“UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE”

MARCH
3  PAC Popcorn Day!
7  Parent Info Session @ C&G Howe Middle @ 6:30 p.m.
8  Report Cards go home
10 School Spirit Day – WEAR GREEN
   Last day before Spring Break
13-24 SPRING BREAK – No School
27  Schools Reopen

APRIL
5  Div. 3, 4, 5 & 7 to Lion King @ Abbey Arts
7  Jump Rope for Heart
10 Div. 9, 10, 11 & 12 to Lion King @ Abbey Arts
14 GOOD FRIDAY – No School for Students
17 EASTER MONDAY – No School for Students
21  Earth Day Run
26  Ready, Set, Learn @ 1:15-2:30 p.m.
27  Parent-Teacher Conferences – No School for Students
28  NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 – No School for Students

MAY
5  PAC Popcorn Day!
9  Grade 5 French visit Chief Dan George Middle School
15  “Come Learn with Me” @ 8:50 – 9:20 a.m.
   PAC Meeting @ 9:25 a.m.
16  Grade 3 Ice Skating
18  Grade 3 Ice Skating
19  NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 – No School for Students
22  VICTORIA DAY – No School
26  School Spirit Day – “Canada Day in May”
   K’s go to Play Abby
29  Div. 7, 8 & 9 field trip to Grouse Mountain
   Swimming Lessons for Grades 1 & 2 start till June 2nd

Term 2 Report Cards
Students will receive their 2nd term report cards next Wednesday. Please take some time to review the report card with your child and celebrate the growth and achievements that have been made since September. If you have any concerns or questions about your child’s progress, please contact the classroom teacher. Remember, “It is a partnership in the education of your child”. Don’t forget to return the envelope for your final report card!

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
Wear GREEN on Friday, March 10th!
Last day before Spring Break! Let’s show our St. Patrick’s Day spirit and come in “Ye Finest Green”.

Is your child going to be absent or late from school?
It is important to remember to call and notify the school by 9:00 a.m. There is an absentee voice mailbox that you are welcome to leave a message anytime. (604) 859-5348. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

A reminder to all students to bring your own utensils (forks and spoons) for your lunch. We don’t always have extras on hand.
All Parents, Visitors, Volunteers
As a matter of safety for everyone, please remember to sign in/out at the school office and wear a volunteer/visitor badge when at our school at all times.

GRADE 5 STUDENTS – “Where do we go from École Clearbrook …”
Students who are currently in the English program and are in our catchment area will automatically be registered to attend Colleen & Gordie Howe Middle School in September. Students who are currently in the French Immersion Program will automatically be registered at Chief Dan George Middle School. If you intend on your child attending a different school than those listed above or if you are out of the Clearbrook catchment area, you must personally go to that school to register your child. This should be done as soon as possible as the middle schools are already preparing for September. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our school office.

How do you prepare your Preschooler for School? Parents and their children born in 2012 or 2013 are invited to come to Ready, Set, Learn on Wednesday, April 26th 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Registrations for September 2017 continues …
Children born in 2012 are ready to begin Kindergarten starting this September. If you know of families in our catchment area/neighborhood who have children of this age, please let them know to come and register now for Kindergarten. Please register early as this helps to facilitate our staffing process and class allocations for the 2017-2018 school year.

ARE YOU MOVING? WILL YOU BE GOING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL?
Families who may be moving out of our school area during the summer months are requested to let the office know as soon as possible. We are currently planning for the next school year in terms of the number of classes and teachers required. Your assistance in helping keep our anticipated enrollment figures up-to-date would be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE CHECK LOST N’ FOUND
It time to look through the Lost & Found again! We have collected a large selection of winter gear (gloves, hats, coats, scarves, etc. as well as the usual assortment of clothing picked up without owners. Please be sure to label your child’s items. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.
Some things to do on Spring Break!

Abbotsford schools get out for a two-week spring break starting Monday, March 13, 2017, which means many families will be wondering what to do with the time. Never fear, though—if you’re in Vancouver for spring break, there are lots of fun, inexpensive, and educational things to do for just the kids or for the whole family.

