



November 2017

Chiganois Monthly Newsletter

Principal Message:

As we journey through the month of November, we are reminded of the importance of our role, within society (at home, at school and in our communities), to help ourselves and others to be peace makers; and to teach one another what it is to foster peace in our daily lives. It is through our own uniqueness and special gifts and talents that we have the ability and freedom to make choices. We are blessed with choice: the choice to act freely or under pressure, to be respectful or disrespectful, to be truthful or dishonest, to love or to hate, and to be peace makers or create conflict. We need to work together to help one another in a world that is not so peaceful. Also, we have the choice to be responsible citizens and it is our responsibility to instill peace in our families, our homes, our communities and our schools. We can do this through our actions and our words, by acting out of respect—even if we agree to disagree. Also, we can foster peace through acceptance. To be able to accept the things we cannot change and to be accepting of other's differences. Throughout the month the students will focus on the virtue of Courage and explore what it means to speak up for oneself and others even when it may be unpopular.

As well, during November we spend time reflecting and remembering those who sacrificed their lives for all of us. It is through their actions that we are able to know freedom in a world constantly evolving in the midst of turmoil. It is a way to honor and thank the veterans and their families for all they have given to benefit us, as Canadians, as human beings. We need to be remindful that peace and acceptance begins with "me". You are in control of your own actions and words and choices. It is through our actions and words that peace can grow and flourish producing wonderful results for each of us. This may not be an easy task at times, but isn't it worth trying to achieve together?

Mr. K. Harnish
Principal

Please join us for our Annual Remembrance Day Celebration on Friday, November 10th at 9:30 pm at Chiganois Elementary School Gymnasium.

Virtue of the Month: **COURAGE**

I face challenges directly. I speak up for myself and others even when it may be unpopular. I ask for help when necessary. I recognize risks and dangers and do not take unwise chances to please others.

Chiganois Elementary School Library

Students have begun visiting the Library again! All students will be going either Tuesday or Thursday of each week.

Please remind your child to return their books each week as this gives everyone a chance to enjoy all our wonderful books! Any book that is two weeks overdue will be issued an "Overdue Notice". Books 30 days overdue will be issued a "Billing Notice" for the replacement of the book or the cost of the book.

We are extremely fortunate to have the wide selection of books that we have and we work really hard to maintain our inventory in which all students benefit.

Thank you to our volunteers for providing this opportunity for our students.

Cafeteria Microwaves

Our school cafeteria has 2 microwaves that students have access to during lunchtime. Please note, these are for heating purpose (no longer than 60 seconds) not cooking (ie: Frozen Dinners). Students are also expected to know how to heat their own lunch as often supervisors are occupied attending to others.

School Improvements

Some of you may have already noticed the brand new swingset on our playground! We are very excited to have this new addition to our playground! The school is working closely with PTG to expand on our playground.

Late Arrivals/Early Dismissals

If your child is arriving late (instruction begins at 9:10) for any reason you must come in and sign your child into school. **Please do not send them in alone.**

In addition, our school day ends at 3:15, if for any reason your child must leave prior to dismissal, you will need to come in to the school and sign out your child.

We want to ensure the safety of all our students.

Friendly Reminder

Please check your child/children's head nightly and thoroughly for signs of head lice/nits. For further information please check the the Public Health Link:

<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/public-health/links>



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Winter Weather is Coming!

The days are getting colder and with each dip in the thermometer we move one step closer to winter weather: icy roads, snow and freezing rain. For CCRSB schools, winter weather means the potential closure of schools when conditions are considered unsafe for our students and staff. Decisions regarding school cancellations are made by CCRSB's Operational Services Department and generally happen in the early morning (before 6:30 am) or mid-day. We try our best not to have mid-day cancellations, but sometimes an unexpected change in the weather makes the decision for us. In those cases, it is important that our schools have the most up-to-date contact information for parents and guardians, and that parents and guardians have alternative arrangements in place for their children, before a cancellation takes place.

Mid-day cancellations can also be complicated by busing. Many buses in CCRSB transport students to and from multiple schools, in a set order. This same order of pick-up and drop-off will still apply in the case of a mid-day cancellation. So, though schools may close at 10:00 am, for example, students may not be dropped off until an hour or more later, depending on where their school is on the regular pick-up and drop-off order.

