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JANUARY 2018 SCHOOL MESSAGE

Important Dates**January 2018**

- 8 – PD Day
(No school for students)
- 9 – Classes resume
- 11 – Bishop Pinkham
presentation to Gr. 6's at
Killarney School
- 16 – Killarney School Council
meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 - Fun Lunch
- 22- Kindergarten Registration
begins
- 22- Walden Trio Performance
10:45 am – Upper EI
- 25 - Kindergarten report cards
go home
- 25 – Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
- 25- MAPSS AGM meeting @
7:00 pm at King George
Masonic Hall (2323 Osborne
Cr SW)
- 26 – PD Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Warm wishes for a fantastic 2018! The beauty of a new year are the untold adventures that lie ahead and the journey always promises to bring great learning regardless of the outcomes. A new year also brings hope for our future and being with children every day, we have a great perspective of what our future holds. It is truly inspiring! We are fortunate to have Maria Montessori's knowledge of children to guide our work. She recognized the promise of the future in our children. Our Montessori practice extends beyond the classroom and is really a Montessori belief and lifestyle for our community. We foster an environment of empathy, inclusion, and service to others and have an attitude of gratitude. With the world around us changing at warp speed, it is a gift to make and grow the connections with each other. This is what makes us better students, educators, human beings and it is what will help us to succeed in the future.

Our Killarney children are what Maria Montessori had hoped to nurture when she observed the capacity of young learners. Killarney Connections continue to be our focus and is woven throughout the work we do. We continue Montessori's firm commitment to educating the type of person who will bring great things to our world and in the belief of empowering our students to be the change agents our planet needs. When I look at what our students are doing and who they are becoming, I know the seeds of our future are promising.

"We wish the old things because we cannot understand the new, and we are always seeking after that gorgeousness which belongs to things already on the decline, without recognising in the humble simplicity of new ideas the germ which shall develop in the future." – Maria Montessori

Happy 2018!

With gratitude,

Bonnie Caldwell – Principal

SCHOOL EVENTS TO CELEBRATE

CHRIS SANDVOSS

We have enjoyed the artistic expertise of our Artist-In-Residence, Chris Sandvoss. Students and Staff have developed a greater awareness of the Design Process and how it can support great thinking throughout curricular areas. We will now have new mobile games to use as well as other skills such as song writing to tap into! We know the work students did throughout this learning process will continue to inspire other problem-solving experiences. Here is what our Kindergarten classes accomplished:

Fairy Magic in Room 8

The Kindergarten students have been experiencing genuine fairy charm. It all started with our Artist-In-Residence, Chris Sandvoss, and the students' design of the mobile playground. Most kids in Kindergarten wanted to see a fairy house in their playground. From there we made our own fairy houses. On the day the students were to bring their fairy houses to their homes the FAIRIES CAME! It was pure magic for our youngest students. We were enchanted by beautiful fairy stories, did some amazing art, and created our own fairy song! We ended this celebration with a Fairy Party and performed the Fairy song to the school at a Killarney Connects Assembly.

The Fairy Song by Chris Sandvoss and Room 8am

*Do fairies fly or do they take the bus?
Do they have wings or are they just like us?
I wonder in every way how they spend their day. I don't know cause I've never seen one.
I wonder about fairies. I wonder what they are.
Do they ride fairy bikes? Do they drive fairy cars?
I wonder in every way how they spend their day. I don't know cause I've never seen one.
Are there fish fairies, turtle fairies, tiger, apple fairies?
I don't know cause I've never seen one x2
I wish that I will some day see one.*

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success. Total sales were \$5400.00 with the library receiving \$1700.00 in books and cash combined.

The winner of the family book draw was Mikyla in Room 13. Mikayla and Mrs. DeNato both received \$25.00 in books from the fair.

A special thank you to Janelle Van Noort for all of her work in setting up the volunteer schedule and to all of our amazing volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you all! Thank You! – Nancy Baskin, Librarian

FESTIVAL OF TREES FAMILY CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful seasonal celebration with our Festival of Trees. The school was decorated with festive touches and each classroom door donned a tree decorated by the students. Families were entertained by our amazing choir who got us all in the spirit of the season with their angelic voices. The highlight of the evening was the ice cream cone tree decorating in the classrooms where students and their families used green icing and assorted candies to decorate their "tree". While children indulged in some sugary fun, parents appreciated time to chat with each other. Great thank you's to: Mrs. Harvie, Mrs. Lister, and Mrs. McCrory for their work with the choir, Tony Mysyk who came early to help with the technical set up in the gym, and the staff members who helped organize and prepare for the event. A special thank you to the **Glamorgan Safeway** for donating the oranges and Candy Canes for the event!

