

Good day CM Finch Families,
We have another busy week ahead at our school.

School Speech Contest Tomorrow Afternoon: 1:00 pm

We will be having our Intermediate Speech Contest tomorrow afternoon in the gym. The event begins at 1:00 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Pancake Breakfast: 50th Anniversary Celebration: Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for coming to our Pancake Breakfast this morning to help us celebrate the school's 50th Anniversary. Thank you for the generous donations to help support our breakfast program. We were able to raise \$763. **I would like to thank Pimm's Production for the use of their barbeque!**

School Planning for 2023-2024

As we continue to plan for the start of school in September, I just wanted to remind families to inform the office if you are moving away and will not be starting the school year with us. Families that do not live in our catchment area are required to register with their catchment area school and fill out a variance form with their home school if they wish to remain at CM Finch. We do our best to accommodate any variance requests, but spaces are given to catchment area students first. If you have any questions about this process please contact the office and we are happy to help.

Ways to Support Reading and Writing at Home

Check out the link for some interesting suggestions on how to support reading and writing at home.
<https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/resource-files/Ideas%20for%20parents%20o%20help%20children%20to%20practice%20their%20reading%20and%20writing%20skills.pdf>

Welcome to Kindergarten Event: Wednesday, May 17th, 2023: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

We will be hosting our annual Welcome to Kindergarten event on Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30 until 7:00 pm. This is planned to be a drop-in event for our future Kindergarten students and their parents (starting in September). We ask that you make arrangements to leave siblings at home. Please see the attached information poster. **Please contact the Office to sign-up. (250)785-8580.**

School Affordability Fund

The Ministry of Education & Child Care has provided a *Student & Family Affordability Fund* for the 2022-23 School Year. The purpose of this fund is to support students and families to have a full and healthy school experience.

These funds can be used for the following: food for families, food for students, school supplies, school fees, extra-curricular fees. If you require financial support, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Lang.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 17th- Welcome to Kindergarten 5:30-7:00 pm
Monday, May 22nd- Victoria Day- No School

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lang