

Student Numbers 2015/2016 Enrolment

Our September enrolment will be higher than previous years and is likely to be above 300 students. As housing continues to be built in the catchment area it is anticipated that numbers will continue to increase. In anticipation of this a portable classroom will be added for September. The Ministry of Education has approved the purchase of land for new school sites but the date for the actual building of the schools remains to be determined. A portable is a short-term solution to the increasing enrolment.

The enrolment in the city is being closely monitored but final decisions about staffing levels cannot be made until actual September numbers are seen.

In the school, the final numbers in given grades will dictate classroom configurations. At this point it appears that we will have more combined grade classes next year than this year.

PAC Thanks

Our parent advisory group has helped in many ways this year. In addition to all the volunteer hours that make events and special learning opportunities such as residencies possible they have shared in other ways. Each classroom received funds that could be used for items or field trips. Our school sports teams travel and registration costs were covered by PAC. Technology tools have been put into classrooms. The hot lunch program and special lunch days were also appreciated. PAC helped with our grade six-year end celebration. When we hosted the District Track Meet Team Finch was wearing the staff shirts purchased by PAC.

The next PAC meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday, September 23, 2015 @ 7pm in the school library. Come out and give your thoughts about what PAC should be doing in 2015/16. All parents of CM Finch students are members of PAC and are encouraged to attend. PAC is a way of supporting your child's education.

Staffing Changes 2015/16

After 42 Years of service with the school district our head custodian Rose Giesbrecht is retiring. We wish her well on her next adventure. The majority of our staff will be returning in the fall. Selby Pellow will be joining our teaching staff.

Educational Requests

Parents may make a written educational request for next year. An educational request is based on your child's needs not selection of a specific teacher. If you feel that there are things that need to be considered in your child's placement please send a detailed note to Mrs. Gilbert. The numbers of students that are in each grade level and the balancing of needs within the school will determine the final grade configuration and teacher assignment.

Opening Week 2015/16

School opens on Tuesday September 8, 2015 for students in grade one to six. The students are only with us for two hours. Dismissal time will be at 10:42. On September 8th students will be returning to their 14/15 classrooms. Students that are new to the school community will be placed in a grade appropriate classroom for the morning. On September 9th and 10th students will be in multi age primary or intermediate groups and they will be participating in a variety of activities and working with a number of teachers.

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We hope to structure into classes on Friday September 11th if we have a clear picture of numbers and configuration of classes. The total numbers situation within the district will be a factor for us too.

Summer Reading and Math Fact Practise

Consistent reading practise over the summer helps maintain the skills your child has worked so hard to gain. Please consider participating in the summer program at the library. You can also use the school access to

Tumblebooks: www.TumbleBookLibrary.com

Username: cmfe password: books

Math fluency or the ability to quickly recall math facts is also important. Keeping math facts sharp should be built into summer activities too. Students should practice the math facts that they were working on in class or that have been noted in their report cards.

Lost and Found

The lost and found has been displayed in the school hall and students have been encouraged to claim their items. The things that remain next week will be donated to a local charity. Some items will also be kept as extra clothes for student use.

Return of School Items

If you discover that your child has things at home like textbooks, school uniforms, home reading books, library books or please drop them off at the school by the end of June or in late August.

School Fees 2015/16

Fees will be collected after students are assigned classes. Please do not send fees during the first week of school.

Kindergarten	\$25.00 supplies	\$10.00 Cultural Fee
Grade 1-3	\$35.00 supplies \$8.00 Agenda	\$10.00 Cultural Fee
Grade 4-6	\$8.00 Agenda	\$10.00 Cultural Fee
School Team Fee	\$10.00 (per sport) Please do not include this fee with the school supply fee. The fee is charged once a student is involved with a team.	This fee may be waived if Pac decides to cover team costs as they did in 12/13.

Wireless Writing

Grade 6 Wireless Writing Insurance

\$30.00

CM Finch Elementary Intermediate Supply List

√	Supply	Requirements
	Duo tangs:	black 1; red 1; green 1; grey 1; yellow 1; light blue 1; dark blue 1; white 1; purple 1; white 1; orange 1
	Lined Refill Paper	200 sheets- lined loose leaf
	Note/ Exercise Books	4 Key Tab
	plain white	100 sheets
	Quad Rule Notebooks (4 sq to 1") 200 pgs	If unable to get notebooks, get (4 sq-1" grid/ graph paper = to 200 pgs and a special math duo tang.)
	Pencil Crayons	24 pack
	Felt Pens/ Markers	Washable, broad Tip - 16 pack
	Glue Sticks	2- 40 g.
	HB Pencils w/ erasers	24+
	Pencil sharpener	1 w/ shavings collector
	Ball Point Pens	4 blue/ black
	Ball Point Pens	6 - red
	black pen for art	1 permanent, e.g. Ultra Fine Tip black Sharpie
	large white erasers	4+
	pencil case	1
	pencil box w/ lid	Optional for storing felts, etc
	scissors	1 pair
	ruler	1 30 cm w/ both cm & mm markings - NO metal edges
	Calculator (<i>practical, basic</i>)	w/ basic functions DO NOT purchase Scientific style
	highlighters	(2) yellow, (2) blue, (2) pink, (2) green
	gym strip w/ bag	Needs to be washed weekly.
	sketch/ drawing book	1- no larger than 9x12.
	facial tissue	2 boxes
	inside running shoes	1 pair

Please do your best to ensure that your child has their school supplies by **Monday, September 14^b**. The school will have a small supply of duotangs in the colours noted above for sale.

