



Newsletter | November 2017

Important Dates

November 1

Reimbursement
Submissions open

November 7 & 9

Remembrance Day In-
Class Activities

November 10 & 24

Friday Activities 10:00am
– 12:30pm

November 14

School Council 10:00am –
11:30am

November 16

Parent/Teacher Interviews
4:00pm – 7:00pm

November 17

Parent/Teacher Interviews
9:30am – 3:00pm

November 21 & 23

Grade Nine Transition to
High School Success
Meetings 2:00pm

November 28 & 30

Parent Report Card
Information Session
10:00am – 11:00am

November 1, 15 & 29

Tuesday Extended Core

November 8 & 22

Thursday Extended Core

Administrator Message

“October extinguished itself in a rush of howling winds and driving rain and November arrived, cold as frozen iron, with hard frosts every morning and icy drafts that bit at exposed hands and faces.”

— J.K. Rowling

At CBE Home Education, October was an exciting month – capped off with an amazing Halloween event that took many parents and students to put together. Thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers for helping build such an energetic community! Each day we are amazed by the work that happens in every classroom at Windsor Park. It’s a delight to be able to be part of this special community.

This month, we both had the opportunity to network with a number of online, blended and home education teachers, leaders and administrators at a conference in Edmonton. We had the chance to highlight some of the great work and amazing stories that come out of our program at CBE Home Education. The program is well respected within the province for the community focus, the rigorous educational standards, and the high level of integrity.

We look forward to connecting with you all over the coming month!

-Charlotte Arbuckle, Principal

-Monti Tanner, Assistant Principal

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The CBE Home Education website is the most accurate and up-to-date place to find information about programming and events taking place within our community.

On the website, you will find updated calendars, the most recent information about reimbursements, information about upcoming activities and workshops, and all current contact information.

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Halloween Party

A great big THANK YOU goes out to Nicole Schumm-Bowen and the many volunteers, both parent and student, for putting on another spooktacular Halloween Party!

Reimbursements

As of November 1st, you can now submit your reimbursements. Please ensure that all receipts being submitted are taped to a blank white sheet of paper. You can submit your receipts to Ms. Kim in the office. If you have any questions, please review the website, the Parent Handbook, or contact your facilitator.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher interviews (Grades 1-9 & Online Students) will take place at Windsor Park on November 16th & 17th. Both Windsor Park and Online teachers will be available for meetings. Interviews will run in fifteen minute slots from 4:00 – 7:00pm on November 16th, and from 9:30am – 3:00 pm on November 17th.

You can book your conferences online by going to the My CBE website:

<https://webapps.cbe.ab.ca/MyAccount/>

Yearbook Grades 5-9

Yearbook Committee starts the week of November 6. Both days will have the opportunity before school on each Tuesday or Thursday mornings (starting at 9:15) to be involved in the publication of our yearbook. Students choose all of the elements that go into the yearbook including cover, templates and photos! Yearbooks will be able to be purchased with your school photos and come in September of the following year. If you have any questions please direct your questions to Ms. Amanda.

Amanda Bass
arbass@cbe.ab.ca

Parent Report Card Information Session

On November 28th and November 29th, we will be introducing the CBE Home Education Parent Report Card at an information meeting for any parent that would like more information about the components and guidelines of the report card. The due date for the parent report card is January 23rd.

Grade Nine Transition to High School Success

To support our grade 9 students as they transition to High School, our Guidance Counsellor, Irene Welsh, will be offering an information session for parents on the following days at Windsor Park:

- November 21, 2017 2:00-3:00pm
- November 23, 2017 2:00-3:00pm

All parents of grade nine students are encouraged to attend. Parents of grade 7 and 8 students might also want to attend to begin gathering information.

Google Apps for Education

The G Suite for Education (formerly known as “Google Apps for Education or GAFE”), is a series of web applications used in CBE that support online creation and collaboration for student learning. We also recognize the value of these web applications as relevant and familiar learning and communications tools for students to build good digital citizenship skills. These applications include Gmail, Google Drive, Calendar, Sites, Groups, Photos and Keep. Upon registration, all students are automatically assigned a Google email address that they can use to log in to their G Suite, and students set their passwords according to criteria that is specific to the G Suite guidelines.

Gmail and G Suite for Education at CBE is different from personal Gmail and Google. When students use Google Apps for Education, they are not subjected to advertising, nor is their information provided to third parties for other uses. Students agree to use these tools appropriately and to demonstrate responsible and respectful behaviour when participating in online environments.

