

COPELAND COMMUNICATIONS FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 12, 2018

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Want to keep up to date with what's happening at Copeland?

Check out our school website where you'll find:

- the latest school news, mission, vision and values
- contact information for school administration
- superintendent and trustee
- monthly calendar, enrolment data
- registration information, school hours
- frequently asked questions, volunteer information



Monday, October 15th = School Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

- Welcome new parents! We need your help to support our school and Copeland families this year!
- Your help is appreciated whether you can attend meetings, hand-out warm lunches, or help us to plan events for our school community! Interested in finding out more?
- Come to the next School Council meeting on **Monday October 15th** at 6:30 pm, Babysitting provided

Mon./Tues./Wed October 15th - 17th = Scientist Comes to Copeland for Gr. 3

- Next week our grade 3 classes will participate in Science Workshops in the classroom!
- They will enjoy exploring "Structures" together and making them **Strong and Stable!**



Wednesday, October 17th = BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY



- Peel schools will pay tribute to bus drivers to acknowledge the important job they do each school day and **Oct. 17** provides an opportunity to give these individuals the recognition they deserve.
- Bus drivers safely transport over 36,000 students to and from school each day.
- If your child rides the bus to school, take this opportunity to thank the bus driver!

Thursday, October 18th – Lockdown drill to happen....

- On Thursday, Copeland will have our first practice so that we are always prepared in the event of an emergency situation. We will review the key points of this practice with the students and continue to rehearse the drill every school year to ensure that students and staff will always be prepared.

Kiss & Ride: Thanks for working with the Copeland Team!



- Just a reminder that our students at Kiss & Ride need to be able to **independently "unbuckle" their seatbelts and open their own car door.** Parents please do not step out of the car for safety reasons
- Staff are available to supervise the process and direct students to their entry door
- Let's continue to work together to keep our children safe.

Coming Soon: Fri. Oct. 26th = PHOTO DAY & Wed. Oct. 31st = SPIRIT DAY!

- "Edge Imaging" will be at Copeland PS to take student photographs and Phys-ed classes will not change their clothes that day, in order to help us all stay clean and tidy. Bring your smiles!
- Enjoy reading through the School Spirit Page below for further information about the 31st



Do you know how long it takes to walk or bike to Copeland? Cut & paste this link to see:

<http://www.walkandrollpeel.ca/map/themap.asp#schools>



Schools use many strategies to keep children safe

Peel schools provide a safe environment for staff and students to work and learn. The board has many procedures to ensure safety. To keep students safe, schools use many strategies including:

- requiring all parents and visitors to check in at the main office and obtain visitor passes
- the use of a "buddy system" – students can only leave the classroom if accompanied by another student (for example, going to the washroom)
- assigning teachers to supervise inside and outside the school during recesses, before and after school
- locking all exterior doors, including the main entrance, during school hours [elementary schools only]
- encouraging staff to regularly review street proofing skills with students
- expecting staff and students to report unidentified individuals to the office immediately
- holding fire drills and "lockdown" rehearsals
- having evacuation and bomb threat plans in place
- ensuring that all staff and volunteers have up-to-date criminal record checks or have completed Offence Declarations
- working with the police to provide education on street-proofing

We feel that it is important that you also take this opportunity to review safe procedures with your child. Peel Regional Police have provided the following safety guidelines:

- Tell your children to never go anywhere with a stranger, not to talk to strangers and never take anything from them. You also have to teach them what a "safe stranger" is in case they need help. A safe stranger includes a police officer, a cashier, a fire fighter.
- Develop a "what if" game for children to get them thinking about how they would respond if they felt threatened or afraid.
- Know who your children play with and where they go. This includes keeping a list of their friend's addresses and phone numbers.
- Do not leave your child in unsupervised locations, such as cars, parks, public washrooms, arenas, malls and plazas, etc.
- Teach your children where and how to get help. Go with them on their regularly travelled routes.
- Your child's body is private. Tell your children that no one may touch the area their bathing suit covers. If someone tries to touch them, they should tell you immediately.
- Teach your children to talk to you immediately when someone does anything that makes them feel strange or uncomfortable. Listen when your children are trying to tell you about something that bothers them and provide them with support and understanding.
- Communicate to your children the importance of following the teacher's instructions during a lockdown, hold and secure, bomb threat, shelter in place or fire drill and to not use cell phones to ensure their own safety.

For more information about safety at your school, review your school handbook or speak to your principal or teacher.



Plans for Wednesday, October 31st

Wednesday October 31st will be an exciting day at Copeland PS. The day continues to follow our regular timetable and regular programming will take place in all classes. Beginning at 9:30 am all students will be invited to participate in a special School Spirit day parade. Students may wear a costume to school on that day or dress up in fall colours to celebrate their school spirit. Students are asked to come to school already dressed in costume. Students are encouraged to bring a bag (labeled with their name on it) for any costume accessories or items should they choose to take them off later in the day.

The parade travels throughout the building, and weather permitting on the tarmac allowing students an opportunity to see other classes and the many outfits here during the day.

Parents are asked to help students make appropriate wardrobe choices to ensure items brought to school are not valuable or hazardous. Make up is discouraged, unless it is very simple and students have it applied already in the morning.

To help everyone feel secure, please follow our board safety guidelines:

- **ALL MASKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
- **DO NOT** wear costumes with accessories or props, such as replica guns, knives, whips, chains, torches, etc., which may promote images of gratuitous violence or cause distraction or disruption to learning activities.



Due to the limited space on the busses large props (i.e. wings) should stay at home. Students will have a few minutes to get ready following an announcements or period one.

Parents are welcome to come and watch the parade. We ask that all visitors **DO NOT** enter the building but gather around the back of the school at the edge of the hardtop to view the parade.

Thinking of GOBLIN a treat or two? Again, this year we ask all families to realize several students have severe allergies, so please **DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD / CANDY TO SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE THE DAY.** Thank you for your support!

Fun, alternate activities (e.g. board games, word searches, videos) will be provided in the library for those students wanting alternative activities or for those who do not celebrate Halloween. We ask that parents send a note to the classroom teacher by **Fri. Oct. 26th** requesting that your child participate in the alternative activities.

Everyone that day is expected to honour our board and school values and demonstrate that they care, are cooperative, honest, inclusive, respectful and responsible.

WITCH outfit will you be wearing? See you there!

