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NOVEMBER 2017 SCHOOL MESSAGE

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The first months of school have been a whirlwind of fun, friendship, and learning. We have gone on many offsite trips to extend our learning in real-world ways and are learning skills essential for success.

Participating in exceptional opportunities such as the Terry Fox run, community service work, Go IT, assemblies, performances, We Scare Hunger, clubs, Me To We, and the Youth Leadership Symposium offers our students multiple ways to grow and develop. Our school-wide focus is: How do we Connect? And as a school community we will explore ways we connect with our environment, to each other, with ourselves and with our learning.

We hope your child(ren) have shared some of their experiences. If not, please check out the teachers' blogs accessible on our website. The blogs will keep you current on the happenings in your child's class. You can also follow us on **Twitter @killarneyCBE** where you can get the latest and greatest happenings in the school. Our monthly calendar and newsletters are also posted on our website to help keep you informed of what happens in our lovely Montessori school.

As we continue to work diligently to offer our children rich, meaningful, diverse learning experiences we hope to nurture the leaders of tomorrow. We thank you for your support and belief in our public Montessori school and look forward to making many "Connections" this year.

With gratitude,

Bonnie Caldwell – Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees may be paid online by going to My CBE Account via our webpage: <http://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/Killarney>

If you are having trouble with your payment, please contact Bonnie Caldwell to discuss your payment options.

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades 1-6

Monday-Thursday: 9:10 am – 3:50 pm (lunch from 12:10 – 1:10 pm)

Friday (early dismissal): 9:10 am – 12:30 pm

Morning Kindergarten

Monday – Thursday: 9:10 am – 12:00 pm

Every other Friday: 9:10 am – 12:30 pm (starting Sept. 29, alternating each Friday afterwards- not including Non-Instructional Days)

Important Dates November 2017

- 1 – Me to We Day
- 3 – Killarney Connects 12:00 pm
- 6, 13, 20 27 – Sewing Club
- 8 – Fish Creek (rm 1 & 7)
- 10 – Remembrance Day
Assembly 10:30 am
- 13 – Student Photo Retakes
- 14 – Fish Creek (rm 5 & 6)
- 15 – Fish Creek (rm 2, 3 & 4)
- 16 – Fish Creek (rm 10 & 11)
- 16 – Spirit Day – Backwards Day
- 17 – PD Day – No school for
students
- 21 – KPC meeting 6:30 pm
- 23 - Fun Lunch
- 23 – Gr. 5 vaccinations
- 23 – U R Strong 6:30 pm
- 24 – Fun Fit Friday
- 30 – KPC movie night 6:30 pm
- 30 – KPC fundraiser deadline

Afternoon Kindergarten

Monday-Thursday: 1:00 pm to 3:50 pm

Every other Friday: 9:10 am – 12:30 pm (starting Sept. 15, alternating each Friday afterwards- not including Non-Instructional Days)

The school office is open from 8:05 am until 4:05 pm. Monday through Thursday and 8:05 am until 12:30 pm on Friday. An answering machine is available to take messages at all other times.

SUPERVISION

Supervision is available at 8:55 am. Please ensure the supervisor is on duty before leaving your child at school.

ATTENDANCE

Regular and prompt attendance is important for all students. If your child is going to be absent or late please contact the school office at 403-777-8360, ext. 1, before 9:30 am to let us know. If your child is ill, please leave a message advising us.

If the school is not contacted, we will phone you as soon as possible after attendance is taken in the morning and the afternoon to confirm the safety of your child.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD

Sometimes parents wish to take children out of the lunchroom or from school for a special occasion or appointment. It is important that we are informed so that we know where your child is. A sign-out binder is kept on a table outside the main office. Parents are asked to inform the office and sign out their child. Please also help us to be aware of any custody agreements that may dictate who your child is permitted to leave the school with.

If you are picking your child up early for appointments or arrive late for pickup, please come to the main office. In the interest of safety, children are not to stand alone outside. Children will be directed to go to the office if you are late or have not picked up your child immediately after school.

SECURITY

All parents and visitors are required to sign in at the office. Please be aware that all adults who are working with children in the school are required to complete a police security screening as described in our Volunteer Program section below.

CBE VOLUNTEER SECURITY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES

In 2014, Calgary Police Service changed the process in which volunteers will obtain police information checks. Under the new system:

1. Volunteers will report to the school to **register to become a volunteer**. (must complete school volunteer letter annually – same procedure as before)
2. School administration will verify the potential volunteer's identity. (volunteer must provide 2 pieces of gov't issued id to school administration in order to verify identity, one of which must be photo id)
3. Using the Online Volunteer Security Clearance Process Website, school administration will enter the name of the potential volunteer into the CBE database.

