



# COPPER CLIFF PUBLIC SCHOOL

## HOME OF THE CRUSHERS

**OCTOBER 2016**

### **END OF DAY**

Parents/Guardians picking up children need to wait in the main entrance at the end of the school day. Students will meet you at the benches outside of the office. Staff are occupied with getting children safely ready for the end of the day departure. If you need to speak to staff please wait until the dismissal bell has gone as our students are our main priority.

**REMINDER:** There is no supervision on the yard until 8:30a.m. In the interest of safety of our children, please ensure that your child does not arrive at school until 8:30 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

### **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.

Starting Monday, September 26th and running until November 18th, we will be collecting gently used winter clothing - coats, hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants etc. These donations will then be collected by Cooper Equipment Rentals, laundered by Northern Uniform if needed, and given to Our Children Our Future who will take care of distribution.

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.

Last year this campaign, running at a fraction of this year's schools and sites, helped more than 1000 people. We're looking forward to building on that success with your help!

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House on September 8th. A special thank you to our dedicated School Council members who help make this a success year after year.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

We are pleased to announce our School Council for the 2016-2017 school year. We thank these dedicated individuals for volunteering their time.

### School Council Members:

Mimi Wiseman - Chair  
Bob Conlin - Vice-Chair  
Erin Holloway - Secretary  
Tracey Antonioni  
Michael Creasey  
Sean Dempsey  
Laurie Eastman  
Debbie MacKinnon  
Tammi Principi  
Tiffany Sutton Taylor  
Mike Thompson  
Teacher Representative – Andrea Larsen  
Non-Teaching Representative – 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. 17, Nov. 21, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, April 17 and May 15.

Last year with the support from School Council we were able to purchase 20 Chrome books, 10 iPads, a printer and charging charts from funds generated from volunteering at The Boardwalk Gaming Centre (Bingo). These new technologies cost \$14 731.62! Last year, a number of our Council members and Mrs. Mihell volunteered for a 2 hour shift by clearing tables and assisting the Boardwalk Gaming staff. We are in the process of submitting our application for this school year so we can continue to fund technological advances. We are very fortunate to have this partnership and benefit significantly from the profits.

We need your help! If you can spare 2 hours to help with this fundraising initiative please contact the school and more information will be shared.



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### 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>

### HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE - October 31 at 1:45 p.m.

Students in all grades will be permitted to wear costumes at school during our annual Parade of Costumes in the afternoon. 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. Thank you for your co-operation.

### HALLOWEEN DANCE for Gr. 6-8's

There will be a Halloween Dance for Gr. 6-8 following the Halloween Parade. Students in the 6/7 & 7/8 classes will be invited to stay in the gymnasium for a dance. Snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase for \$1.00. The dance will end at 3:05 p.m.

### ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA

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.



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### 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 18. Poinsettias will arrive on December 1 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 from Mr. Moxam and Mrs. Blanchard's classes.

### TERRY FOX RUN/WALK

Students of Copper Cliff Public School Participated in our Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk Wednesday September 29th. The event was a success once again, with proceeds being raised for The Terry Fox Foundation for cancer research. Many thanks 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!

### 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).**

### CHANGES TO SPECIAL LUNCHES

CCPS will now be dealing with our local Jube's for our lunch specials on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

On Tuesdays we will be offering your choice of Chicken Caesar Salad or Quesadilla (made with ham or chicken) for \$5.00.

On Wednesdays beginning in November we will offer your choice of Chicken Caesar Wrap (\$5.00) or Sub with ham, turkey, roast beef or veggie (4" - \$3.50 or 6" - \$4.50). There will be no changes to either pizza day or Herc's lunch.

Chocolate milk will be available daily for \$1.00 each on a cash only basis.