



CK Community:

As we move into fall, we are looking at a few changes from the Department of Education. There is a new Attendance Policy. You can see it via the link on our website. The biggest change affects Grades 10-12 students who are taking credit based courses. If students miss 20% of their classes (roughly a day a week), then they risk losing credit. All absences, whether excused or unexcused, count toward the 20%. The only exceptions are school-based trips, extra-curriculars, and suspensions. It is very important that teachers know why a parent excuses their child as it is the teacher who decides whether or not the principal will remove credit. If a student is absent for valid reasons and the teacher is aware, then they will not recommend to the principal that credit is removed. Please note that it is up to the school as to what constitutes a valid excuse. There are many examples to guide parents on the website so please check this and if you have any questions, please call or email me.

Please come out to our next SAC meeting on Wednesday, October 18th. We will be looking at another Department initiative, the Inclusion policy review. This is an opportunity for parents to express their thoughts on what inclusion should look like in schools.

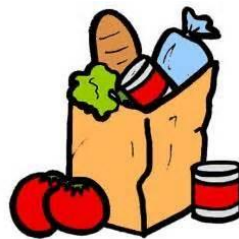
We marked another record-breaking year for Terry Fox with students and staff raising \$2,500. Way to go, Gators! The Middle School Gator Games were very successful this year. We marked our first Orange Shirt Day with CK students designing a special shirt to honour residential school survivors. Our Football Team is having a great season despite some key injuries. The musical for this year is, "The Little Mermaid" and auditions will be announced soon.

Happy Thanksgiving! We have much to be grateful for.

Janice Foote
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Holiday-No School
- Oct. 10 & 11 - Grade 6 Assessments
- Oct. 18 - SAC Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Senior High Dance, Gr. 9-12, 7-10:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 - Early Dismissal, 12:00 noon
- Oct. 21 - CK Band Bottle Drive
- Oct. 23 - Grade 7 Immunizations
- Oct. 24 - Fall Concert
- Oct. 27 - Provincial Conference Day -
No School for Students
- Nov. 1 - Take Our Kids To Work Day



From the CK Cafeteria

October's Menu:

Tuesday, October 10th

Chicken on a Bun, \$3.50

Wednesday, October 11th

Poutine & Coleslaw, \$4.00

Thursday, October 12th

Mac & Cheese w/ Roll, \$4.00

Friday, October 13th

Jessy's Pizza, \$3.50

Monday, October 16th

Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup, \$4.00

Tuesday, October 17th

Egg Roll and Rice, \$4.00

Wednesday, October 18th

Cheeseburger, \$3.50

Thursday, October 19th

Jessy's Pizza, \$3.50

Friday, October 20th

EARLY DISMISSAL - No Cafeteria

Monday, October 23rd

Jessy's Pizza, \$3.50

Tuesday, October 24th

Beef, Macaroni & Tomato w/ Roll, \$4.00

Wednesday, October 25th

Chicken on Bun, \$3.50

Thursday, October 26th

Hot Pizza Subs, \$3.50

Friday, October 27th

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE DAY
NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 30th

Pizza Buns, \$3.50

Tuesday, October 31st

Mac 'n' Cheese & Roll, \$4.00

The Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Education has just released a new student attendance and engagement policy for schools across our province. The policy and a supporting operational plan have taken effect as of October 1, 2017. The policy is designed to identify and address absenteeism before it becomes a problem for students through early and targeted interventions. Under the policy:

- students will be considered absent unless they are attending an activity that directly relates to their learning, or a school activity
- addressing absenteeism or chronic lateness will vary based on the age, grade and the individual circumstances of the student. Parents/Guardians of students whose attendance pattern is of concern will be contacted by the school at various intervals to discuss attendance issues and to strategize on steps to improve attendance for the student
- teachers will not be required to prepare additional materials or release test and exam information ahead of their release to the class
- Grade 10 to 12 students who miss more than 20 per cent of class time for a given course may lose a credit for that course based upon individual circumstance and the professional judgment of the teacher and principal

Parents, students, and teachers are invited to provide feedback on the policy and its implementation throughout the year. The Department will review the policy and adjust based on lessons learned and feedback received after the 2017-18 school year. A copy of the policy, operational plan and more information is available at www.ednet.ns.ca/student-attendance-and-engagement-policy. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Berwick Girl Guide Open Event

On October 7, 2-4:00 p.m., Berwick Girl Guiding will be hosting an afternoon open event for all girls and women, ages five and up, at the South Berwick Community Hall. Free friendship-themed afternoon of games, crafts, snacks and campfire activities - everything you may – or may not! – know about Guiding. Drop in and play with us, and find out more about Guiding opportunities that best match you as a youth or adult volunteer. Guest youth may be signed in. This event will be supervised. For info, contact Sara Keddy, at cskeddy@hotmail.ca or 902-679-6568.

Math tutor has a couple of spots left for tutoring Grade 9 and 10 Math students. Please contact cmhiltz@eastlink.ca if interested.

Victory Taekwondo

Victory Taekwondo will have an Open House on Saturday, October 21st, from 12- 3:00 p.m. Come in and check out our new space and watch some of our athletes show what they can do. You can enter your name for a draw for a free month of Taekwondo just for stopping by!

Victory Taekwondo has classes for ages 4 and up. Instructors are 3rd and 4th degree black belts and have earned multiple National medals. Two instructors each have over 25 years experience in WTF Taekwondo. Classes also help improve flexibility, conditioning, focus and discipline. Contact us for our new fall schedule. Call 902-670-7897 or email tkdvictory@hotmail.com.

