



IMPORTANT DATES:



October 24
31

**Photo Retakes
Halloween Parade @ 1:15 p.m.**

November 9
12

**Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 a.m.
IN LIEU OF REMEMBRANCE DAY
- SCHOOL CLOSED**



Photo retakes were taken today; also, if you ordered pictures, your order was sent home with your child today.

TIPS ON EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS



B.C. is considered a high-risk earthquake zone, so be prepared to be on your own for a minimum of 72 hours by developing a household plan, putting together your emergency kit and connecting with your neighbours. By planning ahead and practicing drills, you and your family will know what to do.

During an earthquake... drop, cover and hold on.

If you are inside, stay inside. DO NOT run outside or to other rooms during shaking.

- DROP down onto your hands and knees (before the earthquake knocks you down). This position protects you from falling, but allows you to still move if necessary.
- COVER your head and neck (and your entire body if possible) under a sturdy

table or desk. If there is no shelter nearby, only then should you get down near an interior wall (or next to low-lying furniture that won't fall on you), and cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.

- HOLD ON to your shelter (or to your head and neck) until the shaking stops. Be prepared to move with your shelter if the shaking shifts it around.

What do I do if...

I'm in a wheelchair?

- Lock your wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.

I'm in bed?

- Hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow or blanket. You are less likely to be injured staying where you are. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.

I'm in a high-rise?

- Immediately drop, cover and hold on. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do

not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.

I'm in a stadium or theatre? (Must unlink heading and link elsewhere)

- Stay at your seat or drop to the floor between rows and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking is over. Then walk out slowly, watching for anything that could fall in the aftershocks.

I'm in a store?

- Immediately drop cover and hold on. If you must move to get away from heavy items on high shelves, drop to the ground first and crawl only the shortest distance necessary.

I'm outside?

- Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid buildings, power lines, trees, signs, vehicles and other hazards.

I'm driving?

- Pull over to the side of the road, stop and set the handbrake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.

I'm near the shore or on the beach?

- Drop, cover, and hold on until the shaking stops. If the shaking is severe and you are in a tsunami risk area, immediately evacuate to high ground. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

Information provided by Earthquake Country Alliance.

After the Shaking Stops

When an earthquake is over, it's important to stay calm and move cautiously, checking for unstable objects and other hazards above and around you. If you are injured, treat yourself first and then assist others. Also, be aware of the potential for aftershocks - and continue to drop, cover and hold on if you feel them.

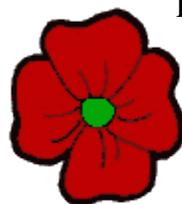
Do not call 9-1-1 unless a life is at stake.

WELCOME MS. KRUG TO DIVISION 6

We are pleased to welcome *Ms. Zoe Krug* to our staff. Ms. Krug will be teaching Gr. 2 (Division 6) during Ms. Hope's extended absence.

We would like to thank *Mrs. Porteous* for her continued contributions to English Bluff as a Teacher-on-Call making the transition from Ms. Hope to Ms. Krug possible.

REMEMBERING



Remembrance Day is observed every November 11th. It is on this day because the end to World War I came on November 11, 1918. The fighting ended at the 11th hour of the 11th month, as the two sides had agreed. Remembrance Day Services have been held on November 11th since 1919.

English Bluff will be remembering fallen heroes at our Remembrance Day Assembly on **Friday, November 9th @ 10:45 a.m.** An invitation to join students in this very important Remembrance Day ceremony is extended to you.

School will be closed on Monday, November 12th in lieu of Remembrance Day Statutory holiday on Sunday, November 11th.



There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the cenotaph in Memorial Park in Ladner on Remembrance Day.



WHY WEAR A POPPY?

The poppy is the enduring symbol of remembrance of the First World War. It is strongly linked with Armistice Day (11 November), but the poppy's origin as a popular symbol of remembrance lies in the landscapes of the First World War.

Poppies were a common sight, especially on the Western Front. They flourished in the soil churned up by the fighting and shelling. The flower provided Canadian doctor John McCrae with inspiration for his poem 'In Flanders Fields', which he wrote whilst serving in Ypres in 1915. It was first published in *Punch*, having been rejected by *The Spectator*. In 1918, in response to McCrae's poem, American humanitarian Moina Michael wrote 'And now the Torch and Poppy Red, we wear in honor of our dead...'. She campaigned to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance of those who had died in the war.

By making a donation and wearing a Poppy, you support the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP Veterans and their families, and many aspects of the community where we live (i.e. health care, housing, social activities, youth programs providing service to Cadet Corps, Scouts, Guides and scholarships to graduate students).

Therefore, be a proud Canadian and wear a Poppy pinned on the left side of your shirt to be close to your heart.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO EB NOVEMBER 13th-15th



The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving at our school in November! We will have the Book Fair open November 13th to November 15th and will

offer browsing and purchasing time before school, during lunch hour and after school on these days. Ms. Elkin will need a number of volunteers, please see the notice coming home today.



GRADE 4 AND 5 SNOWPASS

Every year the SnowPass program provides every fourth and fifth grader in Canada the chance to ski and snowboard at an affordable cost. The SnowPass can be used 3 times at each participating ski area in Canada, with over 30 participating ski areas in BC alone!

Skiing and snowboarding provide an opportunity for children to experience sport in a natural environment where the need for planning, concentration, and risk-assessment help them gain valuable life skills. Our Canadian ski areas can help your students develop life-long skills, foster a love of winter sports, build self-esteem, and experience the multitude of health benefits from being active outdoors.

For more information, please visit www.snowpass.ca

PLEASE DRESS FOR... THE WEATHER

We are now entering the time of year when the weather is unpredictable. We expect children will be playing outside at recess and noon hour unless the weather is very inclement. In this regard, please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate coat, hat, boots, etc. to stay warm and dry in their play outside.



Yours truly,

M. Smith

Principal