



"SCHOOL NEWS"



THE ASSUMPTION

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

We are grateful for many donations we have received this month. Thank you to **the Lopes family** for the beautiful stucco job above the front doors. Thank you to **the Arntorp family** for the donation of two beautiful stone-faced garbage cans and bike racks. Thank you to **the Taylor family** for a financial donation toward the purchase of a Smartboard. Thank you to **Mrs. Diane Blair and PoCo Soccer** for the donation of soccer balls.

Sincerely,
Ms. R. Heffernan,
Principal.

COUNTDOWN TO OUR WALKATHON!



Our Walkathon is off to a fabulous start. Pledge sheets and permission forms were sent home last Friday and our first big tally was taken Wednesday. Although it was too late to publish the results in this week's newsletter you can watch the totals grow on the thermometers outside the Grade 7 classroom. Our next school totals will be taken on **Friday, September 30th and Thursday, October 6th** – stay tuned for updates as our pledges grow. As always we need parents to accompany us on our walk, please indicate this on the permission forms.

CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

Thank you to the many parents who have been running, biking and supervising our Intermediate Cross Country team. We would never be able to train on the PoCo trail without your help! Notices regarding the Cross Country meet were sent home last week and need to be returned by Thursday, September 29th. The meet will take place on Tuesday, October 4th at Swangard Stadium and will

involve our entire cross country team. Cross Country team members are to come to school that day in their Assumption gym strip with track pants and warm jackets. We are looking forward to showing our skill and our pirit at the meet.



TERRY FOX WALK THANKS

A special thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time on Wednesday morning to supervise our Terry Fox Walk. We really appreciated your friendly smiles and words of encouragement as we walked the PoCo trail. Thanks to the entire Assumption community for your support of the Terry Fox Foundation. We will let you know next week how much money we raised.

OCTOBER 3rd PICTURE RETAKES:



Retakes will take place on **Monday, October 3rd in the morning only.** **ALL proof forms should have been returned to classroom teachers this past Tuesday.**

If your child(ren) missed the original student picture day due to absence, their school pictures will be taken on this day. Your retakes may be purchased on a proof basis with no **“Retake” pre-payment** necessary.

Music Notes

About Assumption School’s Music Program: Music Classes at Assumption School mainly follow the Orff Schulwerk approach to music education. Orff Schulwerk is an approach to music education developed by composer and educator, Carl Orff. In Orff Schulwerk, children learn in an active way, where imitation and exploration lead to improvisation and music literacy. Speech, song, movement and instruments are the vehicles used to teach rhythm, melody, form, harmony and timbre. Carl Orff defined the ideal music for children as “never music alone, but music connected with movement, dance, and speech – not to be [merely] listened to, meaningful only in active participation.”



Assumption School Choirs - Our “in school” practices began last week. And choir permission forms were due back on Wednesday. But it’s still not too late to join choir! Come to practice and bring your form in as soon as possible! The early morning practices for the Intermediate Choir will begin next week. Grades 5 and 7’s first early

morning practice will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 8:15 and Grades 4 and 6 on Friday, October 7th at 8:15. Let's start our day with a song!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 9 – 15TH



Your children were sent home with an 'activity' form and a contest entry ballot to help promote Fire Prevention Week, October 9th to 15th. Please insure that all entry ballots are returned to the school by October 6th at the latest for a chance to win. Please see the Fire Prevention Information form at the end of this newsletter.



COMING EVENTS



- OCTOBER 3 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY (AM ONLY)
- OCTOBER 4 - CISVA CROSS COUNTRY MEET
- OCTOBER 7 - SCHOOL MASS – 9AM
- OCTOBER 7 - OLA WALK-A-THON
- OCTOBER 10 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- OCTOBER 13 - SCHOOL MASS 9AM
- OCTOBER 14 - PRO-D DAY – NO SCHOOL
- OCTOBER 20 - “GREAT CANADIAN SHAKE-OUT”
- OCTOBER 23 - OLA STUDENT MASS – 10:30 AM
- OCTOBER 27 - OLA PIZZA DAY
- NOVEMBER 9 - SCHOOL MASS – 9 am
- NOVEMBER 10 - REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY
- NOVEMBER 11 - REMEMBRANCE DAY – HOLIDAY
- NOVEMBER 14 - PRO-D DAY – NO SCHOOL
- NOVEMBER 21 - 1:00 PM – “ALLADIN” STORYTIME THEATRE
- NOVEMBER 27 - OLA STUDENT MASS – 11:30 AM
- NOVEMBER 28 - 1ST TERM REPORT CARDS
- NOVEMBER 29 - STUDENT LED CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL
- DECEMBER 7 - CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- DECEMBER 9 - SCHOOL MASS 9AM
- DECEMBER 15 - OLA PIZZA DAY
- DECEMBER 16 - SCHOOL DISMISSAL AT 12 NOON
- JANUARY 17 - GR. 5 SKI TRIP
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From the Editor

KAZUN'S KORNER

Quotable Quotes by Dave Barry:

When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.

I've noticed that one thing about parents is that no matter what stage your child is in, the parents who have older children always tell you the next stage is worse.



September 26, 2011

Family Letter

Port Coquitlam Fire and Emergency Services and your child's school once again have teamed up for Fire Prevention Week 2011, October 9th – 15th. Your child has been learning about ways to prevent home fires, burn hazards, working smoke alarms and home fire escape planning. The theme this year is **"Protect Your Family From Fire"**.

Please spend some time with your child to review the "Fire Safety Starts with You!" activity pamphlet they have brought home from school. Once you've reviewed the activity pamphlet, fill out the entry Ballot and your child will be eligible for the "Captain of the Day" and "Fire Chief of the Day". The activity pamphlet must be completed and returned to your child's school by Thursday, October 6, 2011 to be eligible for the "Captain of the Day" draw that takes place no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, October 7, 2011.

Most fatal fires occur in residential settings where people feel safest. Fire can spread quickly through your home, leaving only precious minutes to escape. Your ability to get out fast depends on advanced warning from smoke alarms and advanced planning by creating a home fire escape plan. Reduce your family's risk from fire by following the tips below.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure everyone in your home can recognize the sound of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds.
- Install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. For maximum protection also install smoke alarms in bedrooms.
- Smoke alarms should be tested and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm.
- For battery operated smoke alarms, replace batteries at least once a year or for extended life batteries according to manufacturer's instructions. Batteries should also be replaced when the smoke alarm makes a chirping sound.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned at least every 6 months, by gently vacuuming the exterior.
- Smoke alarms do wear out and should be replaced at least every 10 years.

Home Fire Escape Plans

- Create a home fire escape plan showing 2 ways out of every room. Practise your plan with your entire family by having a home fire drill at least twice a year.
- Choose a Family Meeting Place a safe distance away from your home. All family members should be taught to report to the family meeting place after leaving the home.
- One person should then go to a neighbour's house or the nearest phone in a safe location to contact 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Thank you for making fire safety your priority in your home!

Port Coquitlam Fire & Emergency Services