- o Please label all of your child's school supplies, **except** for the duo tangs as we have a special labeling process in place.
- o *Note: These quantities are averages: some children require more materials than others. If your child often needs extra supplies, you may want to purchase additional quantities, if they are required later in the year.

Gr. 6 Parents Note: Your child will require a protractor, which is located in a math set. They also need less loose-leaf paper (50 sheets) due to the Wireless Writing Program. Gr. 6 students have the option of using a binder but will need Index Dividers to match the duo tang colors.

Please do not supply your child with *permanent markers*, except as noted – thank you.

Primary School Supplies

Primary students in kindergarten to grade three are able to get their supplies through the school. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase supplies through the school as this

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ensures the supplies match those needed for the over all class plan. This optional participation allows parents to take advantage of the convenience of having others get the correct materials at school pricing. Students are given materials, as they need them through out the year.

Grade 6 Students Move On

Our best wishes go out to our grade six students that will be moving onto Bert Bowes and Dr. Kearney. We look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

Gurushaabad	Aulakh	Jordan	Lawson
Jordan	Bartsch	Thea	Mackey
Nichalous	Bodaly	Burke	McAdie
Jivat	Brar	Joshua	McLeod
Brody	Bremner	Cheree	Peters
Kyle	Emmerson	Gavin	Reis
Cassandra	Field	Cainan	Rondeau
Julia	Fochuk	Ashley	Schmidt
Mason	Gosling	Austin	Stadler
Matthew	Hill	Camryn	Standberg
Maddison	Holloway	Jasmine	Threinen
Samantha	Jenkins	Gail	Wagner
Tyler	Laminski	Tyler	Webster
Kevin	Lass	Manjoll	Billing
Nicholas	Lacey	Chris	Canova
Trevor	Laminski	Cameron	Field
Lindsay	Lavigne	Brayden	French
Lauryn	McRoberts	Hannah	Gould
Travis	Mitchell	Madison	Gray
Brittan	Nesse	Katie	Janzen
Parker	Nielsen	Morgan	Wigglesworth
Taylor	Schmidt	Nanda	Yusra

CM Finch 2015-2016 Bell Schedule

8:30	Supervision starts, students may arrive.
8:45	Warning Bell
8:50	Classes Start
10:30-10:45	Recess
10:45-10:50	Snack
10:50-12:00	Class time
12:00-12:20	Lunch Play
12:20-12:40	Eating time
12:40-2:42	Class time
2:42	Dismissal
2:55	Supervision Ends

Have a wonderful summer!



September 25, 2014

School District No. 60 (Peace River North) Adopted Three-Year School Calendar 2015-16, 2016-17

	2015-16	2016-17
School Calendar Information & Non-Instructional Days	Adopted District Dates	Adopted District Dates
Days in Session	189	187
Number of Days of Instruction	182	180
Schools Open	Tuesday September 8, 2015	Tuesday September 6, 2016
Non-Instructional Day (Schools)	Friday September 25, 2015	Friday September 23, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Monday October 12, 2015	Monday October 10, 2016
Non-Instructional Day (Pro-D – Provincial)	Friday October 23, 2015	Friday October 21, 2016
Remembrance Day	Wednesday November 11, 2015	Friday November 11, 2016
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday November 25, 2015	Wednesday November 23, 2016
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday November 26, 2015	Thursday November 24, 2016
Non-Instructional Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews)	Friday November 27, 2015	Friday November 25, 2016
Christmas Vacation Period	Monday, December 21 to Friday, January 1, 2016	Monday, December 19 to Monday, January 2, 2017
Schools reopen after Christmas Vacation	Monday, January 4, 2016	Tuesday January 3, 2017
Non-Instructional Day Pro-D (District)/Semester Turnaround	Friday January 29, 2016	Friday January 27, 2017
Family Day	Monday February 8, 2016	Monday February 13, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (Report Writing)	Monday February 29, 2016	Monday February 27, 2017
Early Dismissal Day	Wednesday March 16, 2016	Wednesday March 15, 2017
Early Dismissal Day	Thursday March 17, 2016	Thursday March 16, 2017
Spring Vacation Period/District Closure Days	Monday, March 21 to Friday, April 1, 2016	Monday, March 20 to Friday, March 31, 2017
Schools Reopen after Spring Vacation/District Closure Days	Monday April 4, 2016	Monday April 3, 2017
Good Friday	Friday March 25, 2016	Friday April 14, 2017
Easter Monday	Monday March 28, 2016	Monday April 17, 2017
Non-Instructional Day (School Planning Day)	Friday May 13, 2016	Friday May 12, 2017
Victoria Day	Monday May 23, 2016	Monday May 22, 2017
Last day for Students	Wednesday June 29, 2016	Thursday June 29, 2017
Administrative Day – Schools Close	Thursday June 30, 2016	Friday June 30, 2017