

Claude D Taylor School
September 21, 2020



We have some exciting environmentally-friendly news to share! Last year students and staff participated in a variety of green-conscious mission activities to claim the impressive title of being a certified EcoSchool and to officially become environmental leaders. EcoSchools' vision is for all members of school communities to be empowered with the knowledge, skills, and the desire to act as environmentally responsible citizens!

One project we worked on was the **Gaia project**: When we first heard about the Gaia project and its mission of "empowering youth to take action on climate change through education", we immediately realized that CDT students needed to get involved! We welcomed environmental educators from the non-profit NB-based Gaia project to our school for four days of hands-on workshops over the school year in order for each student in grades 3-5 to have an opportunity to learn more about their local environmental impact while also encouraging global thinking. Students explored the terminology, mathematics, and science-based principles related to energy production, transportation, and use by humans: the "Energy Engineers" workshop! The Gaia facilitators also helped us run a school-wide Waste Audit and students learned to collect, measure, and find solutions to our school waste dynamics.

We look forward to continuing to foster a green-conscious mindset throughout this school year.

Oliver's Labels

In an effort to keep our students safe we will not be having a lost and found bin this year to prevent students from touching other student's belongings outside of their classroom bubble. In order for lost belongings to find their way back to their owner, all items will need to be labelled.

Our home and school has made arrangements for our parents to order preprinted labels that easily and permanently apply to plastics, clothing, water bottles and etc... The labels do not peel off during the wash! Please review the attached information sheet on this great opportunity.

As a bonus twenty percent of the purchase will support our school!

Practice Drills

We had two very successful fire drills. 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 fire and emergency drill to take place on Friday weather permitting. We will also be practicing a lockdown drill on Tuesday.

PSSC

The Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) advises the Principal, enhancing student learning and development, and enriching education for all children by increasing family and community involvement. Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) members: *focus on the collective needs of the school's students *promote open, effective communications *commit to partnerships *encourage parental involvement *establish and follow a conflict resolution mechanism. Please call us at 856-3467 if you are interested in being a member of CDT's PSSC.

Student Profile Sheets

Yellow student data collection sheets were sent home last week. If you have not yet returned it to your child's homeroom teacher please do so as soon as possible. This year two new questions were added regarding if your child has access to a device at home and if you had access to internet services. If you do not remember answering these questions please send your child's teacher a note with the information.

The information normally provided at the **Meet the Teacher** evening will be sent home this week in the form of a "Meet the Teacher" note from your child's teacher. We also strongly encourage you to read the CDT Return to School plan located on our website under "documents" for information regarding our plan in relation to Covid-19 response.

Amidst the global pandemic our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of all our students here at CDT School. We are mandated to follow provincial guidelines **if a student is exhibiting two or more symptoms of COVID-19 or one symptom of purple markings on fingers or toes, they are not to enter the school. Prior to leaving for school, please make sure your child is well by reviewing the screening protocol each morning.**

While at school, if students exhibit two or more symptoms listed below or have purple fingers or toes, students will be sent home and parents are directed to **call 811** for next steps. **Students should remain home until they are well and no longer exhibiting symptoms.** Current COVID-19. Symptoms include:

1. *Fever/Feverish*
2. *Sore Throat*
3. *Headache*
4. *Runny Nose*
5. *Cough*
6. *Muscle pain*
7. *Diarrhea*
8. *Loss of Taste or Smell*
9. *Fatigue*
10. *Difficulty breathing*
11. *Purple marking on the fingers and/or toes*

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