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Hello Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

Sept. 27, 2023

On Thursday, Sept 21 we had an amazing Meet the Teacher Evening all thanks to Ms. Gurney and to Ms. Meiklejohn who organized this event. Also, many thanks to our PAC members who provided the food, and spent most of their evening working at the food table. They also raised \$1,100.00 during this event, which will go back to benefit our school community. If you helped in any way during this evening – thank you for creating a fun, successful evening.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Saturday, September 30. On Monday, Oct 2nd, all SD62 schools and buildings will be closed to commemorate the history and ongoing trauma caused by residential schools and to honour those who were lost and the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve.

Join the nation on September 30th by wearing orange, reflecting on the truth of our shared history and supporting rich and diverse indigenous communities and neighbours. On Friday, Sept. 27, we will be organizing a full school assembly to recognize this day, and we will be encouraging our school community to wear orange on Friday.

Coupon Books

We launched the sale of the coupon books today during a full school assembly. Our students are excited and ready to sell as many books as they can. Please see the attachment with more information regarding the sale of these books. Kids are coming home with one book as a sample to sell and a sales tracking form that was printed off for them. This is a fundraiser for their own classrooms, ie. Field trips.

Grade 7 Families

We sent an email to all grade 7 families regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSAs) at Centre Mountain Lellum. We provided information regarding the FSAs and reminded families that the Ministry of Education expects all children in Grades 4 and 7 to write the FSA. However, the Ministry does approve the following exceptions:

1. Students who learn in a manner significantly different from provincial curricular standards and, that is documented in their Individualized Learning Plan (IEP).



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2. English Language Learners who are not yet proficient in reading, writing or numeracy in the English language.
3. Students experiencing extenuating circumstances, for example a family emergency or lengthy illness.

Families may request an exemption for one of the 3 reasons above. However, only the school principal will determine which students may be excused from participating in the FSA, based upon the criteria above.

Any family requesting an exemption from writing the FSA this year, must contact the school principal to notify which one of the 3 criteria above the student meets. Families who contact the classroom teacher to request an exemption may not be approved. This procedure will keep all the information in one place and prevent any missing requests. Thank you for your cooperation.

All requests for exemptions must be sent to the principal by Friday, Sept. 29th.

Craft Fair

We will be having our second annual Craft Fair on Sunday, Nov. 5 at Centre Mountain Lellum. Please see the attached document for more information.

Reminder: Toonie for Tour de Rock/Cops for Cancer 2023

The riders will be cycling through our lower parent loop and then going to PEXSISEN for a short lunch. They will be arriving around 12:30pm, but they will be leaving again just after 1:00pm, so it is just a very short visit. All the students from Centre Mountain Lellum and PEXSISEN will line the parent loop driveway to cheer them on. We have asked all staff and students to donate a Toonie for the Tour de Rock. Over the next 2 weeks, teachers will be collecting the donations from the students. Of course, this is not mandatory as we know some people will not be able to contribute and, if you want to donate more than a toonie, you are welcome to do so. We are looking forward to this event.

A reminder of a few dates to mark in your calendars:

Orange Shirt day at Centre Mountain Lellum – Friday, Sept. 29

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Monday, Oct. 2

Thanksgiving – Monday, Oct. 9



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Non-Instructional Day – Friday, Oct. 20

Craft Fair – Sunday, Nov. 5 at Centre Mountain Lellum

Photo Re-take Day – Thursday, Nov. 9

No school for Remembrance Day – Monday, Nov. 13

Early Dismissal (11:30am) – Thursday, Nov. 23 (Student-Led Conferences for Parents in PM)

Non-Instructional Day – Friday, Nov. 24

Last day of school before the holidays – Friday, Dec. 22

Darren Russell
Principal

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