



R.L. CLEMITSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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September 7th, 2010 Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

On behalf of the staff at R.L. Clemitson School, I would like to welcome all families to the 2010/2011 school year. As a school community, we look forward to working together to create the best education for your children. As you know, it is very important for home and school to work together and we truly appreciate your support. Please contact your child's teacher throughout the year regarding matters of attention of your child.

Please plan to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' night scheduled for Thursday, September 16th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. More information is provided in the "PAC NEWS" section of this newsletter.

Looking forward to a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Darlene Gordon, Principal

Parents of Bused Students

Please contact Manager of Transportation, Mr Dave Mell, at 250-372-5853 regarding any questions regarding bus transportation.

PEANUT & NUT ALLERGIES

We have students in our school who have a severe allergy to peanuts and nuts. For these children, eating, touching or smelling nuts and products containing peanuts, or peanut oil could trigger an allergic reaction called anaphylaxis. This reaction could be life threatening. For this reason, we ask that you do not send any peanuts, nuts, nut or peanut products, or peanut oil to school.

Many children and adults enjoy eating nuts, peanuts, baking with nuts and peanuts, and peanut butter sandwiches. We are requesting that students and adults do not bring nuts or peanut containing foods to school for snacks or lunches. This will require reading product labels carefully.

Please help your child to understand the importance of not sharing food, utensils and food containers with other students. Also, please remind your child about the importance of having clean hands. Young children may need lots of reminders and assistance to wash their hands thoroughly before and after they eat.

Kindly remember to send peanut-free and nut-free treats for birthdays and other classroom celebrations!

Thank you very much for your understanding and support in this matter. We look forward to working together with our school community to make RLC a "peanut and nut sensitive" school and a safe environment for **ALL** of our children. If you have any questions or concerns regarding providing an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for our students with life-threatening allergies, please contact us.

Texts

Please check for any RLC texts that may be at home and return them to the office. Thank you.

Warm Welcome to New Staff @ RLC are (tentative class assignments):

- Mrs Berniece Machuk - K Teacher
- Mr Demetrios Moutsos - Afternoon Custodian
- Mrs Marie Roddan - Grade 2/3 Teacher
- Mr Steve Scott - Grade 6/7 Teacher
- Mrs Kelly Trotman - School Support Worker

Welcome Back to RLC:

- Mrs Debbie Piffin - Grade 6/7 Teacher
- Mrs Cynthia Morrow - Grade 6/7 Teacher
- Ms Lona Grant (Walton) - Grade 5/6 Teacher
- Mr Mark McDaniel - Grade 4/5 Teacher
- Ms Sue Mark (Morris) - Grade 4/5 Teacher
- Ms Derin Young - Grade 3 Teacher
- Mr Edward Benesh - Grade 1/2 Teacher
- Ms Glenna McDougall - Grade 1 / 2 Teacher
- Mrs Doffy Bourbonnais - K/Grade 1 Teacher

Welcome to RLC Student Teachers

Farewell and Best Wishes:

- Mrs Lori Bradstock
- Mrs Tara McLean
- Mrs Troylana Manson
- Ms Teresa Weber
- Mr Bill Mainland
- Mrs Serena Bugden
- Mr Josh Schimanowsky

Classes for 2010/2011

As in previous years at RLC, all the students will return to the classroom they had last year on the first and possibly subsequent days. New students will report to the Library. We are hoping for students to be placed with this year's classroom teacher as soon as possible. There are many factors considered when making placement decisions which include class size, students' needs in academic/social/emotional/behavioural areas, student leadership, gender ratio, composition regulations and parent input. Under the School Act, it is the school's responsibility to make the placement of the student to a teacher.

Mrs Terry Ford, Public Health Nurse

Mrs Ford is the Public Health Nurse for the area and school. Her role includes immunizations, control of communicable diseases, assisting in planning of care for students with special medical conditions and allergies, and working with you and the school staff to ensure your son/daughter has a healthy year. Please refer to our Interior Health's School Health Website at http://www.interiorhealth.ca/school_health.aspx for more information on our programs. The "Quick Guide to Childhood Communicable Diseases" is also a very helpful tool for parents - it is available at http://www.bccdc.ca/NR/rdonlyres/8061A728-C969-4F38-9083-B0296EF2A128/o/Epid_GF_childhood_quickguide_may_09.pdf. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Ford by phone at 250-851-7300, or by e-mail at terry.ford@interiorhealth.ca



School Supplies

School supply fees are due Friday, September 17th. Cheques should be made payable to Robert L. Clemitsen Elementary School. **Please use the attached form when sending money to the school. Thank you.**

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

Friday, October 1st, 2010 is our individual student picture day. Retakes will be on Wednesday, October 27th, 2010. Class photos will be taken during the spring. Lifetouch Canada will be taking our school pictures again this year. Specific costs and packaging options will be sent home with the photos. There are no advance charges, and purchase is strictly your choice. There will not be an additional day later in the year for individual photos.

