

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. Here we are, the final Sunday email you'll be receiving for a few months. I feel like the last few months have sped by so quickly, June particularly. We've had a successful Carnival, a Primary Fun Day, and Intermediate Sports Day, trips to Bridal Falls Waterslides and Cultus Lake Waterslides, some hot lunches, 2 mini-meets and a District Track Meet, Kona Ice truck visits, a Grade 5 Celebration afternoon, an upcoming Talent Show and Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony, and then a few unplanned fire alarms just to make things a little more interesting! There are still some things upcoming and information to share though, so please read on to learn more about what's happening at Sardis Elementary as we head into week #43, the final week:

- 1) Tomorrow, **Monday, June 24th**, is Cultus Lake Waterslides Day for students in Grades 2 – 5. Students will be there for the day so please send what they will need to keep them comfortable depending on what the weather does.
- 2) We will have our 'Sardis Has Talent' Show on **Tuesday, June 25th**. There will be a presentation at 10:30 for our students to watch and then at 1:00 for any parents who would like to come. Mrs. Piper has been working hard with the students to put together an amazing show and we look forward to seeing the students shine!
- 3) On **Wednesday, June 26th** in the afternoon we are having the Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony. In order to make sure we don't run out of time, we're going to start at 12:45 (not 1:00) and the gym doors will open at 12:15 for those of you who will be attending. This is always an exciting event for our Grade 5s and we look forward to sharing the slide show, certificates, and a treat at the end in recognition of their last year here.
- 4) The last day for students is **Thursday, June 27th**, and they finish that day at 11:15. Report cards are given out at the end of class that day, so please be sure to read over it with your child to celebrate their successes and look for fun things to do over the summer to keep their skills up for September!
- 5) **#BooksOut4Summer** Please check out this link from Mr. Hunt for more information and a permission form if you'd be interested in signing out books for the summer for your child to read at home. Mr. Hunt has extended the signed up to **Monday afternoon, June 24th**, so he knows how many would like to participate. He has copies of the form available in the library, or if you want to send him a digital copy, you can email him at Christopher_hunt@sd33.bc.ca . What a great way to keep kids reading and engaged over the summer!
- 6) Thanks to those who came out to the PAC meeting on Friday afternoon last week, where the funds were approved to purchase the OmniSpinner, as well as Hush-ups for each classroom set of chairs. These make the classrooms much quieter because they go on the feet of the chairs

(like tennis balls but much more specialized for the job they do!) so that when students move their chairs, there is no sound of scraping chair feet on the floor. We appreciate these two gifts and all that they will do to enhance student experiences at Sardis!

- 7) We have a few more yearbooks at the office, about 9, so if your child didn't buy one but wishes they had, the first people who come in with the \$20 to pay on Monday can purchase one.
- 8) Even though we just cleared out the Lost and Found items a few weeks ago, there is once again many sweatshirts, coats, water bottles, and small items that have been turned in. We will have the tables outside in front of the office again for the next 4 days in hopes that you or your child will come by and find lost items so that we don't end up having to donate anything.
- 9) If you know that your child will not be returning to Sardis Elementary next year (and they aren't in Grade 5!), I would appreciate hearing from you. We have become rather tight on space due to several new registrations for the fall and it would be most helpful if we knew this information for our planning purposes. Thanks in advance if this is you and you can let me know.

I feel that there will likely be one or two more things that come up before we finish on Thursday, but if not, I want to thank you all for another great year at Sardis Elementary. I know the road hasn't always been perfectly smooth, and I appreciate those who have expressed concerns to me directly so I can help try to address them, and also those who have shared positive things that have happened and their happiness at having their child at the school. For those who won't be returning, I hope you have a positive experience in your new school and for those who are, I'll be in touch again towards the end of August with updates on opening week. I can say now that the first day of school is Tuesday, September 3rd for students in Grades 1 – 5, and they are in session from 8:15 – 10:15 that day. I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday!

Mrs. Kasper