



# COUGAR NEWS

May – June Edition

**SCHOOL GOAL: AT COUGAR CANYON WE ARE INSPIRING STUDENTS TO INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN THEIR LEARNING THROUGH A FOCUS ON ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING AND *'THE BIG 3 QUESTIONS'***

**Principal's Message** We would like to share with you all that Mrs. Clancy will not be returning to Cougar Canyon for the 2018-19 school year, but will remain in her current district position. Please join us in welcoming Mr. John Mann as our new Principal, who will be moving from Jarvis Traditional

## Class Organisation for the 2018-19 School Year

As we plan for the upcoming school year, we would like to make you aware of factors that are important in organising classes.

**STAFFING AND CLASS SIZE:** The Delta School District decides the number of staff members assigned to Cougar Canyon based on our projected student enrolment. Enrolment estimates and class size guidelines affect the configuration of classes. Currently, the class size limit is 20 for Kindergarten, 22 for Grades 1-3, 24 for a Grade 3/4 combined class, and 28 for Grades 4-7. Combined classes are an organisational necessity based on student numbers. **If your child is in a single grade class this year, you should expect them to be in a combined class in September. However, this does not mean that if they are currently in a combined class they will automatically be in a straight class next year.** While combined classes are an organisational necessity, research indicates that multi-age groupings provide very positive learning environments for children. Studies show that children in multi-age classes learn to become more independent, responsible learners and develop a greater degree of social responsibility. Achievement levels of these students are as good as, or better than, the achievement levels of students placed in single grade classrooms.

**CRITERIA FOR STUDENT PLACEMENT:** Assigning students to particular classes is a very complex task that takes into consideration a variety of factors, including: learning styles and strengths, what a student is able to achieve in relation to the goals of the curriculum, degree of independence in work habits, social and personal needs, age and physical maturity, previous placements, gender balance of class, number of ELL students, students with special needs, and parental insight. Our objective is to create balanced classes based on gender, intellectual development, and social/ emotional/ behavioural development. Professional staff is in contact with the children in the school setting for 30 hours a week. Therefore, the placement of students must be determined through school-based professional evaluations. Teachers have knowledge of the academic needs of children and; therefore, can best determine where individual children should be placed.

**PARENT INPUT:** As our partners, we recognise that parents have important information that can assist with the placement of students. Parents should advise the school of personal, educational, or social information that could affect a child's placement. **This information should not include a request for placement with a particular teacher. Any requests received of this nature will not be considered.** We strive to place your child in a warm, caring environment that will maximize their learning. If you have information about your child that you feel will assist us in making the best possible placement for them, please request a "**Student Placement Consideration Request Form**" from the office, which needs to be **returned to the office by Monday, June 4, 2018.** Remember, in September, when classes have been determined, requests cannot be accommodated.

Calendar

**May 30** - Math Celebrations, Talent Show-Dress Rehearsal, Grade 5 *Discovering Our Roots* Multicultural Fair

**May 31** – Kindergarten Open House, 1:45PM

**June 1** – 1:00PM Talent Show, Families welcome, Hot Lunch

**June 7** – Grades 6 & 7 Band Concert, 11:00AM & 6:00PM

**June 8** – Preschool Library Program, 9:15AM

**Week of June 11<sup>th</sup>**- Parent Appreciation Event

**June 12**- Saleema Noon Parent Information Night, 6:30PM

**June 13 & 14** – Saleema Noon program, K-7

**June 15** – Sports Day & Hot Lunch

**June 18** – Please return all library books, Grade 7s to the beach

**June 21**- Aboriginal Day

**June 22** – Grade 7 Luncheon & Year-end Celebration @Cougar Canyon

**June 25** – Grade 6s to Playland

**June 26** – Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony @Seaquam Auditorium

**June 27** – Book Swap

**June 28** – Last day for all students, 10:30AM dismissal, Report Cards home

**June 29** – Administrative Day



# Track Season

We had a great track season this year. The sportsmanship and performance by all of our Cougar Canyon students was representative of what an amazing student body we have! Thanks goes out to all of our Track Coaches, Ms. Trentini, Ms. Crespo, Mr. Hanly, Mr. Wylie, Ms. Barker, Ms. Marcakis, Ms. Swenson, Mr. Sam for all their dedication of hours of practice and support during both the Regional and District Track Meet.

Congratulations to the following students for placing in the top five positions in their events at Districts: Grade 4- Joanna Y, Emma K, Jasmine C, Payton H; Grade 5-Lucas G, Caden K; Grade 6-Sasha C, Ryder K, Troy G, Timothy Y; Grade 7-Rachel X, Janey H, Ayden B, Nathan Z and Brad Z

## Saleema Noon

June 13 and 14 sexual health educator, Saleema Noon will be at Cougar Canyon to work with our students. Below is information on the program:

*During these open and informational sessions, children and parents alike will come to terms with sexual health, and understand how it fits into their world at this stage of their lives.*

*Children learn how their bodies change, and what those changes mean. Parents will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the myriad of questions all children are sure to ask.*

The workshops are light hearted, but deliver straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good decisions for a lifetime.

For more information you're welcome to attend the Parent Information Evening on June 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have curriculum/grade specific questions please visit Saleema Noon's website @ <https://www.saleemanoon.com/>

## Traffic Safety

### Sports Day

June 15<sup>th</sup> we'll have our annual, fun-filled Sports Day.

Students will be in colour groups- more information to come soon. The day will start shortly after 9:00 with the stations activities that are set up around our field. There will be a hot lunch, but as always, students are welcome to bring their own lunch.

All students will be

Traffic safety and the safety of our students, your children, as they arrive and leave Cougar Canyon are very important to us. Traffic congestion, parking in the drop off zone, using the driveway as a turn around, and sidewalks filled with children hurrying to and from school makes for potentially dangerous situations. **We need your help.** Please remember:

- ★ The speed limit from **Nicholson** to the other side of Seaquam is **30 km.**
- ★ U-turns are **not allowed** anywhere in the school zone.
- ★ From **8:45-9:15** & **2:45-3:15** the Driveway is for buses, daycare and those with a *Handicap* permit **only.**
- ★ The parking lot beside our school is for **staff only.**
- ★ You should **not** use either the parking lot or the driveway to turn around.
- ★ The **Drop Off Zone** is marked with a yellow curb on both sides of the road, northwest of the school, because it is **not for parking.**

## Cougar Canyon's Spring Carnival

Did you know that Spring Carnival is Cougar Canyon PAC's biggest fundraiser? Thanks to our PAC and the Spring Carnival committee of volunteers our annual fair was a huge success again this year.

