

## Chute Lake Elementary

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### Principal's Message

Welcome back from Spring Break! Hopefully everyone had a rejuvenating time away. Our staff is looking forward to an exciting final term with the students. A big thanks goes out to all involved with the preparation and production of our intermediate school musical "Treasure Island." We had 90 grade 6 students creating three casts along with our remaining intermediate students performing in the choir. Our students had a wonderful experience and the performances were enjoyed by all! I would like to say a big thanks to the Kelowna Theater for lending us costumes, Kathleen Munn for helping with vocals and drama, Shane Munn for providing us with the decorative wine barrels and Ken Goode for helping with our sound and lighting. I would also like to thank our intermediate teachers, support staff (i.e. Wendy McKay, Sarah Parmar and Rita Miller) and of course our music director Tina Hoek for a fantastic series of performances.

At the end of the month we look forward to our artist in resident Candace Webb who will be working with every student to create ceramic art pieces. We will be in need of parent volunteers to help us in the gym with the student artwork. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help. Classroom teachers will send more information out to you closer to the dates.

If you wish to make a placement request for your child for the 2018-2019 school year please fill out the form found in this newsletter and in our website. Requests are due into the office by May 18th. Please understand that placement of students is a huge priority for our staff and many factors such as learning styles, needs, class composition, gender balance, social dynamics, academic, social, emotional needs, school based team recommendations, to name a few, are all taken into consideration. Please also note that we cannot always accommodate parent requests especially if they are based solely on choice of specific teacher. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Hamilton or me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Brenda Kirsch  
Principal

### Dates to know in April

**April 13**

Break the Rules Day

**April 19**

Battle of the Books

**April 21**

PAC Family movie night

**April 11, 18, 25**

Grade 3/4 swim program

**April 25**

ELFF Night (Early Learning for Families)

and coming up in early

May:

- Artist in Residence program (Ceramics)

April 30-May 4

- Class photos (May 8)



## Grade 6 Fundraisers

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The Grade 6s are fundraising for their year-end celebration, and for their camp trip to Gardom Lake. They will be selling "Smencils" – the very popular smelly pencil, for \$2 each! Listen for announcements on when and where the sale will take place.

On Friday April 13 we will also have our annual "Break the Rules" day at CLE – stay tuned for details!

## Spring Safety: Bikes/Scooters

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With spring ready to bloom, students and parents, please take note of a few reminders as we start Term 3.



- Bikes, skateboards and scooters must be 'WALKED' across the crosswalks and on school grounds, when coming to school and going home.
- Bikes and scooters may be locked in any of the designated bike racks.
- We do not recommend leaving your bike or scooter at the rack overnight. We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen bikes.
- Scooters must NOT be stored inside the school as they present trip hazards.

As more students walk and ride in the warm weather, it is critical that everyone obey the crossing guards as they assist pedestrians and vehicles on Quilchena Drive. Thank you!

## Spring Melt

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With spring upon us, the melting snow has left some very wet grass and mud. We recommend that all students have a back-up pair of sweatpants and a t-shirt to keep at school, that they can change into if needed. Thanks for your help on this!



**MOVING?** Please contact Mrs. Bradshaw in the office if you are planning to change schools for 2018/19. We are planning for September, and will soon be organizing classes, so it is very important to know if your child will not be here next year.



## ELFF Night

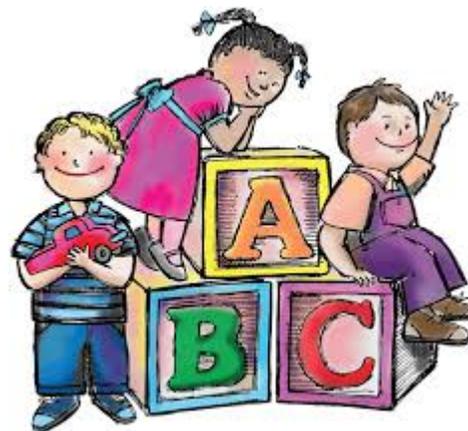
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Calling all neighborhood families with kids born in 2014/2015! You are invited to join us for **ELFF Night** at Chute Lake Elementary School **Wednesday, April 25 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm.**

You can RSVP by clicking [here](#)

This event is brought to you by School District No. 23 and ReadNowBC, (Ready, Set, Learn). We will...