MILK DELIVERY

Milk and yogurt at lunchtime will be available again this year beginning Monday, September 13th. Tickets will be on sale at the Medical Room door starting Monday, September 13th. A ticket for 5 milk or yogurt sells for \$4.50. Tickets are only sold on **Monday mornings from 8:15 – 8:25am**.

SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

This program will operate again this year. When your child is absent or delayed in arrival to school, we ask that you phone 250-828-6094 before the school day starts and leave a message. Our Safe Arrival parent volunteers phone a home if a student is absent and no message has been left with us. **We need volunteers to help with this program.** The job requires only 10 – 40 minutes starting at about 8:45 am in the school office. Call Mrs. Sharpe at the school office if you have questions or you wish to volunteer. Each family should have received a fridge magnet that clearly shows our Safe Arrival phone number. Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for purchasing this item, and please leave it handy on your fridge. If you require one please call the school.

Supervisors Needed – Lunch Hour (12:00 – 1:00pm), Morning (8:05am – 8:35am)

Additional supervisors may be needed this year. During the breaks parent supervisors help supervise students. Supervisors are paid an honorarium of \$10 per lunch hour. If you are interested in more information or an application, please contact Bev Sharpe, Secretary; or Darlene Gordon, Principal.

Sign-In Sheet

Work Safe BC is requiring all visitors to schools to sign in and out. If you will be at the school for more than a few minutes you will need to sign in/out at the office. This is required to ensure everyone's safety in case of an emergency. Thank you.

SCHOOL HOURS

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| 8:20 am | School Doors Open | 11:00 am | Morning Kindergarten Session Ends |
| 8:25 am | Entry Bell | 12:00 pm | Lunch Break Begins: Activity Time Begins |
| 8:30 am – 10:10 am | Attendance / Classes Begin | 12:35 pm | Meal Time Begins |
| 10:10 am – 10:30 am | Recess | 12:50 pm | Students Getting Ready to Begin Classes |
| 10:30 am – 12:00 pm | Classes in Session | 12:55 pm – 2:30 pm | Classes in Session |



SCHOOL BUS

Transportation Assistance may be granted in accordance with the Public School Act to parents whose situation qualifies. Application forms are at the school office.

1. KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3

Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.0 km; or

2. GRADES 4 TO 12

Distance to designated school for that attendance area is more than 4.8km; or

Distance to bus route is more than 3.2 km.



SCHOOL STAFF FOR 2010-2011

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| Teachers | Mr. Edward Benesh Mrs. Doffy Bourbonnais Ms. Lona Grant Mrs. Roberta Kuan Mr. Mark McDaniel | Ms. Glenna McDougall Mrs. Berniece Machuk Ms. Susan Mark Mrs. Cynthia Morrow Mrs. Debbie Pigin | Mrs. Marie Roddan Mr. Steve Scott Mrs. Bev Sherwood Mrs. Irene Whitfield Ms. Derin Young |
| Secretary | Mrs. Bev Sharpe | | |
| School Support Workers | Mrs. Jennifer Silverton Mrs. Mari Stone Mrs. Kelly Trotman | | |
| Custodians | Mr. John Bilodeau | Mr. Demetries Moutsos | Mr. Monty Sharpe |
| Librarian | Mrs. Roberta Kuan | | |
| Library Assistant | Mrs. Judy Facchin | | |
| Principal | Mrs. Darlene Gordon | | |

LUNCHES

Students who can go home for lunch have the choice of staying at school or going home. If they are going home please provide a note advising the school. For those students who remain at school for the lunch break, lunches are eaten in their own classrooms from 12:35 to the 12:50 bell. Activities from 12:00 to 12:35pm are generally outside, depending on the weather. Both PAC and the staff have indicated a strong desire to begin Reverse Lunch on the first full day of school, September 8th. This will be on a 2 month trial basis. We are committed to give this our best effort and will be requesting parent feedback during the change. Many of our district schools have changed to this format and have basically said that "They would never return to the old way.", "Students are actually eating their lunches that they bring from home.", and numerous other benefits. We are looking forward to *Kids Play and then Eat* being a healthy change for our students.

No Child Without - Medic Alert Program

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's *No Child Without* program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14th birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to www.nochildwithout.ca. To register your child you will need a No Child Without brochure from the office. If your child is already part of the No Child Without program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

CALENDAR 2010 - 2011

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| Tuesday, September 7 th | School opens from 10:30am to 12:00pm |
| Wednesday, September 8 th | First full day of school |
| Monday, September 27 th | Pro-D Day → school closed |
| Friday, October 1 st | Lifetouch Student Photos |
| Thursday, October 7 th | Early Closure (12:30pm) for Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Friday, October 8 th | Early Closure (12:30pm) for Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Monday, October 11 th | Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday, October 22 nd | Pro-D Day → school closed |
| Wednesday, October 27 th | Lifetouch Student Photo Retakes |
| Thursday, November 11 th | Remembrance Day |
| Monday, December 6 th | Pro-D Day → school closed |
| December 20 th to January 3 rd | Winter Vacation Period |
| Tuesday, January 4 th | School Reopens |
| Friday, February 25 th | District Pro-D Day → school closed |
| March 21 st to March 25 th | Spring Break |
| Monday, March 28 th | School Reopens |
| Thursday, April 7 th | Early Closure (12:30pm) for Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Monday, April 11 th | Pro-D Day → school closed |
| Friday, April 22 nd | Good Friday |
| Monday, April 25 th | Easter Monday |
| Friday, May 20 th | Pro-D Day → school closed |
| Monday, May 23 rd | Victoria Day |
| Wednesday, June 29 th | Last day for students - students dismissed @ 12:00pm |
| Thursday, June 30 th | School Closed for students |

