🍂 November Family Newsletter 🍂

💬 A Heartfelt Message from Principal Brown

Dear Families,

As the days grow shorter and the weather turns colder, November reminds us to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the connections that make our school community strong. Our students continue to demonstrate kindness, perseverance, and a love of learning each day. It has been wonderful to see classrooms engaged in meaningful learning experiences and students supporting one another both inside and outside the classroom. November is also a time to recognize the importance of gratitude and remembrance. As we approach Remembrance Day, students will have opportunities to learn about the sacrifices made by those who have served our country and to reflect on the values of peace, courage, and respect. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Together, we help create a safe, caring, and welcoming environment where all children can thrive.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful November filled with learning, kindness, and time together.

Warmly,

Doug Brown
Principal Chilcotin Road Elementary

❤️‍🧡 Quote of the Month

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough."
— Anonymous

🗓️ Important Dates to Remember

• Nov. 16 – Jersey Day
• Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45am
• Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day (No School)
• Nov. 16 – Spirit Day: Chilcotin Road Elementary Birthday
• Nov. 18 – National EA Day
• Nov. 23 – Pro D (no school)

📚 From the Library

Thank you to all families who supported our Scholastic Book Fair. The proceeds help us purchase new books and resources for our students to enjoy.

As the weather gets colder, November is a wonderful time to curl up with a good book. Students are encouraged to continue bringing their library books back each week so they can check out new reading materials. Reading together at home is one of the best ways to build strong literacy skills while creating special family memories.

📝 Literacy Corner

Reading doesn't always have to come from a book. Encourage your child to read recipes, instructions, flyers, signs, and magazines. Helping children see reading as part of everyday life builds confidence and strengthens literacy skills.

Try asking:

"What new information did you learn today?"

🔢 Numeracy Corner

Building number sense can happen anywhere. Have your child estimate the total cost while shopping, calculate scores during games, or help measure ingredients when cooking.

Ask questions like:

"How did you figure that out?"

Talking about mathematical thinking helps deepen understanding.

🎯 Attendance Matters

Regular attendance continues to be one of the strongest predictors of student success. Every day provides valuable opportunities for learning, collaboration, and social growth. Establishing consistent routines for bedtime, mornings, and school attendance helps students arrive ready to learn and participate fully in their classrooms.

Every day counts. Every student matters.

🤝 PAC Corner

Thank you to our PAC members and volunteers who continue to support our students and school community. Whether helping with fundraising, organizing events, or volunteering their time, your efforts make a meaningful difference.

Please continue to check the Lost and Found regularly. Items that remain unclaimed for extended periods will be donated. Labelling clothing and personal items helps us return them to their owners quickly.

🔥 Important School Safety Update

To comply with current fire safety regulations, the microwave previously available for student use in the hallway has been removed. Fire regulations require microwaves to be located in designated kitchen areas and do not permit one to be kept in the hallway. Families are asked to send lunches that do not require heating. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure our school remains safe and compliant with safety requirements.

🥼 Winter Clothing Reminder

As temperatures begin to drop, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students spend time outdoors during recess and lunch throughout the winter months whenever conditions are safe.

Please send:

• A warm winter coat
• Hat and mittens/gloves
• Waterproof boots
• Snow pants when snow arrives
• Extra socks or clothing if needed

Please label all clothing and personal items with your child's name. This helps us return misplaced items quickly and reduces the number of items that end up in our Lost and Found.

Thank you for helping keep our students warm, dry, and ready for learning and play outdoors.

🚌 Bus Lane Safety Reminder

The safety of our students is our top priority. We would like to remind all families that the bus lane is designated **for school buses only**. There is **no parking, stopping, or waiting** permitted in the bus lane at any time. Keeping this area clear allows buses to safely load and unload students and ensures proper traffic flow before and after school. Our Busses also load and unload field trips in the lane as well. Families dropping off or picking up students should use designated parking areas and avoid entering the bus lane.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to keeping our students safe.

💌 Thank You Corner

A special thank you to Mrs. Sukaroff and Ms. Kirk for their work preparing for the Remembrance Day Ceremony.

🍁 Family Activity Idea

Create a Gratitude Jar

November is a wonderful time to focus on gratitude. As a family, place a jar in a common area of your home and encourage everyone to add notes about things they are thankful for throughout the month.

At the end of November, read the notes together and celebrate the many positive moments, experiences, and people that bring joy to your lives.

Family Challenge: Add at least one gratitude note every day! 🍂