Volunteer Lunchroom

A reminder to please check the November lunchroom calendar to ensure that we have 2 parent volunteers signed up for each day. December’s calendar is now also posted for sign-up. If you are not able to make your lunchroom commitment, please find a parent to substitute for you prior to your shift.

We welcome all parent volunteers, however, regrettably we cannot count you as a volunteer if you have your younger child in attendance with you. In case of emergency, you would need to be available to help carry out emergency procedures with the students in attendance. Thank you for your understanding of these important regulations for the sake of our student’s safety.

Photo Retakes

If your child was absent for photos on photo day, or you would like your child to have a re-take, they will take place on November 14th from 1:00 – 3:00pm.

Coffee and Conversation

Join us on Wednesday November 8th from 10:15 to 12:00 in the multipurpose room for the first Coffee and Conversation of the year. This month we will be sharing ideas and suggestions, brainstorming about how we can create lively and welcoming spaces within the school. Discussion will be primarily about the Multipurpose Room and the Learning Commons.

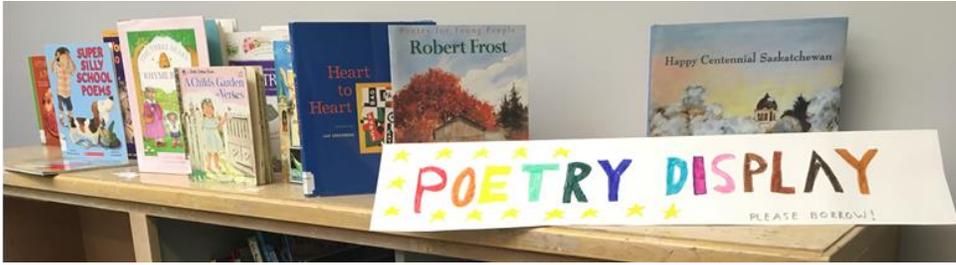
At this first meeting we will also be brainstorming about different topics that parents want to have for the following monthly Coffee and Conversation dates.

For more information please check the parent run Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/642522105776293/> or contact Alisha Brignall directly.

Alisha Brignall
acbrignall@gmail.com



News from the Library



One of our student volunteers has put together a collection of poetry books for display and to draw interest to this genre in our collection. Come have a look and consider taking one home to use in your poetry study, a nice way to start November!

Children will need to 'sign up' by providing their class homeroom & their name, they will then be assigned a 'library number' for signing books out. Our loan period is about 3 weeks, with the due dates on the Friday of the week the items are due. Children are invited to sign out 2 items at a time.

Our Tuesday Grade 1 and 2 class visited the library in October and were able to sign out a book to borrow. We look forward to welcoming Thursday's students soon as we have a parent volunteer who will be available for some of those days.

Our library is open as volunteers are available. We would love to have volunteers from our students in grade 5 and up, parents, or parent-directed and online students! Volunteer shifts are scheduled for the half hour before and after school during Tuesday through Thursday. Volunteers are still requested, so please check the sign-up sheet in the library. The library may also be open when volunteers are available on-site.

Alicia DeBliet

aldebliet@hotmail.com

Orientation and training times can be set up through the main library coordinator, Alicia DeBliet.

Winter Celebration

Our annual Winter Celebration will take place on December 14th at Windsor Park! Volunteers are required to ensure everything runs smoothly from beginning to end. Mark your calendars and start planning your amazing Gingerbread House creations for the competition!

Do you have an amazing talent to share? Please sign-up online to secure your position as spots are limited. All we need is your name (students only please), your talent and your parent's email address. This is required so I can contact each student about other needs for being onstage such as accompanying music, microphone or mats. Please keep in mind you will be given only 2 minutes max for your performance regardless of how many people are in your performance.

Stacey Piercey

stacey.piercey@outlook.com

You can sign up at this link: goo.gl/82EWi4

In addition, donations will be needed for the door prizes and Ginger Bread House making contest. If you have something new to donate you can contact Stacey Piercey directly.



News from School Council

School Council Meetings

Our school council meeting last month was held on October 19, 2017. Minutes of the meeting are available on the school council blog (cbehomeschoocouncil.wordpress.com), Facebook and on the school council bulletin board. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14th at 10 a.m. The agenda will be posted in advance - please forward any additional agenda items prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Halloween Party

Our Halloween party was a great success. A very big Thank You! to Nicole Bowen and all the volunteers for a wonderful time. A reminder that if party planning is something you are interested in, Nicole would love to mentor you in social coordinating or helping out with our awesome special events for the future.

