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Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day marks the official end of hostilities of World War I on November 11th, 1918. World War I was a massive conflict and was played out over the whole globe, but particularly in Europe, where troops from Canada supported the Allied forces. World War I resulted in the loss of huge numbers of lives amongst both civilians and military personnel. The war left great emotional scars in the servicemen who had experienced it, and in the communities who lost so many loved ones. Remembrance Day commemorates those brave men and women who died in armed conflicts, in and since World War I.

Wednesday, November 8th is [National Indigenous Veterans Day](#), a day of remembrance and commemoration of the contributions of Indigenous veterans. Our school will be hosting a ceremony for students to commemorate Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 9th. Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly will begin at 10:30 am.

Please note, Friday, November 10th is a Professional Development Day, so school is not in session for students. Also, with Remembrance Day falling on a Saturday, schools are closed for a statutory holiday on Monday, November 13th.



Allergy Aware: Medical Alert

In an attempt to make Cheam a safer place for all of our students, we respectfully ask that you be 'allergy aware'. We have several students with potentially life-threatening allergies to a variety of food products. Please pay very close attention to communications coming home from your child's classroom teacher for specifics that might impact your food choices. Thank you for your support and continued vigilance.

Bell Schedule

8:00 *Supervision Begins*
8:15 Warning Bell
8:19 Classes in session
10:20-10:35 Recess
12:00-12:15 Lunch Eating Period
12:15-1:00 Lunch Play Time
2:15 Dismissal
2:15 – 2:30 *Supervision after school*

Labeling Clothing

Please label all your children's clothing (jackets, shoes, gym strip, etc.). We have an abnormally high volume of lost articles piling up already. To eliminate lost clothing, please put your child's name on the label of their personal items.

Parking Lot

The general flow in our parking lot in the morning is pretty smooth most days, but it can also be quickly thrown into disarray when traffic is heavier or individuals don't adhere to the expectations. Here is a link to a [video](#) we created a few years ago, guiding you through the basics. Two additional points I need to highlight relate to the bus lane and safe walking areas.

As pedestrians, the safest place to be walking is along the sidewalk. The sidewalks will guide you safely to one of two crosswalks- one by the main entrance, and the other just before the exit. Additionally, we have narrow walking lanes along two sides of the lot, marked by

striped yellow paint. Pedestrian traffic must remain within these areas.

Second, the bus lane is for bus use only, **at all times of day**. The *only* exception to this would be when directed by staff. In the morning, at times we can get a backlog of traffic along Banford Road, and the only way for folks to proceed is if cars are directed through the bus lane. As soon as the pressure has been relieved, we'll stop allowing cars through the bus lane. Why? Please refer back to my points about safe walking areas.

This is a snapshot of events on the horizon. Please keep your eyes on the website for details and updates.

Important Dates in November

Nov 8: Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov 9: Remembrance Assembly
Nov 10: Professional Development Day (schools closed)
Nov 13: Remembrance Stat Holiday
Nov 17: Rock Your Mocs
Nov 22: Hot Lunch
Nov 24: Assessment and Evaluation Day (schools closed)
Nov 30: Mo'vember

Important Dates in December

Dec 11: Deck the Doors/Halls
Dec 14: Tradansa student performance
Dec 15: PAC Pancake Breakfast
Dec 19: Hot Lunch
Dec 22: Last Day of 2023/ Term One Reports