Parent News

Week of June 27-July 1, 2022

MONDAY, June 27, 2022

- **PAC Free Pizza Lunch** (for those that signed up)
- **Report Cards are available via MyEd BC at the end of the day**
- **Lost and Found will be out front of the school before and after school until the end of the day on Tuesday, June 28**

TUESDAY, June 28, 2022

- **Last Day for Lost and Found out front of the school before and after school**

WEDNESDAY, June 29, 2022

- **Last Day of School- Students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.**

THURSDAY, June 30, 2022

- **First Day of Summer Holidays for students! (no school until September 6th**

FRIDAY, July 1, 2022

COMING UP

- September 6th- First Day of School- (8:50-9:50 a.m.)- you will receive more information regarding the first day, week of school the first week of September
- New Kindergartens will follow their gradual entry schedule- more information will be coming

END OF THE YEAR MESSAGE

Dear Families and Friends,

Our school year at École Herbert Spencer Elementary School is quickly coming to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the students on behalf of the staff for your encouragement and support throughout the year. It has been another challenging school year and we could not have gotten through the year without your kindness and understanding. We continue to learn and strive to do our best for all of our students and the community. Our community is the foundation for those that enter our doors and we are very much looking forward to parents/families once again walking through our doors in September.

Unfortunately, as the year ends, we have staff that will be leaving us. Mme Louis-Charles (EFI Grade 2/3), will be starting a new adventure with her family in Ontario and we are not sure if she will be back. We wish her and her family safe travels and we hope that she will stay in touch with us. Mrs. Deitcher (Grade 4), will be taking a leave to go and teach teachers up at Simon Fraser University. We are happy for her, but she will be missed. Mrs. Keech (Grade 4), Ms. Fong (Grade 2), Ms. Ollenberger (Grade 2) and Ms. Erin (Grade 4) will also be leaving us as they each set out on a new journey taking them to different schools. All of you have taught us so much and other schools will be so lucky to get such caring and thoughtful educators. Ms. Eirikson took a leave starting in May to prepare for the arrival of her baby any day now. We are so excited for the new addition to her family and look forward to many visits from her and the baby. Ms. Grewal (Grade 3), Ms. Tsang (Grade 3), Ms. Baracco (Grade 1), Mme Farmer (EFI 1), Ms. Uma (EA), Ms. Song (EA), Ms. Marounek and Ms. Kristen (Child Youth Care Worker): we could not have managed the year without you! You have all been a great addition to the Spencer family and we wish you much success within our school district in the years to come. We hope that you will find your way back to Spencer on a more permanent basis in the near future. In addition, we would like to welcome Ms. Hare to our staff in September. She will be our new Vice-Principal while Ms. Eirikson is on maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting her and welcoming her into the Spencer Family.

To our Grade 5's…Well it certainly hasn't been the year that any of us planned on, but you have shown leadership in ways that you could not have imagined. You set a positive tone right from the beginning of the year and you were amazing role models for the rest of the school as you helped us to navigate our way through the year. We know you will be successful if you strive to be the best that you can be. We hope you will rise to the challenges in life safely, respectfully and responsibility with kindness and courage in your heart.

To all the students at Spencer, thank you for being who you are, sharing your passions and disasters with me, letting me play music requests in the morning, putting up with morning announcements (where I make lots of mistakes and you let me) and my jokes on Fridays!

All staffs are diverse in nature. We are all different, yet we all strive to make a positive difference in children's lives, through opportunities, words and actions. I feel so privileged to work with such an amazing group of dedicated educators who have been so welcoming and supportive. Spencer is such an amazing place to learn and grow and I am so happy to be on this learning journey with all of you!

To the parents, guardians, grandparents, and caregivers. We thank you for your quiet hellos, supportive emails/letters, thoughtful conversations, openness and honesty. I thank you for welcoming us into your families and trusting us with your children. Continue to believe in your children as they are our future.

We wish the entire community of Spencer a happy and safe summer holiday. We will see you again on Tuesday, September 6th to begin the 2022/2023 school year.

Karen Catherwood
Principal

School Supplies for Students 2022-2023

Great News! To be more eco-friendly, our school has decided to move to a bulk order system for school supplies starting next school year (2022-2023). This change will help **reduce packaging**, **reduce waste** (with unused school supplies) and will bring **more** supplies for the same amount of money. **In September, each student will be charged $40 through School Cash Online** and the money will be used by teachers to order specific school supplies for their classroom. All left-over supplies (if any) will be sent home at the end of the year. For questions, please contact Karen Catherwood kcatherwood@sd40.bc.ca

Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony/Day

Today our Grade 5's had their Leaving Ceremony. The Grade 5 students paraded around the school as all the Kindergarten to Grade 4 students applauded them on their way to the gym. It was so amazing to have this day in person after 2 years and to have so many family members and friends be a part of helping us recognize how important they are! The excitement and smiles on their faces said it all!
The PAC provided a "Picnic Lunch" for our students (Thank you PAC…You Rock!) to enjoy outside before the traditional "Water Fight". What an afternoon the Grade 5's had. Students running everywhere, water flying, laughter, and targeted shots at Mr. Winpenny and Mme Roy. What a great day!!!!

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