



COPPER CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

HOME OF THE CRUSHERS

OCTOBER 2018

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Copper Cliff Public School will be participating in an important campaign to help ensure all children and families stay warm this winter.

We will be collecting gently used winter clothing - coats, hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants etc. until October 31.

These donations will then be collected by Cooper Equipment Rentals and given to Our Children Our Future who will take care of distribution to fellow citizens of all ages in our community.

As you clean out your closets and buy new winter wear for your family, please consider sending items that are not being used to the school.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House on September 6th. A special thank you to our dedicated School Council members who help make this a success year after year.

WATER IS THE BEST!!!!

In the attempt to promote healthy eating habits at school we are asking families to not send any form of juice or beverages with a high sugar content to school in lunches (some examples are Kool Aid Jammers, Gatorade or juice boxes). We have a water bottle filling station and encourage our student to drink lots of water throughout the day to stay hydrated. We would really appreciate your support as we make small healthy changes to optimize the learning environment at school. Thanks for your continued support!

COPPER CLIFF SEWING CLUB

CCPS sewing club is excited to make many great projects. This is a free program for our students so any donations of fabric, thread, stuffing or any other sewing notions would be greatly appreciated. Check out our pictures on facebook!

HALLOWEEN DANCE for Primary & Junior/Intermediate Students

Following the Halloween Parade, there will be a Halloween Dance for primary students from 12:15 – 12:45 pm and a dance for junior/intermediate students from 1:40 – 3:00 pm.

MUSIC INSTRUCTION

Private piano, guitar, and violin lessons are now being offered during school hours. Lesson fees are \$20 per half hour weekly. Rental instruments available. Contact Richard Foers at 705-596-2243.

FRESH FROM THE FARM FUNDRAISING EVENT – DUE OCTOBER 5

Fresh from the Farm was designed to provide healthy alternatives to schools by selling Ontario-grown fruit and vegetables to school communities. Schools keep 40% of sales.

Families will have the option to purchase:

Bundle A (\$14.00):

5lb potatoes, 3lb carrots, 3lb sweet potatoes, 3lb onions

Bundle B (\$15.00):

8lb of Empire apples

Orders are due October 5 and delivery of fresh produce will be in November. All profits will go towards supporting extra curricular activities.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE – October 31 at 11:45 a.m.

Students in all grades will be permitted to wear costumes at school during our annual Parade of Costumes.

Parents are reminded to help their children to exercise good judgement in the selection of appropriate costumes, understanding that the school dress code will still be enforced.

Halloween celebrations will vary from classroom to classroom. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like more information about Halloween festivities. Parents and students are reminded that snacks and treats that contain nut products are not permitted in the school and we would like to encourage healthy snacks. Please don't send Hallowe'en treats to school for the whole class. Thank you for your co-operation.

POINTSETTIA FUNDRAISER

We will be selling poinsettias in time for Christmas again this year. Order forms will go home the first week of November and must be returned by November 19. Poinsettias will arrive on November 29 and can be picked up from 1:00-5:30 p.m. in the library. Poinsettias will be ordered from the Bradford Exchange. Please contact the office if you need additional order forms. It's a great gift idea for Christmas! Profits will go to support our year end trip for our grade 7 and 8 students.



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SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

We are pleased to announce our School Council for the 2018-2019 school year. We thank these dedicated individuals for volunteering their time.

School Council Members:

Sean Dempsey - Chair
Jessica Newell-Tremblay - Vice-Chair
Erin Holloway – Secretary
Tammi Principi
Tracy Antonioni
Donna Nesseth
Sarah Haywood
Jessica Greenough
Debbie MacKinnon
Laurie Eastman
Emily Newell
Mike Thompson
Ashley Pine
Lisa Fletcher
Tiffany Sutton Taylor
Teacher Representative – Melanie Douglas
Non-Teaching Rep. – Stephanie Daoust

Our School Council is an advisory body, which works collaboratively within the school community to enhance the development and education experiences of all students. We are always looking for more members. If you are interested in serving this school year please contact the office. We meet regularly through out the school year at 7 pm in the school library. Remaining meetings for the year are as follows: Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, April 15 and May 13.

TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Students of Copper Cliff Public School Participated in our Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk Wednesday, September 26th. The event was a success once again, with proceeds of \$1777.50 being raised for The Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Many thanks to Mrs. DeLuca Belcourt and Mrs. Nadeau for organizing our event, to parent/guardian volunteers who were marshalls during the run/walk and to those who helped their children raise pledges. The Copper Cliff community really came together for a great cause!