School Supplies 2010-2011

School supplies may be purchased at the school. This ensures that the school will supply all pens, paper, etc., for the school year, as the child needs them. We encourage parents to use this system as it is economical and provides consistency of materials throughout the classroom. Primarily Music for Grades K through 3 is a series of 3 concerts performed by the Kamloops Symphony Orchestra (KSO). Young Peoples Concerts (YPC) for Grades 4 through 7 are a series of 4 concerts held at Sagebrush Theatre. The cost of the concerts includes bus transportation which has increased due to fuel costs. This has increased the cost of the KSO concerts since bus transportation is not subsidized as it is for YPC.

The user fee for this year is:

- Kindergarten \$49.00
(School Supplies = \$27.00 & KSO = \$22.00)
- Grades 1 - 3 \$53.00
(School Supplies = \$31.00 (including \$6.00 Agenda Book); KSO = \$22.00)
- Grades 4 - 7 \$62.00
(School Supplies = \$47.00 (including \$6.00 Agenda Book); \$15.00 YPC)

Please Note:

1. Complete one form for each child.
2. Return attached form(s) with payment. (**One cheque per family - be sure to attach all forms [one form for each child] to cheque/payment and return with oldest child.**)
3. Forms will be stamped, returned and will serve as your official receipt.

Please detach and return to the school.

Thank you!

Robert L. Clemitson Elementary School

PLEASE DETACH & RETURN WITH PAYMENT BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2010.

- Kindergarten \$49.00
- Grades 1-3 \$53.00
- Grades 4-7 \$62.00

Name of Student: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Teacher: _____

Amount of Payment: \$_____

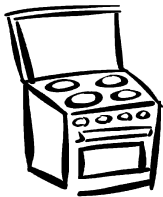
____ I do not wish to participate in the user fee for school supplies and will be providing my child's supplies. I have enclosed the cost of Primarily Music (K - Grade 3); Young People's Concerts (Grade 4 to 7), and agendas (where applicable).

PAC News



Welcome back PAC members! We are very excited to be sponsoring this year's **Meet the Teacher Barbecue** and we are looking forward to seeing everyone out for this fun event on **Thursday, September 16th, 2010** starting at **5:00pm**. Every child will be bringing home an RLC Handbook. A big thank you to both the staff and Lacey Munden creating the handbook. Inside the handbook is a short Parent Survey along with an RSVP to the barbecue on Meet the Teacher Night. To ensure we have enough food, we ask that you please hand this RSVP back to your child's teacher no later than **September 10th, 2010**. **Our first PAC meeting for the 2010/2011 school year will be held in the school library on Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm** which will include **nominations and election of our PAC Executives**. We are looking forward to another fun and eventful year, and are always looking for fresh ideas and assistance so please consider coming out to a meeting.

We are still collecting recipes and art for our cookbook. The class prize for the most recipes collected was awarded to Mrs Bourbonnais' kindergarten/grade 1 class. Well done kids! Recipes can be brought with your child's name on it to the Meet the Teacher Night and dropped off at the PAC table or handed in to your child's teacher. We are hoping to have enough recipes to put the cookbooks together and to have available for sale this winter.



PAC Kitchen

Thank you to the Whiteman family for donating a stove to PAC. Now the children can enjoy another year of hot lunches and hot soup days. PAC is taking kitchen item donations so if you are doing some clearing out and you have some extra things you would like to donate you can speak with a hot lunch team member.

Community News

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do is a great way to exercise, learn self-defence, have fun and meet some new friends ages 7 and up. We teach WTF Olympic style Tae Kwon Do. We are located in the BHV Community Hall. Join us anytime for 2 free classes. For more information call Cindy at 250-573-4431.



Boys & Girls Club of Kamloops

After School Program

Recreation & Fun, Snacks, Crafts, Sports, Friends!

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| Who: | All Children Ages 5 to 12 |
| When: | Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:30 to 5:30pm (may increase to 5 days per week, dependant on enrolment.) |
| Cost: | \$12.00 per registered day. Families may access Government Subsidy. |
| Membership Fee: | \$25.00 per child per year, this includes access to Sunday day camp programs, family support programs and Inservice Day programs (these programs are offered at different locations). |
| Program Resumes: | September 8 th , 2010. |

Spaces are available, register now to avoid disappointment. For more information or to register contact Traci at 250-554-5437, extension 202.