- Eat supper together (pizza dinner provided)
- Learn together while the children play
- Play together with our children
- Give you a “goodie bag” for home



ELFF is a program for children born in 2014/2015 and their parents. It is designed to help families make early connections with their neighbourhood school. When parents are involved in their children’s education, their children do better. ELFF is free of charge for all members of your family.

Please note that this is **not** an event for students entering kindergarten in the fall. They will be invited to an orientation in early June. Thanks!

## Running Club (Gr. 4-6)

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Running Club will be starting up again in Term 3. We will be running Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch starting in early April. Students in the running club will have the opportunity to take part in the Mission Creek District race as well as CLE's own Mission Madness cross country run at the Crawford trails. Listen for announcements for the first meeting!



## Cross-Walk Update:

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You may be wondering: “Why the crosswalk relocation?”

The decision to change the vicinity of our student monitored crosswalk is solely based on student safety. We have been concerned with the volume of traffic, the congestion created with the drop off system and the safety of all students crossing the busy streets. Our decision to move our monitored cross-walk a little further down the street is a result of consultation with the RCMP, our school district liaison officer Dave Gibson and the City of Kelowna. We have a very busy community and our parking school driveway was created with the intent of drop-off in the lane leading up to the school and driving through to allow parents to continue on their travels to work. Many parents do park on the street or walk their children to school but this is not always possible for many families. It's also important to note the volume of cars dropping off students is always at a high during winter months and lessens considerably in the Spring with improved weather. We have decided to make the transition with the crosswalk after Spring Break as we anticipate more students walking and cycling to school.



The benefits of relocating our crossing guards down the street on Quilchena:

- allows all traffic to flow out of the school parking (to the left) more steadily with less stopping because of pedestrians crossing,
- encourages pedestrians to remain on the main sidewalks and cross at a less/congested part of Quilchena,
- keeps students from crossing in front of the on-going stream of traffic for a second time (on our driveway),
- keeps the crosswalk less busy and confusing for the crossing guards (they are trained grade 5 students doing their best),
- will help us direct children to the back of the school rather than having volumes of students entering through the front door to then cut through the school to the back field. This makes for a very busy and noisy office area for Mrs. Bradshaw in the mornings.
- parents can still opt to walk with their children across any crosswalk if they so choose (we would encourage everyone to use our patrolled cross-walk).

Thanks for your understanding. We have explained our changes to our students and will be helping to direct them to the new cross-walk in April.



# PLACEMENT REQUEST FORM

In May of each year, our staff meets to begin discussions regarding student placement for the next school year. We consider the following criteria when deciding how the classes should best be organized:

## **Educational Factors for Placement:**

- learning styles and needs
- instructional groupings
- previous placement history
- class composition
- gender balance
- class size
- social groupings
- academic achievement
- parent recommendations
- behaviour concerns
- teacher and school-based team recommendations

We typically re-assess our class organization after the August registration period as we become aware of any enrolment changes that have taken place over the summer months. In the best interests of all students, please be aware that placements are TENTATIVE and that classroom assignments will not be posted or confirmed before school starts in September.

With respect to combined classes, please remember that combined classes are a fact of school life and are more the norm than the exception. Every classroom, straight or combined grade, can have a wide variety of needs and abilities. We are very confident that the students in all classes receive a full and rich program at their academic level.

If you have a specific placement request for your son/daughter, please complete the form on the reverse side of this form no later than May 18. As you prepare your request, please keep in mind that only sound educational factors, as above, will be considered for classroom placement. We respectfully ask that parents avoid requests with specific teachers' or classmates' names; rather, it is more helpful to understand the learning environment that you feel is best for your child.

Due to many placement factors, as well as Ministry requirements, please understand that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to honour your request, but it will certainly be taken into consideration.





# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Easter Monday	3 <b>Welcome Back!</b> Term 3 begins	4	5 Dance Play Sessions for Grade 1/2s 	6	7	
8	9	10	11 Grade 3 Swim program 12:30-2:30 	12	13 Break the Rules Day Gr. 6 camp fundraiser	14	
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29	30	Artist in Residence Program (Ceramics)					