

École Centennial Park Elementary School **Reminders for the week of: November 7 – November 11**

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Riding the Waves parenting support sessions start – 9am in the library Remembrance Day assembly - 9am
Thursday	Professional Development Day (no school for students)
Friday	Remembrance Day (no school for students or staff)
	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 #2 December 16 – last day of school before the holidays!

Highlights of the Week!

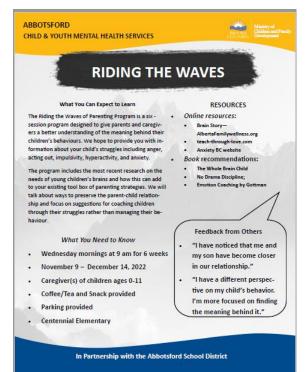
This week we had some Halloween fun on Monday, and it was so wonderful to see the beautiful, creative, fun, silly, and spooktacular costumes on our kids and staff. And it was awesome for classes to have game time in the gym (thank you PAC!) and glow in the dark adventure time in the LLC (thank you, Mme. Petrie!).





Riding the Waves - parenting support!

There's still time to sign up!! Parenting is the toughest job! Since it's not always easy to access supports in the evening (when your wee ones are home), we are going to be offering the Riding the Waves parenting support program HERE at Centennial Park! Colleen McCutcheon is our school district liaison with Child and Youth Mental Health, so she's a great resource for information and suggestions on how we parent through the tricky situations. You are most welcome, and we hope you'll join us! Sessions will be held Wednesday mornings in our Library Learning Commons from 9-10am (or so...you can always stay longer with questions!). We'll have coffee and snacks...because that makes everything better and we want you to come!! If you want to register, or just have questions, please email me and I'll help you out.



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. The city has let me know that construction will start some time in November, so...any time! The crosswalk will go on the North side of the school, where our property joins that of the church next door. I'm not sure how long the process will take, but I'm excited to watch it begin!

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**.



Outside Playtime

The rain has come! Please remember to send your child with a 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. (5)

PAC Info

* Fresh To You Fundraiser - Support local farmers and our school with this delicious and healthy fundraiser.

Our Christmas Market is on Tuesday, November 15th from 5 - 8 pm. We have 30 vendors, including a local food truck (Helm's Mobile Kitchen), a photographer who will be taking holiday photos, a table supporting our Grade 5 students and much more! Feel free to share the event!

https://fb.me/e/2fFkKugY3

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

Old News (but still relevant! (5))



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! (3)). 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!

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!



