



École Centennial Park Elementary School

Reminders for the week of: November 21 – November 25

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| Monday | Keep reading <i>Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox</i> as a family together (see below for more info!) |
| Tuesday | |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | Last day for Boardgame Club (2:40-3:20pm in the LLC) |
| Friday | |
| | Click on the link to our school website NewsHub for detailed information about our school: https://centennialpark.abbyschools.ca/hub |
| Upcoming Dates to Note | December 2 – report card #1 and PAC Movie Night! December 14 – Family Christmas Gathering and Sing-Along (1:15-2:30pm) December 16 – last day of school before the holidays! |

Highlights of the Week!

This week we had our incredible PAC sponsored Christmas Market, which was a huge hit! I'm so grateful to Laura Lewis and the PAC exec for the time and effort they put in to giving our community opportunities to come together and find joy. Thank you! 😊



Another exciting event this week was a visit from a fire truck for our grade 2 and 3 classes! We had won a contest put on by the fire department, and Thursday was the day for the visit. 😊

Students got to learn about the fire truck, and even had a chance to sit inside! It was very exciting!



One School One Book

We are excited to jump into our 4th One School One Book adventure! We are grateful to the Kiwanis Club and our PAC for, once again, supporting literacy in our school with generous donations **so we could buy a copy of our new book for each family at our school!** This November we will be reading:

Sometimes I feel like a FOX ~ by Danielle Daniel

Our goal is to foster a community of readers at our school. Everyone - students, parents, teachers, administrative staff - will be participating, and we can all reap the benefits as we come together to enjoy the experience of a shared book.

One school One book is a special program because children at all grade levels will be listening to the same book. Strange or daring as that may seem, it makes sound educational sense. Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's own reading level, and we also believe that it is wonderful to read chapter books with your older children, even when they can read by themselves. We have selected a beautiful picture book that can be read over and over again this year.

Your family's copy of the book came home during the week of November 14th! Here's the plan:

- **Read the book a few times during the first week (November 14-18).**

As you read, discuss what animal your child relates to that day!

- **Read the book for a second week (November 21-25).**



SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A FOX

Danielle Daniel

With your child, make a mask at home that relates to your child's favourite animal in the book. Bring your mask in by November 25th to share with the class, and to have your name entered for a chance to win a prize!

We hope everyone will love exploring our feelings with this book! With your help, we can continue to foster a community of readers at CPark.

Exciting news – a CROSSWALK!!

After many years of wishing and asking the city, **we are getting a crosswalk put in in front of the school!** Hooray! This will be such a wonderful help to classes going on field trips to Mill Lake, and children/families crossing the road to walk to school. 😊 Here is a picture of the official notice of construction, and I believe the plan is to start surveying next week, and hopefully have the project finished by the holidays. Yay!

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

2022 Walking Infrastructure Program

The City of Abbotsford is undertaking improvements to enhance pedestrian safety. The project includes construction of a new sidewalk, crosswalk and electrical upgrades at the location below. The project aligns with the City's strategic goal to improve transportation throughout the City. McDonald and Ross Construction Ltd. is the contractor completing the works.

When: December 2022 to February 2023

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm (weather permitting)

Where: Gladwin Road, south of Hillcrest Avenue

What else I should be aware of: You are likely to experience some construction inconveniences, such as traffic delays, street parking and driveway access disruptions; however, a traffic management plan will be in place and our goal is to keep inconveniences and delays to a minimum. Access to private properties will remain open at all times.

A map and contact information are provided on the reverse side of this notice.

Thank you for your patience as we improve our City!



NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

PAC Info

We will be hosting a **FREE Holiday Family Movie Night on Friday, December 2nd**. We will have a concession where you can purchase snacks and drinks!

Join us for a Family Movie Night featuring:



Friday, December 2nd
6 pm in the GYM.
Doors open at 5:30 pm

There will be a concession with popcorn, drinks, candy bags, as well as a limited amount of pizza by the slice.

Whole pizzas can be pre-ordered online via www.munchalunch.com. Orders are due no later than **November 27th**.

We will be raffling off some **comfier chairs for families** to sit on for the event! We have a few couches that will be moved into the gym. We will have enough for 2 families. To enter, you can purchase your raffle tickets on MunchaLunch. The draw will happen right before the movie. **Tickets are \$2 for one or \$5 for 3 or \$10 for 10.**

Bring your blankets to lay on, wear your cozy pajamas and come watch a movie with us!

Old News (but still relevant! 😊)

A reminder – Volunteering at the School

We are so grateful whenever parents/guardians/grandparents want to volunteer to help out at the school or on field trips! Something that I've recently discovered is that **all volunteers need to have a criminal record check done by the district.**

The process is quite simple – you only need to bring 2 pieces of ID to the school board office (2790 Tims Street). You can fill out the paperwork there, and the criminal record check will be done. Once you have it done, it's good for the whole district for 5 years.

If you think you might be interested in volunteering, either in our classes or on field trips this year, I encourage you to go and get this done ASAP so you're ready to go! 😊

Parking and Pick-up Reminders

One of the very wonderful things about our school is that we have access to the church parking lot next door, with lots of parking! Please park there when dropping off or picking up your children, so that our parking lot at the school stays safe and free of traffic for our kids.