Communication Strategy:

As outlined by Monti Tanner in our last news update, there will be two all-school communications per month being sent out via School Messenger. Any other communication that is time sensitive or contains a commercial content will be sent out via your Classroom Parents. Therefore it is very important that your Classroom Parent have your contact information. If you have not heard from or been in touch with your classroom parent yet please do so.

Facebook - Our parent run Facebook group is a great way to stay up to date on what is going on at Windsor Park. Just a reminder for any parents wanting to join, you will be sent some questions to confirm you are in fact a CBE-Learn parent. We cannot approve you unless we get that confirmation. There are several parents who have asked to be added to the group who have been "pending" for quite awhile now as they have not answered the questions.

Also please check the school council blog and Facebook page regularly as well for updates.

Junior High School Council Representative

Are you a Junior High student interested in politics and leadership? We are looking for junior high students to act as student representatives on school council. For more information and to find out if you are right for this role, please contact Murray Powick (Student Leadership liaison). Mr. Powick can be found in room 5 or can be contacted via email at mipowick@cbe.ab.ca.

Updates for Monthly Newsletter

If you have an item to include in the monthly newsletter that is sent out to all CBE Home Education families, please have it sent to Chelsey Verhulst by the 20th of the month. Newsletters are published the first Friday of each month, and are available on our website.

Murray Powick

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Chelsey Verhulst

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50 QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS AFTER SCHOOL INSTEAD OF "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- Did you like your lunch?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile? What made her frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- What kind of person were you today?

See full list at HerViewFromHome.com



November comes
 And November goes,
 With the last red berries
 And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
 And dawn coming late,
 And ice in the bucket
 And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
 And the kettles sing,
 And earth sinks to rest
 Until next spring.

— Clyde Watson

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New Board of Trustees

The Calgary Board of Education is pleased to introduce the newly elected Board of Trustees.

Wards 1 & 2 – Trina Hurdman
 Wards 3 & 4 – Althea Adams
 Wards 5 & 10 – Marilyn Dennis
 Wards 6 & 7 – Lisa Davis
 Wards 8 & 9 – Richard Hehr
 Wards 11 & 13 – Julie Hrdlicka
 Wards 12 & 14 – Mike Bradshaw

The trustees were sworn in on Oct. 27, 2017 by the Honourable John D. Rooke, Associate Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

The CBE welcomes two returning trustees, Trustee Hurdman and Trustee Hrdlicka, and five new trustees, Trustee Adams, Trustee Dennis, Trustee Davis, Trustee Hehr and Trustee Bradshaw to the Board.

You can learn more about all of our trustees and find the public board meeting schedule on the CBE website.

Did you know?

You can watch the public board meetings at home. All public board meetings are live streamed and videos are archived online. Watch for the link on the CBE website.

CBE Celebrates Student Achievement

Calgary Board of Education students achieved high standards on the 2016-17 Provincial Achievement Tests and Diploma Exams.

The hard work of students and teachers is once again evident in our Diploma Exam and Provincial Achievement Test results.

Teachers, students, parents and our community partners continue to work together to support student learning and academic success. As always, we review the results, analyze the data and look for areas of future improvement.

Provincial achievement testing is one of several ways the CBE measures student success. Other measures include report card data, student survey data and the province's Accountability Pillar. Full student results are available on the CBE website. Individual school results will be posted on your school website.

Grade 6 and Grade 9 PAT Results

- CBE student results in Grade 6 were equal to or better than the province in all measures at both the Acceptable Standard and the Standard of Excellence. In Grade 9 our results were equal to or better than the provincial results in French Language Arts, Science and Social Studies at the Acceptable Standard and in French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies at the Standard of Excellence.
- While the CBE is 4.3 percentage points above the province in Grade 6 mathematics, our Grade 9 result at the Acceptable Standard shows a point from which we can improve. Our K-12 Mathematics Strategy is being implemented this year and is designed to support student success in mathematics.

Grade 12 Diploma Examinations

- CBE results were above provincial results in all but three of the Diploma Exams and in 10 out of 11 at the Standard of Excellence. More than 40 per cent of CBE students writing the Biology 30 and Chemistry 30 Diploma Exams have achieved the Standard of Excellence. In Physics 30, more than half the students achieved the Standard of Excellence this year.

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