser
May 24	Victoria Day

NEXT YEAR'S PLANNING

Child's Name: _____

- My child will be attending Duncan Cran for 2010-2011
 - My child will not be attending Duncan Cran for 2010-2011 as we are leaving the District
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Early Newsletter signature return

Students will receive special pencils after their names are drawn from the *Early Newsletter signature return* box.

Yes, I have received and read the April 9, 2010 newsletter.

Parent's Signature _____

Student's Name _____

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