



Cheetah Chatter

Cherrywood Acres Public School

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From the desk of Mrs. Baggs

Welcome back to an exciting year at Cherrywood. I feel it is a privilege to work with your children and such a wonderful staff and community.

We have lots of events planned for this year to build school spirit and provide the best education that we know how for your children.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the school year.

We hope that we have our classroom organization complete, however if our enrolment changes we will be reorganizing in the first few weeks of school. We hope you will support us in our efforts. You will be informed as soon as possible if changes have to be made.

Please plan to join us at:



Our Open House

We will be having an open house to see your child's classroom and teachers on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008 from 5:30 pm—6:30 pm. Please drop by to see us.

Supplies for September

This year, all students will be required to wear running shoes to participate in physical education classes. It is a good idea to leave running shoes at school for this purpose, since wet shoes are unsafe in the gym and will not be allowed.

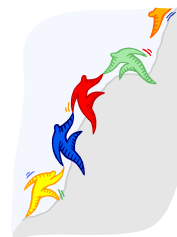
Indoor shoes also help to keep the classroom environment cleaner for our students throughout the day. Thank for your help in this matter.

Students also need to purchase an agenda this year to help organize their work and to simplify communication between your home and the school.



Forms, papers and more ...

During the first week there will be many forms coming home. Please take a moment each evening to fill them in and return them the next day. The verification form that came home today needs to be signed (both sides) and returned tomorrow to ensure that we have the correct information to contact you in an emergency situation.



Colour Houses Coming to Cherrywood

This year we are dividing all of our students from gr 1-8 and our staff into 4 colour houses to be used for all school events. This is going to be part of our program to inspire school spirit and participation. Students will be able to earn points for their house through participation, Kool Kid behaviour, Character Education recognition and participating in school events such as play days and spirit days.

As part of this program we are asking that students purchase a team colour shirt for \$3.00 to wear on team days. If you have more than 3 children we will have a family rate of \$10 for all of the shirts. Please note these are not Cherrywood shirts and are a basic quality to keep costs low. We will be selling physical education clothing later this month.

We hope you will support our efforts to build citizenship and school spirit here at Cherrywood. More information to follow in a separate order form.

Student Insurance

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **DENTAL DAMAGE DUE TO ACCIDENTS, FRACTURE BENEFITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT COVERAGES**, which are NOT covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT THE BOARD IS NOT PERMITTED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ACCIDENTS TO PUPILS, THEREFORE, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form. If you require further information, you may contact **Reliable Life at Box 2046, Hamilton, L8N 9Z9 or call toll free at 1-800-465-0661**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please complete the form and mail it *directly* to Reliable Life Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before **September 30th, 2008. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

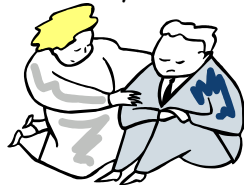
You may also enroll online at www.insuremykids.com (for all plans except the \$3.50 basic plan).

If the enrolment form for the Student Accident Insurance Plan has not been received or it has been misplaced, please contact your school office.

Character Education

September is our month for focusing on Caring for Others. We will practice this trait during our Terry Fox Run and understanding the memory of Terry and his motivation to help others who may have to battle cancer.

At home you can encourage your children to help family members or close neighbours.



Students, like all of us, feel happy and secure when they are caring for others.

Students who show caring actions throughout the month will be recognized through our Student of the Month program.

Magazine Orders

It's almost time again and we would really like to thank you for waiting for our Magazine Campaign ... which will begin on Sept 24th. This is our major fall fundraiser.

Thanks for your support.



Professional Development Day

Our first Professional Development Day is an Early Release Day on Monday, September 15th, 2008. Students will be dismissed at 12:20 on that day. Buses will pick students up at that time as well. There is no afternoon kindergarten classes on that day.

Terry Fox Run

We will be honouring Terry Fox and his quest to conquer Cancer on Friday, September 26th by walking in our neighbourhood. As a whole school we will try to complete a marathon together by having each class walk a part of the total distance. We ask for a donation of a loonie or toonie to the Cancer Society to honour this great Canadian hero.

Safe School

For consideration of our classrooms, anyone being buzzed into the school must report to the office immediately upon entry. Lunches and other items being dropped off for students are to be dropped off only at the office—please do not interrupt classes in session. Parent volunteers and visitors to the school must sign in at the office and obtain visitor badges to be present in the hallways. It is now expected that guests without badges will be directed to the office. Please remember that safety in our school is our number one priority. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to a wonderful school year!



Library & Reading Books

If you happened to find a library, text or reading book over the summer, please drop them off in the main office. We appreciate getting these materials back and understand that sometimes we find all sorts of things during summer cleaning.

Staff At Cherrywood

JK/SK Mrs. Power & Mr. Folino

Gr 1 Mrs. MacDonald & Ms Walvius

Gr 2 Mrs. Corapi

Gr 2/3 Mr Crowe (for Ms Brumby)

Gr 3 Mrs. Zelic

Gr 4 Mrs. Illich

Gr 5 Miss Rutherford

Gr 6 Mr. Smith

Gr 7 Mrs. Stevens-Vaccaro

Gr 8 Miss Johnson

SEBE Miss Hall

LRT Miss Huntingdon (for Mrs Brooks)

French/Library

Miss Darling

Literacy Coach

Mrs Keating

ISP Miss Stouffer

Our wonderful **CCW and EA's** will be: Mrs. White, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. Salvatore,

Miss McKnight and Mrs Hamill

Prep Coverage Mrs. Warden and Miss Pagano

Secretary Mrs Liboiron

Special Thanks to Mr Hale and all of the teachers for working hard over the summer to make our school look so good.