

# Charles Dickens Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear Families of the Charles Dickens Community,

Welcome to October! We trust you are enjoying the sunny days when they appear and are taking note of the gorgeous fall colours around our community! At this time, we want to express our warm thanks for all the support in ensuring that we have had a smooth, safe, September. Students have settled comfortably into the new school year, with many opportunities to reconnect with friends and make new ones, learn new routines, and become more involved in the many special activities taking place around the school—being special helpers in classrooms, volunteering to work with buddies during recess and lunch times, joining clubs like Chess, Library Monitors, and Student’s Council to name a few. It is wonderful to see so many of our students developing social connections with a variety of classmates.

## Parent-Led Clubs

Thank you to all parents who participate in Parent-Led Clubs. Successful clubs work best in collaboration with the school team. If you are interested in leading a club, please note the following process:

- Share the idea with Anna Maria or Nik at the Main
- In consultation with staff, plan to attend a Staff Committee Meeting on a *Thursday morning* to share the goals, philosophy and benefits of the club and share how the opportunity could fit in with the current school philosophy.

In working with staff to plan Parent-Led Clubs, consideration will need to be given to available space within the school. Please know, the deadline for committing to leading a Club and applying for funding is: October 31, 2016. For more information email: [dickens.pac@gmail.com](mailto:dickens.pac@gmail.com)

As we move into October, we hope families enjoyed the long weekend. We have several upcoming activities and events to note:

- **Community Schools Team After School Opportunities** – For those students who are participating, activities begin on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Information pamphlets have been sent home with students.
- **District Cross Country Meet** - Taking place on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Trout Lake. As you are aware, our Cross Country Running Team has been attending Mini Meets in preparation for participating in the District event. Parents are welcome to attend!
- **Professional Development Day** – Friday, October 21, 2016 – No School for Students
- **Halloween Dance** – Monday, October 31, 2016 – A tradition at Charles Dickens, students will be dropping by the gym at some point that afternoon to dance in the Gym in costume from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate at the door.
- This year’s **Remembrance Day Assembly** will be taking place on: Wed., November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 am in the Dickens School gym. All welcome.

Again, many thanks for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Anna Maria Niccoli-Mullett

Principal