**Friday, September 7th, 2018**

**Classroom Placements**

After long consideration and debating amongst our staff we have sorted students into classes for the year. We have worked diligently and thoughtfully to place all of the students in classroom environments that will help them to be successful and grow both socially and academically throughout the year. If you are concerned or have questions about your child’s placement feel free to contact the school. Our numbers are very full making internal movement for students difficult. If you would like to request your child to switch classes we will accept written requests after two weeks in their new classroom. All requests should be made based on educational reasons. Thank you for being understanding.

**Parking concerns**

Our parking space is quite limited for morning/afternoon drop off and pick up. Please be mindful when you are parking front of our friendly neighbours’ houses and please do not block their driveways.

Please do not park in the front right side of the school parking lot, as it is a designated area for handicap parking. Our school has several students with mobility challenges, and this part of the parking lot is used by them before and after school. Their transportation system is following a set schedule and it is crucial that they do not lose any valuable time.

Just a friendly reminder that our neighbouring church has kindly agreed to share their parking lot with us. From time to time there are church related events, where the parking lot will not be available to us. Please be respectful regarding these times, as our usage of the parking lot is a privilege and not a right. We thank you for your understanding.

**CM Finch 2018-2019 Bell Schedule**

8:30 Supervision starts, **students may arrive.**

8:45 Warning Bell

8:50 Classes Start

10:30-10:45 Recess

10:45-10:50 Snack

10:50-12:00 Class time

12:00-12:20 Lunch Play

12:20-12:40 Eating time

12:40-2:43 Class time - Dismissal

2:57 Supervision ends

**School Fees 2018/19**

We will begin collecting school fees on Monday, September, 10th.

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| Kindergarten | $25.00 supplies | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $35.00 | |
| Grades 1-3 | $35.00 supplies  $7.00 agenda | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $52.00 | |
| Grades 4-5 | $7.00 agenda | $10.00 cultural fee | *Total:* $17.00 | |
| Grade 6 | $7.00agenda + $30.00 iPad Insurance | $10.00 cultural fee | | *Total:* $47.00 |

**Picture Day: Tuesday, September 18th, 2018**

Student individual photos will take place on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018. Please see the attached order form and envelope. Please send the exact change. Cheques should be made payable to Mountain West Studios. We ask that all order forms be returned to the school by Friday, September 14th. If you have more than two children getting pictures pleas come to the office to get a discount coupon.

**Upcoming Non-Instructional Days**

There will not be school for students on:

Friday, September 21st as it is School Planning Day

Monday, September 24th as it is a NID Curriculum Day

**Upcoming PAC Meeting**

Our school Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to invite all parents to their first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday, September 12th, from 7-8:00pm babysitting is provided. PAC provides a lot of support for the school community. Everything from putting on school events, running our hot lunch program, and fundraising to enhance the school programs and playground. Please come and learn about and support our school PAC.

**Aboriginal Support Program**

We offer an aboriginal program that is supported by the Aboriginal Education Centre. The program offers support to students with more time devoted to individual student instruction,. The Aboriginal Student Support Worker coordinates cultural awareness activities and outings, monitors the progress of aboriginal and provides family support. If you indicated your child has aboriginal ancestry on their registration form then they would already be receiving services. Aboriginal ancestry means all students who are First Nations (non-status and status) Metis and Inuit, No documentation other then self- identification is needed. . If your child isn't receiving the services and you would like them to please contact the school or our aboriginal support worker Ms.Lafond immediately.

**We look forward to working with your children this year. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.**

School information will be posted on our school website: https://cmfinch.prn.bc.ca/