

June 2, 2017

DICKENS ANNEX SCHOOL

Emergency Drills



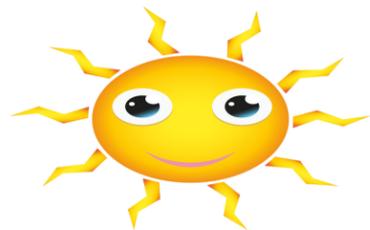
We practice many emergency drills at different times throughout the school year. These drills help students and staff know exactly what needs to happen in order for everyone to be safe and accounted for. **Your child's safety and well-being is our first priority.** The routine we practice for Fire and Earthquake drills is this:

- At the sound of the alarm or following the earthquake sound effect, children follow their teachers through the nearest exit door. If they are not with their teacher, students know to leave through the exit door closest to them.
- Erin (VP), Patti (Secretary) and Frie (Custodian) ensure everyone is out of the building.
- Everyone walks silently to the assembly area where they line up by division.
- Students wait while teachers take attendance; a runner is sent to tell Patti.
- Frie lets us know the building is safe.
- Erin addresses the assembly and directs teachers to return to school with their students. The drill is not over until all classes have quietly returned into the school. For a fire drill, this process should only take 2 - 3 minutes.

Emergency drills are done as **quickly and quietly** as possible. Our most recent fire drill was at 9:10 a.m., a time when many parents were at Family Reading with students. If parents happen to be in the school when a drill takes place, we ask that you follow the lead of the teacher, exit the school immediately and silently, and allow the students to walk with their classmates in a line behind their teacher. It is important that drill practices are consistent so that children know what to do in an emergency. Visiting adults should stand quietly on the periphery of the assembly area rather than amongst the students. Please keep younger siblings with you during all drills that may incur while you are at the school.

Thank you!

Being Smart in the Sun



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A publication is attached to this newsletter regarding sun safety as the hot weather is upon us once again. **Important note: Staff cannot apply sunscreen and it needs to be applied before your child comes to school. Thank you!**

Dickens Annex School Newsletter

Dear Dickens Annex Community,

Our final month is here so let's make it the best in positive relationships, rich learning, loud laughter, mutual appreciation and community closure.

The end of the year is always full of excitement, some sadness and some goodbyes. Before we send off our Gr. 3s to Gr. 4, we would like to wish them a future full of opportunities to discover their potentials, talents and confidence. We believe in each and every one of them.

We also need to say a fond farewell to our Mr. Johnston who will be leaving the community at the end of June. We know his new school will benefit from his expertise and commitment to public education.

One final newsletter will be published at the end of June. Until then, let's enjoy our days together!

Erin Gibbs, Vice Principal



June 9th	Talent Show	2:00pm
June 16th	Sports Day	morning
June 20th	Stanley Park field trip	all day
June 22nd	Grade 3 Celebration	morning
June 28th	Grade 3 Farewell	2:00 pm

Lost and Found and Cubby Clean-up

Please remember to look through the pile of clothing and lunch containers items that have been collected in the bin located on the bench in the hall. Also, please remember to thoroughly clean your child's cubby before the end of the school year. Any remaining items will be recycled.

17th Annual **SPRING FLING**
at Charles Dickens Elementary was
a huge success !



We appreciate all students, parents, volunteers and staff who contributed to this outstanding event.

All funds will support various field trips, activities, clubs and classroom supplies at both the Main School and Annex.

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School Code of Conduct

Our school community believes that it is important to establish a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment. Our school code is to do your best, help each other and find joy!

School fees notice and school calendar for 2017-18 are attached.

Fees will be collected in September.

Dickens Annex Elementary School

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Handmade cards

created by Dickens Annex students were a big hit at the annual Spring Fling. This year we had one-of-a-kind originals AND printed cards. The OOAK cards sold in packets of two for \$5. The printed cards with envelopes sold in packets of three for \$5. All proceeds go to support programs, activities and resources enriching your child's education.

Garden News

Summer weather has arrived and with it our garden continues to grow. Div-1,2, 3, 4 and 6 conducted experiments to answer the question: *What makes plants grow?* For their results, students concluded that plants need sunlight, water and air (CO2) to survive but not always soil or fertilizer. We have planted the experimental and control plants (radishes) in the garden and are eager to see how they continue to grow. We hope we can eat the radishes before summer break.

Our garden needs care over the summer months, mostly watering during the dry spells. Please see Lorraine if you are able to help for a week or two.

Class Placement Information:

PLEASE NOTE: Class placement parent letters **are not** being accepted by the school again this year.

At this time, schools are in the beginning stages of planning for the 2017-18 school year. This process involves working to best support our students to have a smooth transition to the next year.

As you know, staff know their students in the school context and engage in a rigorous class placement process that involves thoughtful collaboration, time, and consideration of a number of factors. We approach each placement decision carefully. Each student's social, emotional, and academic needs are considered in addition to:

- balance of academic, social, and emotional abilities
- social connections
- students as English Language Learners
- students with special needs
- leadership abilities
- cohesive student groupings
- previous classroom history/family history
- class size composition (Ministry/VBE)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT NO PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TO BE TAKEN ON / OR IN SCHOOL PROPERTY DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

THANK YOU



Classroom Photo and Panorama Information

A complimentary Class Photo is attached. If you wish to order the Panorama (whole School) you must submit orders by Thursday, June 8th. A sample photo is on the office window.

THE ALL STAR TALENT SHOW

All students are invited to participate in our special Dickens Annex Talent show on Friday, June 9th at 2:00pm.

However, each student's talents must meet the criteria as follows:

- > Must be a talent that student has already developed.
- > Must be talent that can be shared in a show format.
- > Must be 2 minutes or shorter.



Student participation only. Students cannot invite parents, music teachers or instructors to accompany them. All auditions must be done with your classroom teacher and any needed music provided by Wednesday, June 5th.

This Talent Show will take place instead of our regular school assembly. All parents are welcome to attend. Please talk to your classroom teacher if you have any questions!



It has been a great year! Thank you everyone for taking good care of our library books and bringing them back promptly.

To help facilitate year end procedures, please return all checked out items next week, June 5th to 9th.

Also, please return the library bags of all students returning in September for summer storage. Student not returning in September can keep their bags as a memento or donate to the library for students who may have lost their bag.

Camp Read and our Summer Book Swap will take place on: Friday, June 23rd. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

Thank you for your support through out the year.

Lorraine Sharpsteen
Teacher Librarian