4. After entering the potential volunteer's information, school administration will obtain a volunteer letter from the CBE database.
5. School administration will give or email this letter to the potential volunteer, who can then apply for their own police check using the online **ePIC system**. As well as the ePIC letter, a "takeaway instructions" are given to the potential volunteer explaining what they need to do to obtain their security clearance. (They can enter online or they can visit Calgary Police district office)

The takeaway letter to the volunteer states:

1. Before beginning this process, you (the volunteer) should scan or take a picture of the letter provided to you by the CBE, which includes the Volunteer Organization Authorization Number (VOAN). You should also scan or take pictures of 2 pieces of valid government issued ID, with at least one being a piece of photo ID. **Pictures or scans of both sides of the identification are required.** Acceptable forms of non-photo gov't issued id are: birth cert, health care card, immigration document, marriage certificate, social insurance card. Acceptable forms of photo gov't issued id are: driver's license, citizenship card, firearms card, military id, native status card, passport, provincial photo id card, permanent residency card, Nexus card.
2. You will need to upload copies of these files to the Police Information Check (PIC) system for identification verification purposes using the following URL: <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages> You should now be taken to the PIC system.
3. Click the 'Police Information Check' button on the right side of the screen. CPS has online documentation for applicants posted on their web page. ** If a volunteer has chosen to use DDE (Direct Data Entry) at a Calgary Police district office, or has had to report for fingerprinting, their PIC status will not be updated automatically. The volunteer will be given a letter from CPS and will bring it in to the school. When the volunteer brings in the letter school administration will update a volunteer's application status in the ePIC system. **

At this time, only volunteers who reside in Calgary are able to volunteer with the CBE according to the new system (unless you were approved previously and your clearance has not yet expired).

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR "NUT SENSITIVE" POLICY

We have children at our school who are allergic to nuts and related nut products. The specifics and the severity are different for each individual. At Killarney School we discourage the consumption of these nut products at recess and during the lunch hour. Parents must indicate any special health concerns on the school registration for their child and are encouraged to ensure classroom teachers are also aware of health issues.



Please note that should your child come to school with a product that includes nuts, we will offer them a comfortable place to eat that food. A friendly reminder notice will be sent home with the child to remind families to avoid packing these types of products.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support with our desire to keep all students healthy and safe.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our new early dismissal Fridays allow us time to get together as a staff and participate in collaborative professional learning. Staff at Killarney are working towards enhancing student achievement in Math and Literacy which are both focuses of our School Development Plan. Our Montessori lens is what guides us as we seek to improve student learning and we will be embedding a design thinking process to support our students in building the ability to inquire, take risks in their learning, and problem solve. We hope to foster the best in the world and the best for the world.

SCHOOL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

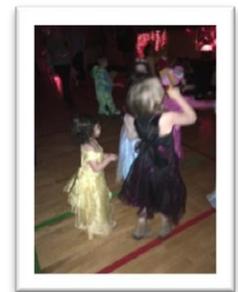
TERRY FOX

Because we exceeded our fundraising goal for the Terry Fox Run, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. McCrory had to dress up for a day. Collectively, we raised \$741.15. Thank you Killarney School!!



HALLOWEEN DANCE AND HALLOWEEN HOWL

A BIG thank you to the parent volunteers who organized and contributed to the Halloween Dance, without you it would not have been such a smashing success. As well, we would like to thank our fabulous Mrs. Harvie and students in room 17, 11, 5 and 1 and the monster mash dancers who sang and performed at the Halloween Howl.



GO IT NEWS

We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to host Tava Consulting and their interactive "Design your own app". Students were able to use the Design Thinking process to consider something that 'bugs' them, share it with someone else, empathize with others, collaborate to consider solutions, and then design a real App to solve the issue. Several parent volunteers also took part in this 2-day experience. Lunches, t-shirts, and special software were all included in the experience!





Testimonials from Room 17 about Go IT:

Jordan: "It was fun and inspirational because it taught us how to design an app step by step. We got to figure things out by ourselves."

Aiza: "Go IT taught us a lot of new things about computer science and computers. It was really fun to be independent and it made me feel happy and inspired to design an animal saver app."

Corin: "It was fun to learn more about computer science that I hadn't known before such as gathering the materials you need like people, coding platforms and money. I am currently updating my SpeakUp App!"

Xavier: "Go IT helped me learn how to code and learn more about the internet. It made me feel good because it challenged us to be better at coding and to think of apps that can help people. My idea was a multi-aid and it came second in our competition. It's a first aid app!"

Jada: "I thought it was cool to learn how to create an app and to learn about computer science. Normally, you would have to go to a special class outside of school just to learn but we got to do it as a school program."

Gabriella: "It was really fun to learn how to make our own apps and the coding was really easy because instead of typing out the code we had blocks that were connected to the screen. It was pretty cool to work with my partner because he already had coding experience and I learned from him. He learned how to make a good design from me."

Josh: "Go IT helped increase my knowledge of computer coding and app making. It was interesting to learn how to make an app without having to pay money. With my idea we were going for one idea but then we realized we didn't have the right elements or enough time so we went with our second idea."

Hayeon: "It was really interesting to understand how computer science and technology affects our everyday lives."