Sometimes you'll need to pick up your children during the school day for appointments, etc. If possible, it's really helpful if you can send a note or email to the teacher in the morning to let them know this is happening (sometimes at the office we have no clue, and we don't want to waste your time while we track down your kidlets! 😊). **When you pick up during the day, please come to the office, and not to the classroom door.** We need to make sure we sign them out and don't want to interrupt the classroom learning that is going on. Thank you!

Outside Playtime

The rain and cold has come! Please remember to send your child with a warm rain jacket, rain footwear (boots, shoes that can get wet, etc), and warm enough clothing. We will be going outside every recess unless the weather is *really* bad...we know that it is so important for our students – and ourselves! – to get fresh air and exercise, even if it is wet and cold outside. It would also be really helpful for you to send an extra change of clothes in their backpacks, in case they get wet! That might save you a trip to the school to come to the rescue if they fall in a puddle. 😊



Lunch Program

Last year we tried out a lunch program where families are able to order lunch for their children and have it delivered to the school. We will again be offering that program starting next week. 😊 Please know that this is completely voluntary, and is handled through a company outside of the school. If you are interested, please see their website for details! The website is: <https://abby.ahotlunch.ca/login>. When you sign in, it asks for a “campus code” – ours is **Centennial**.

1 Create Account

1. To create an ordering account, visit abby.ahotlunch.ca/login
2. Select 'Click Here' to create an account
3. Fill in parent information
4. On the left panel, select 'Children'
5. Located at the top right corner, click 'Add Child'
6. Enter your child's full name, grade, and class division
7. Campus code is listed on the home page.
8. Save your child's profile

2 Place Order

1. Sign into your account and click 'Order'
2. Select the child you are ordering for
3. Select the months you are ordering for
4. Select your order from the calendar
5. Submit order and click 'Pay Invoice' (A confirmation email is sent automatically. If you did not receive an email, log in to ensure your order has been paid for.)
6. If you've deposited credit to your account, click 'Pay Invoice' and select 'Use Available Credit' to confirm payment. (A order confirmation will be automatically emailed)

FAQs

Q: When is the deadline to order/cancel?
A: All orders must be submitted two days before delivery at noon. For example, Monday's order must be placed by Saturday at noon. It is the same deadline for cancellations.

Q: My child is unwell, can I cancel the day of delivery?
A: We accept email cancellations up to 11am on the day of delivery. Please email us at fuelup@simplyfoods.ca. If passed deadline, please notify the school on your child's absence and arrange to pick up your child's lunch before the end of the day.

Q: How do I know my order was confirmed?
A: If the order is successfully placed, there will be a green bar at the top stating "Payment Successful" and an email confirmation will be sent. Occasionally, orders are left unpaid and pending in the shopping cart and the order will not be delivered.

Please email fuelup@simplyfoods.ca or call us at 604-620-5474 if you have any questions- We'd be happy to help!

Family Supports and Workshops

Being a parent or caregiver is the toughest job out there! Sometimes we need extra supports so that we can better help our struggling little ones (or not so little ones!). Whenever I get information about parent groups that are offered in our community, I'll be sure to pass them along to you – both in the newsletter, and on our school website in the News Hub. Below are two flyers outlining some of the workshops that are available over the next few months. Please check them out if you are interested!



It's really tough to be going through hard stuff with a child or youth who is struggling with their mental health and they end up in crisis – and we want to help you. We know what it's like because we've been there.

TOPICS

Session 1 & 2:
How to Support a Safety Plan at Home

Session 3:
How to Take Care of Yourself and Family After a Crisis

Session 4:
How to Find the Resources You Need

Region: FRASER

Dates: September 19, 21, 26 and 28, 2022
Times: Time: 12:00-1:00 pm

Dates: September 6, 8, 13 and 15, 2022
Times: Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

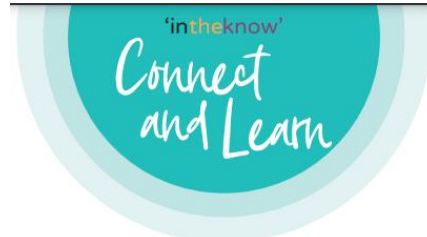
Dates: October 17, 19, 24 and 26, 2022
Times: Time: 12:00-1:00 pm

Dates: October 13, 13, 18 and 20, 2022
Times: Time: 5:00-6:00 pm

There is no cost to families. Registration is required: www.familysmart.ca/workshops

Help for the Hard Times workshops are facilitated by parents with lived experience. The workshops are hosted online and include a one-on-one video conference or phone call with a Facilitator.

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MONTHLY ONLINE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Every month, we host events for parents & caregivers who are parenting a child or youth with a mental health and/or substance use challenge called "in the know."

NOVEMBER
It's Never Too Late: Healing Parent-Child Relational Stress Using Emotion-Focused Family Therapy
Speaker: Dr. Adele Lafrance

DECEMBER
ADHD - The Real Deal
Speaker: Dr. Adele Lafrance

SEPTEMBER
Parenting When Anxiety Shows Up As Anger
Speaker: Karen Peters, RCC

OCTOBER
Building Connection With Our Kids When It Feels Impossible
Speakers: Diane Evans & Tammy Music, Parent Peer Support Workers

Join us to watch a video and talk with other families about what helps. Online events are facilitated by FamilySmart Parent Peer Support Workers.
familysmart.ca/events

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