

Claude D Taylor School  
September 16, 2019



### Meet the Teacher

We encourage you all to attend our Meet the Teacher event this **Thursday evening from 6:30-7:30pm**. We begin the session in the gym for a brief introduction and PSSC elections. Information will also be provided on Home and School and the Chartwell's lunch program. Then you proceed to your child's homeroom for a 20 minute information session from the teacher. Each teacher will present two sessions in case you need to attend more than one class presentations.

### Veseys Catalogue Fundraiser

Our major fundraiser this year will be through Veseys Fundraising which offers a wide selection of flower bulbs, indoor seeds, Swarovski jeweller, holiday wrap, health and beauty items and home decor. **We benefit from 50 % of the profits.** All monies raised will go towards supporting Deeper Learning in our classrooms. Deeper learning takes place when students are immersed in learning environments rich in opportunities for critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication, and autonomous learning. Deeper Learning is a major component of our School Improvement Plan. More in-depth information about the fundraiser will be sent home next week.

### Safety Concerns

We ask that children do not arrive prior to 8am as supervision only begins at that time. Adults should not go past the pylons on the playground in the morning. We need to ensure student safety and thank you for your understanding and cooperation. When picking up your child afterschool please ensure you make eye contact with the teacher (k-2) so they are aware you have your child. Walking students are to leave school grounds after school. If at any time you need to pick up your child throughout the day ensure you sign him/her out at the office. If your child will be absent please ensure you input the absence into the new safe arrival program. Also, we ask that parents communicate directly with daycares if your child will not be at school or if alternate arrangements are to be made. **Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.**

### Fire Drills

We had two very successful fire drills last week. Announcements were made over the intercom to alert the students that we would be having a drill after recess. The students and staff were amazing and we are very proud of their efforts. This week we will have another fire drill and will practice our emergency evacuation

procedures where we go to our emergency location at the Whitepine Church. We are anticipating the drill taking place on Friday weather permitting.

### **Service Dog**

As many of you are aware we have a very special canine member in our CDT community. Gaius is a service dog who assists a student in our school. He accompanies the student to classes and also on the playground. We would ask you to discuss Gaius with your children and please remind them when Gaius is working he should not be petted or addressed. (He is working when he is wearing his red vest).

### **Snapology After School Program**

Snapology is a new learning concept that combines play with STEM education. They provide a fun interactive environment for children to learn science, technology, engineering, art, math, robotics, movie making and video game design concept using LEGO® bricks, K'Nex and technology. Your child will be bringing home a registration form if you are interested. There is a fee and the program is run independently of the school.

The Art program will run in January and Mad Science will run in the Spring.

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