

# October Newsletter

## Division 11



Dear Families;

It is hard to believe we are in October. Here is some specific information regarding some of the activities.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be early dismissals on these two days (Wednesday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. & Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p.m.).

**Thanksgiving** is a good time to discuss gratitude with your child. We will be participating in gratitude activities this month. As well, we will continue learning about 'Wolf' who teaches us to be respectful communicators (listen carefully to each other, work as a team, share ideas, be friendly and kind to others).

**Healthy food** is encouraged throughout the day. Getting use to the routine of a long day is often challenging for students at the beginning of the year. Research shows that the brain learns best when it has oxygen, water, and fresh food. Students need to bring enough food for 2 snacks and a lunch e.g., cut up fruit and vegetables, raisins, sandwich, crackers and cheese. It is important to have a lunch kit to organize their two snacks and lunch. Please bring a spill proof water bottle to class for water.

**Monthly Newsletters** I will continue to send home a monthly newsletter in your child's Bee Folder. The newsletters will be posted on the school website.

Please continue to check **backpacks and Bee folders** for work that has been sent home. Have your child explain or reread their work to you at home. This builds confidence and understanding.

**School Supply Fees** The school supply fee is \$35. Please pay at the office or send to school with your child. Make cheques payable to Walnut Park School. It is very important for the children to have indoor shoes to wear in the school and for gym. Donating a box of kleenex is very much appreciated.

**Halloween** Students are invited to wear costumes to school on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Absences** If your child will be late or absent from school, please email the office at [wpsoffice@sd54.bc.ca](mailto:wpsoffice@sd54.bc.ca) or call the school, 250847-4464. Thank you.

**Home Schedule** Thank you for communicating changes in your child's schedule by sending a note in the Bee Folder or by contacting the office. It is very much appreciated.

Just a reminder that a good way to communicate your child's after school plans is to attach a clear luggage tag to the outside of your child's backpack that contains his/her schedule.

**Pizza Wednesday** For your convenience, please prepay at the office for your child's pizza orders. If sending money weekly, please send it to school in an envelope labelled with your child's name and order. Students place their orders into a bin for a volunteer to collect. **It is important that all orders are labelled.**

**Learning Focus:**

- **Science/Outdoor Learning Focus** – Cycles In Nature
- Printing practice
- Reviewing letter sounds and spelling patterns
- STAR writing – focus on segmenting words when spelling and work on improving writing skills with daily practice.
- Learning to follow criteria and reflect on their learning
- Reciting poems
- Graphing and Developing Number Sense
- Personal safety

**Important Dates :**

- Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Wetlands Field Trip – 1:00 p.m.-2:30p.m.
- Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – First day of salad bar 
- Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – First day of pizza lunches
- Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Book Fair in the 'DEN'.
- Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – P/T Conference, dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – P/T Conference, dismissal at 12:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – NID

Looking forward to a great month.

Mrs. Coish