A WORD ABOUT BEARS

While bear sightings are not uncommon at this time of year, there has been an increase in bear incidents. As a result, we are taking precautions to ensure that our children remain safe.

Garbage will be stored and secured so bears are not attracted to school grounds.

Staff will scan the schoolyard for bears before and during nutrition breaks. Students will remain indoors if there is a bear on school property.

We remind students to not take shortcuts through the bush when walking to and from school. We also encourage students to walk together and ask that parents/guardians reinforce these messages with their children.

As always, we will continue to be vigilant about bear sightings near our school and will notify the Ministry of Natural Resources and Greater Sudbury Police Service, as needed. The safety of our students is our first and foremost priority. For more information on how to prevent encounters with bears, visit <http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/report-bear-problem-bear-wise>

BINGO TRAINING

Our participation in BINGO has enabled us to purchase great technology for CCPS. To continue this we need volunteers to help at during our allotted BINGO times. There is a mandatory training program that volunteers must attend prior to attending our BINGO assignments. Upcoming sessions are:

Mon., Oct 15th, 9:00am - Delta Bingo and Gaming Sudbury

Tue., Nov 13th, 6:00pm - Sudbury Food Bank
1105 Webbwood Drive (SW corner at Lorne)

Wed., Dec 12th, 9:00am - Delta Bingo and Gaming Sudbury.

Sessions are just over an hour long and no appointment is needed. For more information, call Richard 705-560-4243 x225.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter and calendar will now be sent out electronically to all families. If you would prefer to receive a printed copy, please notify your child's teacher and one will be sent home with the youngest child in the family.



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PREVALENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS – ANAPHYLAXIS/DIABETES/ASTHMA/EPILEPSY

It is required that families notify the school for prevalent medical conditions in order for school staff to develop a plan of care.

We are a "peanut/nut controlled school". We ask that you make every attempt to not send peanut products to school. If your child has an allergy please contact the school to be sure that we have this on record. We also make every attempt to be a "fragrance controlled or aware school" since we have many students with asthma. Please keep aerosol cans at home as well as perfumes/colognes, etc.

The Board's practice is **not to permit** WOW butter, SUN butter, or any other peanut butter substitutes in schools. These peanut butter substitutes look, smell and taste like peanut butter. Although some parents are vigilant at labelling these as peanut butter substitutes, we cannot guarantee an effective system of checking as to whether a product contains nuts or is nut safe.

Should a student bring a peanut butter substitute to school, **the practice followed is the same practice that we follow with a peanut product.** The administration implements the Option the parent of the student with the allergy has chosen. Should a student continue to bring in the peanut butter substitute, the student and the parent should be reminded of the school's "allergen" policy.

If your child has asthma please call the school to inform the office of your child's condition and their asthma medication. In accordance with Ryan's Law 2015, your child will be allowed to carry their asthma medication with them with your permission. Ryan's Law, 2015, was passed by the Ontario Legislature and is an important step to support the well-being of students with asthma in Ontario schools.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons will now be offered to students by Ms. Catherine Regimbal. Ms. Regimbal taught piano at Copper Cliff Public School in the 1980s and 1990s and has experience teaching piano through Cambrian College and the Southend Music Studio. Please contact 677-8592 for more information.

SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY

Purpose: "A safe arrival program is a system of procedures which are performed together with daily school attendance taking. Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's safety. The safe arrival program is a mechanism that parents and schools can use to account for any pupil's unexplained failure to arrive at school." Excerpt from news release from Ontario Ministry of Education and Training February 2 1999.

Procedures:

1. Parents are responsible for communicating to the school to relate any planned pupil absences or late arrivals to school. This procedure is outlined in the school handbook and a reminder is sent home mid-year in a newsletter.
2. Parents may send in a written explanation, call during office hours or leave a message on the school's answering machine.
3. A log of calls from parents or others who report absences or lates is maintained in the office.
4. Notes from home are sent to the office as soon as possible following morning announcements. The school secretary will identify any unexplained absences that require follow-up contact by telephone.
5. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts.
6. If your child needs to leave early for an appointment please communicate these details **in writing** to the teacher. If you have made alternative arrangements for picking up your child at the end of the day please communicate these details **in writing** to the teacher. Student information sheets will be updated each school year. **Please notify the secretary of any changes at any time.**

The safe arrival program will be reviewed annually to confirm its effectiveness.

To ensure the safety of our students, we need to know when students will not be at school. **If your child will not be attending school for the day, or will be arriving late, please be sure to call CCPS at 682-4721 BEFORE school begins (24 hour answering machine).**