KILLARNEY CONNECTS

How do we connect with: ourselves, others, the world around us, our learning? These are all questions we will be examining this year as our school focus. Recognizing and realizing the impact of *Connections* (#Connect4) will be the guiding theme as we build our learning and nurture the citizens of tomorrow. We encourage families to join us at our weekly Killarney Connects assemblies which will highlight ways we connect and celebrate students!

STUDENT CLUBS

We encourage students become involved in extra-curricular activities as part of their learning experience at Killarney School. We offer both teacher-led clubs as well as student-led clubs. Parents are invited to host a club, too. If you are interested in starting a club, please contact Mrs. Caldwell at: blcaldwell@cbe.ab.ca

FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

THE 2017-2018 KILLARNEY SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

- **Chair:** Greg Macijuk
- **Vice Chair:** Amy Wong
- **Treasurer:** VACANT
- **Secretary:** Becky Lynn
- **Casino Administrator:** VACANT
- **Communications Chair:** Miranda Shannon
- **Key Communications:** Peter Jamieson
- **Casino Coordinator:** Tracey Loewen
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** VACANT
- **Special Events Chair:** Andrea Purdy
- **Special Events Chair:** Joanna Anagnostakos
- **MAPPS Liason:** Shan Rahim
- **Fundraising Campaign Chair:** Amy Wong
- **Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Darren Wolski
- **Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Peter Jamieson
- **Assistant to the Gardens Maintenance Chair:** Maurice Doll
- **Website Maintenance:** Miranda Shannon

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

U R STRONG – The Language of Friendship

On Thursday, November 23 2017, Killarney School will host U R Strong, a friendship program that empowers students with the skills, language, and self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier relationships.

Through interactive parent and child activities, parents will learn strategies to help their child put out Friendship Fires®, how to put a voice to their feelings, and the best ways to support their child through unhealthy friendships.

This program is geared for students in grades 3 to 6 and their parents. The cost of this program is \$30 per person (maximum fee for family is \$60) and runs from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Killarney School.

To register, please visit: www.urstrong.com/events

KILLARNEY PARENT FUNDRAISING SOCIETY (KPFS) ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

KPFS's Annual Fundraiser has launched! Brown envelopes were sent home with students last week with the fundraiser information to go home to parents. We are asking that the envelopes be signed and returned to ensure that all parents are informed about the campaign and where the funds are going. If we all work together we can ensure that the KPFS can keep funding special programs and support the students and the teachers.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.killarneyparent.ca/blank-2>

We appreciate your support,

KPFS



New Board of Trustees

The Calgary Board of Education is pleased to introduce the newly elected Board of Trustees.

Wards 1 & 2 – Trina Hurdman
Wards 3 & 4 – Althea Adams
Wards 5 & 10 – Marilyn Dennis
Wards 6 & 7 – Lisa Davis
Wards 8 & 9 – Richard Hehr
Wards 11 & 13 – Julie Hrdlicka
Wards 12 & 14 – Mike Bradshaw

The trustees were sworn in on Oct. 27, 2017 by the Honourable John D. Rooke, Associate Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

The CBE welcomes two returning trustees, Trustee Hurdman and Trustee Hrdlicka, and five new trustees, Trustee Adams, Trustee Dennis, Trustee Davis, Trustee Hehr and Trustee Bradshaw to the Board.

You can learn more about all of our trustees and find the public board meeting schedule on the CBE website.

Did you know?

You can watch the public board meetings at home. All public board meetings are live streamed and videos are archived online. Watch for the link on the CBE website.

CBE Celebrates Student Achievement

Calgary Board of Education students achieved high standards on the 2016-17 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

The hard work of students and teachers is once again evident in our Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results.

Teachers, students, parents and our community partners continue to work together to support student learning and academic success. As always, we review the results, analyze the data and look for areas of future improvement.

Provincial achievement testing is one of several ways the CBE measures student success. Other measures include report card data, student survey data and the province's Accountability Pillar. Full student results are available on the CBE website. Individual school results will be posted on your school website.

Grade 6 and Grade 9 PAT Results

- CBE student results in Grade 6 were equal to or better than the province in all measures at both the Acceptable Standard and the Standard of Excellence. In Grade 9 our results were equal to or better than the provincial results in French Language Arts, Science and Social Studies at the Acceptable Standard and in French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies at the Standard of Excellence.
- While the CBE is 4.3 percentage points above the province in Grade 6 mathematics, our Grade 9 result at the Acceptable Standard shows a point from which we can improve. Our K-12 Mathematics Strategy is being implemented this year and is designed to support student success in mathematics.

Grade 12 Diploma Examinations

- CBE results were above provincial results in all but three of the Diploma Exams and in 10 out of 11 at the Standard of Excellence. More than 40 per cent of CBE students writing the Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 Diploma Exams have achieved the Standard of Excellence. In Physics 30, more than half the students achieved the Standard of Excellence this year.

Nov. 2017



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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