2. Go-Karts – Richmond. Make like Mario Andretti at one of Western Canada’s largest kart tracks. www.richmondgokarts.com
3. Playdome – BC Place. Canada’s largest indoor carnival rocks 45 rides, including the 100-foot Mega Drop, Ring of Fire, Super Shot, the Zipper and more, with games and a carnival concession. www.bcplacestadium.com
6. Monkido Aerial Adventure – Maple Ridge. Swing, jump, and zip line through jungle-inspired obstacle courses built with cargo nets, rope swings, tightropes, swinging logs, wobbly bridges, and more. www.wildplay.com
7. Grouse Mountain Ziplines – North Vancouver. Soar over the treetops at speeds reaching 80 km/h. Dress warmly, as though you’re going for a winter motorcycle ride. www.grousemountain.com
9. Cliffhanger – Richmond, Coquitlam, Vancouver. Now is the time for the aspiring Spider-Man (or woman) to learn the ropes. Experienced climbing instructors are on hand. www.cliffhangerclimbing.com

The Sky’s No Limit – Girls Fly Too

Girls and women of all ages come discover aviation! Fun for the whole family! FREE flights for eligible girls and women (those who haven’t flown in a small aircraft before – prior airline flights are ok). Fun activities, meet outstanding women of aviation, explore cool aircraft and meet the crews.

When: March 11 & 12, 2017
Time: 9am – 5:30pm
Where: Abbotsford International Airport
Address: 1255 Townline Road, Abbotsford
Website: www.girlsfly2.ca

Now That’s Magic with Gary Savard

Spring Break is about to get magical with Gary Savard. The award-winning magician is visiting many of the Fraser Valley Regional Libraries during the 2-week break from school. The magic show is both interactive & intended to dazzle audience members of all ages. Please call the library as registration is required for this FREE event.

When: March 13, 2017
Time: 2pm – 2:45pm
Where: Abbotsford Community Library
Address: 33355 Bevan Avenue, Abbotsford
Website: www.fvrl.bibliocommons.com

When: March 15, 2017
Time: 11am – 11:45am
Where: Clearbrook Library
Address: 32320 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford
Website: www.fvrl.bibliocommons.com
Students enjoying what was hopefully our last day of snow on February 28th!!
Snow much fun!!

French Carnaval
La masquerade parade

Les Bûcherons visits Clearbrook French Carnaval Week
French Carnaval - La masquerade parade

French Carnaval – Ice Castle Competition
For those parents who are out of the loop, Heelys are those new sneakers that have a hidden wheel in the back, so kids can roll around (heeling), in addition to the more traditional walking and running.

Heely Injuries

Heelys are thought to be safe by most parents since kids are usually not going very fast on their Heelys, but it is important to keep in mind that kids can get hurt while "heeling" or using them in skate mode.

They likely aren't any more dangerous than skateboards, scooters, or inline skates, but kids do seem to get the same injuries when heeling. Two medical studies found that kids using Heelys had "serious injuries," including "distal radius fractures and elbow injuries," and that one patient even had a head injury that required surgery.

Kids should always wear protective safety equipment, including a helmet, wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads, when heeling, just like they should when using a skateboard, scooter, or inline skates.

In addition to putting kids at risk for injuries, it has also been found that walking in Heelys with the wheel (but not skating) can affect how your kids walk. They cause "increased forefoot and rearfoot pressure" and "a diminished heel strike and a more rapid forefoot loading."

Preventing Injuries on Heelys

While many kids use their Heelys like inline skates, the problem is that few kids wear any safety gear when using their Heelys in skate mode. Keep in mind that the manufacturer does state that "it is highly recommended to wear a Heelys helmet, wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads when using your Heelys skate shoes."

To prevent injuries from Heelys, be sure to have your kids wear the recommended safety gear, remove the wheels when using Heelys in shoe mode, and don't allow your kids to use their Heelys in skate mode in or near traffic, on uneven surfaces, or on stairs.

You also might avoid injuries by telling your kids to not go heeling in crowded areas and to not roll faster than they can walk. Heelys were on W.A.T.C.H.'s (World Against Toys Causing Harm) 2006 '10 worst toys' list.

Don't let your child use the Heelys in skate mode inside. Even if it really doesn't mark up the floors, if your child falls inside, he may be more likely to hit something hard, such as a table, desk, or display case, and get hurt. Also, you wouldn't let your child roller skate or ride his skateboard in the grocery store, so why would you let him go heeling down the aisles?