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Hello Centre Mountain Lellum Families,

Sept. 18, 2023

We have had a wonderful start-up for this school year and September is proving to be a very busy month. We had our Terry Fox Run on Friday morning and we just kept it simple this year. We all started on the field and ran around the property of Centre Mountain Lellum and PEXSISE<u>N</u>. Next year, we would like to get out into the community and run around the Westhills neighbourhood.

On Friday afternoon, we organized a full school BBQ and all staff and students were provided a hamburger and a bag of chips. A huge 'Thank you' to Mr. Bedard and our parent volunteers for providing this amazing lunch.

Parent Advisory Council at Centre Mountain Lellum

A special welcome to all of our new and returning PAC Executive members. We had great attendance at the PAC meeting last Monday and hope parents/guardians will continue to join PAC meetings and get involved with all our future events. We are always looking for volunteers, whether you can attend the meetings or not. Your help is always very much appreciated.

PAC 2023-24

Presidents – Pam Miller and Sandra Arnold Vice-President – Shay Bryden Treasurer – Cheryl Marsh Secretary – Heather Power Social Media Coordinator – Shay Bryden Hot Lunch Coordinator – Shay Bryden SPEAC Rep – Tom Davis Members-at-Large – Tara Twaddle, Jackie Beaulieu, Kate McCallum, Samantha Whittall, Farrah Merchant, Jesus Pance de Leon

Transportation update

The transportation department responded quickly to our challenges during the first few days of school. They have now added two buses to help transport our students to and from school in a reasonable time. We are very thankful to have the extra buses added to our schedule.





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Meet the Teacher / Family Resource Evening

We hope you can join us on Thursday, Sept. 22 at Centre Mountain Lellum for our Meet the Teacher / Family Resource Evening. Two of our amazing teachers, Ms. Meiklejohn and Ms. Gurney, have organized this event and PAC will be providing pizza, chips and water throughout the evening. The night will be divided into 3 different sessions.

Session 1 – 5:00-6:00pm Session 2 – 6:00-7:00pm Session 3 – 7:00-7:20pm

Your teachers will be informing you of their schedule. Half the teachers will be in the classroom for session 1 and the other half will be running the activities outside with their students. Then for session 2, the teachers will switch activities. Some teachers will run an open house style event in the classroom, while other teachers may be giving a presentation.

Session 3 - 7:00-7:20pm

The principal and vice-principals will give a short presentation in the gym for anyone who can stay a bit later. We will introduce ourselves and talk a bit about our school.

Toonie for Tour de Rock/Cops for Cancer 2023

The riders will be cycling through our lower parent loop and then going to PEXSISE<u>N</u> 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 PEXSISE<u>N</u> 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.

Coupon Books

Our school will be selling the coupon books again this year. If the classroom teacher is willing to help our Librarian, Ms. DoSouto, the students in the class will have an opportunity to sell these coupon books. All proceeds go to the individual classrooms to help off set the cost of field trips, supplies, books, etc. for the class.





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Electronic Communication Guidelines

We value effective communication with our families and community members. We encourage our staff to disconnect from work during their personal time to rest and recharge. Email can be a fast and convenient way to communicate with us but, it can have limitations. Please see the attached letter from our District for more information.

Reporting your students absence

Please email our attendance email at <u>cml@sd62.bc.ca</u> to report if your child is going to be away from school and also if you need them to be released early for an appointment.

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

Non-instructional Day – Monday, Sept. 18 Meet the Teacher/Parent Resource Evening – Thursday, Sept. 21 (5:00pm start time) Photo Day - Tuesday, Sept 26 PAC Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00pm at Centre Mountain Lellum Orange Shirt day at Centre Mountain Lellum – Friday, Sept. 29 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Monday, Oct. 2 Thanksgiving – Monday, Oct. 9 Non-Instructional Day – Friday, Oct. 20 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

Michaela Mistal Vice- Principal Glenn Bedard Vice-Principal

