



Caudle Park Elementary

October 2023

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we are a month into school! We are settling into new (and old) routines. Our teachers have spent most of the month working on routines, building relationships with their students and getting to know where they are in their learning.

We continue to have parents turning their cars at the driveway during bus pick up and delivery. **Cars are not allowed to park in front of the driveway or enter school grounds from 8am - 2:50pm.** Please watch out for the students, they are often not watching for cars.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner we realize that we have a lot to be thankful for here at Caudle Park. At our school, our students are participating in fun and engaging learning opportunities each and every day.

Caring Schools

We follow the **Caring Schools Curriculum** and have monthly themes that promote positive relations as well as self regulation and esteem. In October, our theme is



Gratitude. Gratitude is the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for, and to return, kindness. The students at Caudle Park demonstrate gratitude each day in the acts that they do and positive outlook that they share. We selected October for this theme as it fits well with Thanksgiving next weekend. Teachers use circle discussions to share each monthly living value. Here is an example of a short video that teachers might use to inspire the conversation about gratitude during circle: <https://youtu.be/cpkEvBtyL7M>

School Success Plan

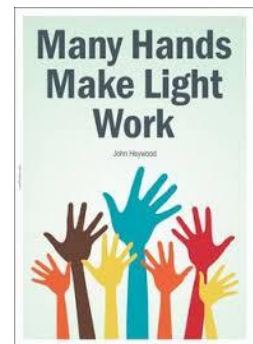
Our **Student Success Plan** keeps us focussed on student achievement each and every day. Each school in HRCE sets 3 goals: **Literacy, Math and Wellbeing.** Teachers along with support from our Teaching Support Team (resource, speech, psy, etc) are

already assessing students in the classroom to see where their strengths and needs are in each area. The school SAC also supports our success goals providing feedback and any resources necessary to help us reach our goals with success. Our resource model will be working in 8 week blocks this year with short cycle assessment and intervention. Many of our specialists offer Tier 1 support; working with the teacher and students directly in the classroom. We already have a math coach in the school supporting the computational fluency (knowing our numbers with flexibility and efficiently) goal and we are also anticipating a pilot math support directed to the grade 3 level. We are off to a great start!!

We are currently recycling scrabble pieces into classroom letter sound charts for students to practice building words. If you have any old scrabble games at home that are not being used; we would love to have them donated!! Please send them to Ms McLeod's room.

PTA

We are looking for new members!! If you have some extra time and energy to assist with fundraising, we would love to have you join the team! Here is a list of subcommittees and the month that require support. You are welcome to join meetings or just to help with a fundraising event. The PTA meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 6pm** in the staff room.



Fundraiser	Month	# members required
DFS Catalogs	October 9-27	2 members
Halloween Dance	October 26	6 members
Christmas Store (Collect and sort)	December	2-5 members
Winter Dance	February 16	6 members
Pie Sales	April 3rd	2-3 members
Spring Fair	May 24	10 members

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Our SAC also meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 7pm** in the staff room. The Caudle Park School Advisory Council are responsible for:

- providing a voice in decision-making.
- working in collaboration with the principal and participating in efforts to improve student achievement and student and community well-being by receiving information on the school improvement plan and monitoring progress and improvements under the plan, assisting in developing policies that promote student achievement and safe and inclusive schools, and developing strategies to improve and support the extracurricular programs and special projects of the school
- maintaining effective communication with parents/guardians by holding regular public meetings and making copies of agendas/ minutes available upon request.
- advising the principal and staff on any matters that are referred to the school advisory council by the principal, the Regional Center or the Minister in accordance with the terms of the school advisory council agreement, determining priorities for spending the funds allocated to support the mandate of the school advisory council,
- advising the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or the Provincial Advisory Council on policy and other educational matters. Preparing an annual report in the form and containing the information determined by the Minister.

We are currently looking for **community** members. If you know someone who lives in our community who might be interested in volunteering, please let us know!

Nutritional Notes

At CPES, we begin every day with healthy foods offered through our breakfast program. All students are welcome to have something from the breakfast carts. Sending fresh healthy foods to eat during the day will also help them to thrive and be successful in school. For a healthy lunch make sure to include 3 out of the 4 food groups.

Please remember to provide water bottles from home and pack utensils. It is our biggest

request at the office. A healthy body includes a positive mindset about foods. At school, they may be exposed to a variety of foods from different cultures. Remind your children to be open to new foods and that we should only be making positive comments about the foods we see.



Library Books

We are asking families to take a look around the house for school library books. We seem to be missing a significant number of books from the collection. Particularly chapter and graphic novels. We will gladly take books back with no penalties. We just want them in the hands of our students!

Lunch Monitors

We are in need of lunch monitors to help during the lunch hour. Lunch monitoring is a paid position that must have a criminal records check and child abuse registry up to date (we can help with this). If you or any family member is interested please direct them to the office

Mad Science



We will be offering Mad Science again this year during the noon hour. Mad science is a fun hour of science hands on explorations and experiments. The sessions will be running consecutively this year on Wednesday or Thursdays, depending on registration. Infor will be coming following the Wednesday Assembly with the Mad Science team.

Important Dates

- October 2 NO SCHOOL Truth and Reconciliation Day
- October 9 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday
- October 10-27 PTA fundraiser DFS catalogs
- October 20 Picture Retakes
- October 27 NO SCHOOL Provincial Conference Day

Autumn has arrived, and the weather can be unpredictable. Please make sure to send appropriate outdoor clothing. Be sure clothing is labeled for easy return from the lost and found.



feeding hungry minds

A huge shout out to 2 local businesses that support and donate to our breakfast program.