WE BAKE FOR CHANGE

The Me to We students, with the support of the Killarney School Council, organized and hosted a bake sale with proceeds being donated to the Me To We organization. The total amount raised has yet to be determined. The baked goods were supplied by families of Killarney School and were enjoyed by many throughout the afternoon and evening during the Festival of Trees event. A huge amount of gratitude to: Zach and Jasper and the other Me To We students, Amy and Melissa for their assistance and guidance in this worthy endeavour, and all the families who donated the treats!!



COMING UP

We have a few exciting events this month. Some Upper Elementary Students will be working with a group known as the Walden Trio. We were introduced to this creative musical talent during the Kindergarten Fairy Party early in December. The trio and students will be composing and performing a Cretaceous Concerto on Monday, January 22. Thanks to former Killarney parent, Samantha Whelan-Kotkas, for this amazing opportunity! Stay tuned for details.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

It is that time of year when Kindergarten-age students are eligible to be registered for the 2018-19 school year. Killarney School is an Alternative Program and we accept registrations from a variety of communities in Calgary's SW, SE and NE quadrants. Our priority registrations are those families in our walk zone, then siblings to our current students, and then other families who choose a public Montessori learning environment for their child. Registration begins January 22nd. For more information please refer to:

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/Pages/come-learn-with-us.aspx>

STUDENT CLUBS

We continue to have many clubs running throughout the year. If you are interested in sharing your talents and passions through a club, please see Mrs. Caldwell for more information.

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)

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 on 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.

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:** Tracy 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



Happy New Year

Welcome back! I hope that winter break was a relaxing time filled with family and friends.

We are looking forward to all that 2018 will bring to our schools and system. Your school's website and the CBE website (cbe.ab.ca) are great sources of information for news about our system, information about how you can get involved in engagement projects and great stories from our schools and students.

Many students are writing final and Diploma examinations this month, and I wish you all the best of luck. Have a great semester!

David Stevenson
Chief Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten Registration starts Jan. 22

Kindergarten is the start of an exciting adventure for your child. CBE schools are open to all children and are committed to embracing every student in a safe and welcoming environment.

Most of our kindergarten programs are half-day, offered either in the morning or afternoon, with hours of operation varying from school to school.

If you are looking to register your child in a CBE school, you'll find everything you need to know to get started on our website.

Registration for the 2018-19 school year begins on Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. If you are interested in registering your child in a program that is anticipating a lottery, the registration deadline is noon on Feb. 13, 2018.

School Registration Lotteries

The demand for student learning spaces continues to exceed the available space in a small percentage of CBE schools, even with the opening of many new schools. The lottery process was established to ensure fair and equitable access to schools experiencing a student population that is either at or over capacity.

All lottery draws for the 2018-19 school year will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018. To be considered for the lottery, registrations must be in place by noon of the day before the lottery, Feb. 13, 2018.

If you have questions, please call your school office.

Report Cards

Starting in January, your child will be bringing home their first report card of the year. Report cards are one of the ways the school informs parents about their child's progress and achievement. We know it's important for parents to understand how their children are doing in school. A student's report card corresponds to ongoing assessment done by teachers. Assessing a student's progress is one of the most important ways teachers support the continued learning of their students.

You may have questions about your child's report card, how your child is being assessed in school, and how to read and interpret the report card. Speak to your child's teacher or visit the reporting and assessment section of our website to learn more.

CBE Night with the Hitmen

Join us on Friday, Jan. 19 for the 7th annual CBE Night with the Hitmen! \$2 from each ticket sold goes towards providing students a nutritious breakfast through CBE's Fuel for School breakfast program. Last year's game raised thousands of dollars towards the 100,000 breakfasts served each year to CBE students, who may otherwise start their school day on an empty stomach.

CBE students, parents, faculty and members of the public are welcome to take in this once-a-year event at a special rate of only \$12/ticket. Bring your whole family and help us reach our goal of fueling learning through our ever-growing breakfast program. Tickets are now available online. Check the CBE website for more information and to find the ticket purchase link.

January 2018



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8 Professional Development Day (no school for students)	9 Classes resume	10	11 Bishop Pinkham visit for Gr. 6's (here) at 1:30 pm Rm 9	12 Killarney Connects 12 – 12:30 pm
15	16 School Council Meeting 6:30 pm	17	18 Fun Lunch - Quiznos	19 Fun Fit Friday 12 – 12:30 pm
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