Hi Parents;

Thank for helping us to be mostly paperless! Emailing my newsletters home seems to be working quite well and I appreciate that parents are receiving them and know what’s happening😊

**Remembrance Day Activities -** Our school is having our Remembrance Day ceremony Friday morning at 10:45 am in the school gym. As the note sent home this week details, your children are singing two beautiful songs at the ceremony. Please join us if you can. Also, Mrs. Hall and students were invited to perform these songs at the Courtenay Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday with other SD71 students. If your child is available to join the group, please be at the Native Sons Hall for 10:00 am on Sunday. The ceremony is at the Courtenay cenotaph (by City Hall) at 10:45. If you haven’t already done so, the permission slip should come with the student. I’ve encouraged the boys and girls to, if they can’t make it the Courtenay Remembrance Ceremony, try and attend the Cumberland Legion Ceremony.

**All week at school the boys and girls have been learning about various events related to Canada’s military history and sacrifices. Please ask them to share with you.**

**Math** - We have started our Multiplication unit. So far, we have been working on number patterns and how they relate to multiplication. We have examined and practiced strategies for multiplying numbers up to 5 x 5 this week and will be building upon this. Please try to reinforce when possible. There are a couple good multiplication websites listed on the blog under ‘Homework’.

**3-Way Interviews -** 3-Way (Parent, Teacher and Child) Interviews are Thursday, November 22nd. The purpose of this time is for me to give you a synopsis of how your child is doing and for the three of us to set goals. You should have received a note home today with your time. If the time doesn’t work for you, please email me and we will reschedule it for another day. As a reminder, I will send out an email with scheduled times at the end of next week.

**Report Cards** - Formal report cards will come out on Friday, December 14th.

**Scholastic Book Fair** - Like every year around 3-Way Interview Day, our library will be transformed into a book fair. Stop by between Wednesday and Friday, November 21st to 23rd to check out some great books! Also, Cumberland El. is having its annual ‘Reading Night Wednesday, November 21st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Wear pjs and bring your favourite book!

**Planners** - Great work for supporting your child with his/her planner efforts! We use the planner for several important tasks. 1. We write our spelling words in the planner every Monday morning so they can be reviewed in the evenings. 2. We write homework and reminders daily. 3. Students are encouraged to record their daily home reading in the planner.
Parent Volunteers – Thanks to Paul and Sam Purin who helped out on our ‘Pumpkin Day’ and again to the Purins and Inge Muus who helped out on our Halloween Centers day! We appreciate all you do for us.😊

Student Teacher - You will notice our VIU student teacher, Nick Breault, around the classroom more often. He has been here all week and will be back the first two weeks of December. Mr. Breault will be back in February again for a couple weeks and then the larger portion of his practicum is for five weeks in April and May. The boys and girls are enjoying his lessons!

Cumberland Community Walk - We didn’t get out for our Temperate Rainforest walk a couple weeks ago because of inclement weather. The long range weather forecast is for sun this Wednesday, Nov. 14th. If this stays true, we will be out and around town between 12:45 and 2:30 on this afternoon, this time with a Heritage Building focus. Again, we’ll head down to the Community Forest for P.E. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Biollo will be along with us. If the weather is not satisfactory on this day, we will again reschedule with email notice the day before.

Christmas Concert – In case you are wanting to mark your calendar and/or make plans . . . Our Christmas Concert takes place Wednesday, December 19th with one show at 1:00 pm and another at 7:00 pm. The last day of school before the winter break is Friday, December 21st and we are back on Monday, January 7th.

Coast Realty Christmas Hamper Program – Once again we are participating in the Coast Country Realty Hamper Program. Once we have our family information the boys and girls will sign up for a food item and they will bring a note home. This should happen in a week or so.

Christmas Crafts – We will be doing some Christmas/winter crafts in December. If you have any Christmas craft supplies that you are no longer using, i.e. pine cones, bells, ribbons, please send them to school and we would be happy to put them to use.

Neat Guests! - We are fortunate to have interesting guests coming to visit us! Today we had an awesome Zumba lesson with Gloria Grieve and she is back next Thursday as well! Sarah, our Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans resource person, will be coming to do a demonstration salmon dissection with the boys and girls next Thursday, Nov. 15th. The week following the students will do their own group dissections. In conjunction with our Science ‘Animal Habitats’ theme, I have a guest coming in on the 28th of Nov. to teach the boys and girls how to build a bee box and set it up in their yards. Should be interesting!

Our Blog - Thank you for checking out the blog occasionally and sharing it with family and friends. Please feel welcome to leave a comment for the boys and girls on any of the posts!

Enjoy the Remembrance Day holiday Monday!

Thanks,

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