Whether first thing in the morning, or mid-day, cancellations due to weather conditions will be announced in several ways:

- The "All Schools Open" button on the CCRSB home page (www.ccrsb.ca) changes to red. By clicking on the button, you can get closure information specific to our Family of Schools.
- A message regarding the cancellation is posted to the CCRSB home page under "News"; to the CCRSB Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ChignectoCRSB); and to our Twitter feed (@ChignectoCRSB).
- Information is sent to all local radio and television stations within the CCRSB, including CBC radio in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and CFCY radio in Charlottetown.

CCRSB thanks all parents, guardians and students for their patience and understanding as we move through the start of the winter season. Please know that all decisions regarding cancellations are made with great care for the safety of students and staff.

School Communication

Just a reminder to please check the school website and facebook page regularly. Hotmail users, we recommend you check your "junk/spam mail" folder as we've heard this is a problem with those users not receiving our emails. Also, if you are still not receiving our emails please contact Mrs. Keizer and she will help assist you with this issue.

Upcoming Dates

November 1st

Virtue Assembly - Courage 2:15

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

November 6th

Mad Science (Gr 3-5)

November 8th

Mad Science (Gr P-2)

November 10th

Remembrance Day Service 9:30 am. All Welcome ☺

November 13th

Remembrance Day Observed: No School

November 17th

Assessment & Evaluation Day For Staff -No School For Students

November 28th

SAC 6:00 / PTG 7:00

November 29th

Report Cards Go Home

November 30th

Parent Teacher PM: 5:30 – 7:30

Pancakes with the Principal for November Birthdays

December 1st

Parent Teacher AM: 9:00 – 11:30 /

In-Service PM – No School for students.

December 6th

Christmas Concert @ CEC – Doors open at 6:30

Early School Closure

Early dismissal will be one or two hours before the usual school day end. For example, on a day when a one-hour early dismissal is announced in the morning, a school normally dismissing at 2:30 pm would dismiss at 1:30 pm that day. Bussed students who normally arrive at their bus stop at 3:15 pm should arrive at their bus stop at 2:15 pm. The end of the day simply rolls back an hour or two depending on the early dismissal decision.

How will students, parents and guardians know about the early dismissal?

- The early dismissal decision will be announced on the school board website (ccrsb.ca), Twitter and Face-book by 6:30 am.
- The "All Schools OPEN" button on the CCRSB website will turn orange, and will read "Early Dismissal". Click on the button to get information about the early dismissal decision, including where it will be happening.
- The early dismissal decision will be sent to all local media, to be carried on the radio and on news web-sites.
- Schools will announce the early dismissal on their own websites, and via their social media channels.
- Chiganois Elementary will send an "Alert" email or text message to parents and guardians, announcing the early dismissal.
- Parent should know about an early dismissal time before their child arrives at school that day .



PTG Upcoming Christmas Store



Once again The Parent Teacher Group is please to announce they will be holding their annual Christmas Store on December 19th for all students.

At this time, The Parent Teacher Group would like you to start putting aside those items that can be donated for this much anticipated event. Items for the store are donated by parents, teachers, etc. Please send in any donated items to the school by Friday December 15th. Examples are books, CDs, movies, ornaments, mugs, toys, etc. We are usually in need of items for Dads/teens. New or gently used and clean items only please. If you have wrapping paper, tape, and gifts bags that can be donated it would be greatly appreciated.

Students will purchase gifts for family whom will be with them Christmas morning. If there are any items/time remaining, students will have a second chance to shop for themselves. Items will range from \$0.25 to \$1. Students are asked to bring in their shopping list and money (\$5 is suggested – in a sealed baggie) on the 19th. All students are invited to shop. If someone forgets their money at home they will be given an IOU to bring in their money later.



Boston Pizza Reading Challenge Update

The Boston Reading challenge is well underway! Don't forget to send in your reading logs and your coupon will be issued to you by PTG not long after. Please note; ignore the expiry date on the coupons as Boston Pizza has indicated to PTG they wanted to use up the ones they have from last year before printing more. Boston Pizza will definitely honor all coupons from the Boston Pizza Reading Challenge!

If there is an issue please contact Jennifer MacKay.

Halloween Dance

Our annual Halloween Dance was held Thursday, October 26th. Much fun was had by all! There were so many great costumes! Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this event and especially Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers who without them these types of events wouldn't be possible. Once again it was a very fun and successful evening!



ADL Cheese Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone that supported our ADL Cheese Fundraiser. AT this time we have not been given a definite delivery date. Our anticipated date is the week of November 13th, if not before. Once we're given a date of delivery by ADL, we'll inform parents right away.