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Dear Parents,

Haiti Relief: Thanks to your enormous generosity the Cathedral School community raised \$5,390 for Haitian Relief. The cheques have been sent off to *Doctors Without Borders* and you should receive tax receipts in due course. We are attaching the latest up-date from *Doctors Without Borders* describing the work they are doing and providing links to their website. On Monday Jan 25th the Cathedral will be open all day for those wishing to gather in silence, prayer and meditation to 'lift up the people of Haiti.' At 4:30 p.m. there will be a gathering time. Again, thank you to all who gave so generously.

We are going to have a further relief effort, centred on the Compassionate Resource Warehouse, when we will be collecting items to be sent to Haiti. One of our Grade 7 students, Jansen Gibbs, is initiating this effort and has given us an information sheet which we have attached to this newsletter.

March Reports: Since the March break is so early this year (Mar. 8 – 19), we have decided to postpone the second reports until after the March break. We will still hold the Student-led Conferences on Thursday March 4th, but the reports will not be issued until after Easter.

The banking system is tightening up the rules!!

We have been informed by Coast Capital Savings that all cheques to the School need to be made payable to Christ Church Cathedral Educational Society. Unfortunately the School can no longer accept cheques made payable to C.C.C.E.S. or Christ Church Cathedral School or Lux Mundi or any other variation of our name. We do have some cheques on file from some of you and we will attempt to deposit them as we go forward. If we have any problem with our deposits we will let you know.

Early Dismissal: Wednesday February 3rd students will be dismissed at 2:00 p.m.

Pro D Day: There is a Pro D Day coming up on Friday, February 5th so there will be no classes for the students. Lux Mundi will be operating if there are enough children needing care. Please let Todd or the Lux Mundi staff know if your child will require care for the day.

Hot Lunch Dates: Please mark your calendars.

Milk - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from January 18th through May 28th

Pizza - Thursdays – Jan. 21st, Feb. 18th, Apr. 15th, May 13th and May 27th.

Hot Dogs - Thursdays – Jan. 28th, Feb. 25th, Apr. 22nd and May 20th

Wrap or Quesadilla - Thursdays – Feb. 4th, Mar. 25th and Apr. 29th

Macaroni & Cheese - Thursdays – Feb. 11th, Apr. 8th and May 6th

Parent Support Group: Please read the attached Report.

Sincerely,

Charles Peacock, Head of School

January 21st, 2010

The Parent Support Group Report

Last night, there was a PSG meeting in the library.

Except for the members of the PSG Executive, no other parents or Class Reps attended. During the meeting we discussed a variety of fun and interesting activities we have planned for this term, but if these are to succeed, we *absolutely* need help. We need volunteers. We need interested parents. We need a smidgen of your busy lives. In plain speak:

We Need You!

and because every parent is a member of the PSG, this also means:

You Need You!

Please, consider today how we can all participate in helping shape the PSG into a dynamic and shared benefit for all us. 'Nuff said.

Of the many things discussed at last night's meeting, we have several details to follow up on before they are confirmed and we can tell you about them, so this week's PSG Report will be short. The "Evening of Poetry" details follow at the end of the report. Sushi lunches will be offered again starting in February, and this time we'll also have a "Subway" selection. Congratulations to Melody Birch who correctly descrambled "Jade Ear Sign" into the name of last week's yam recipe author. Paul has your prize, a big bag of yams, ready for pick up or drop off.



NEXT PSG MEETING



Our next PSG Meeting is 5:30 PM, February 18th in the School Library.

“An Evening of Poetry”

**Honouring Mr. Charles Peacock, Head of School,
Christ Church Cathedral School, on his retirement**



Time (tentative): 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Date (confirmed): Saturday, May 8th, 2010
Location: Sea Cider Farm and Ciderhouse
2487 Mt. St. Michael Road
Saanichton, BC V8M 1T7
Tel: (250) 544-4824
Email: info@seacider.ca
Web: Seacider.ca



Tickets: \$30 per person
Reception: Mingling, cocktails and tasting platters style
Bar: Cider Experience with a cash bar

During this unique evening, we will have the pleasure of Charles sharing with us some of the poetry that has meant the most to him in his lifelong love of the word.

Don't forget to mark your calendars! More details will follow.

Helping Haiti

As you may know, on January 12, 2010, Haiti was hit with a massive magnitude 7 earthquake. Early estimates predict the death toll to be from 100,000 - 200,000 with many more left homeless. It is estimated that as many as half the buildings in affected areas have been damaged.

I am 12 years old, and am a student at this school, and I believe that each of us, no matter how young or what our financial situation, can help. I have chosen to help through an organization called the Compassionate Resource Warehouse, which is based here in Victoria. This centre has been helping deliver supplies and aid to places all over the globe for over a decade. They already had connections in Haiti before this disaster struck. CRW is collecting supplies to send to Haiti in light of this recent disaster. A container being shipped to Haiti will leave Victoria in mid-February.

*****My plan is to help by collecting SCHOOL supplies. *****

Many schools have been destroyed, and the children of Haiti will badly need the basic supplies we gather for ourselves every year. CRW has indicated this as a priority on their shipment list.

YOU CAN HELP IN TWO WAYS!!!!

1. I have placed a box in the front hall of the school. Please place in it any new school supplies you can spare. I will collect the supplies and deliver them to CRW. Here are some suggestions:
 - Pencils, pens, erasers
 - Lined and unlined paper
 - Notebooks, primary scribblers
 - Pencil sharpeners
 - Rulers, geometry sets
 - Pencil cases
2. Haiti is a French-speaking nation, and because I am studying French, I thought it would be nice to send some simple greeting cards to the children there. You don't have to say a lot, even BONJOUR would bring a smile to a child's face. There is an envelope on the outside of the box for you to place your cards in!

Thank you for helping me with this project, and for helping others who need our assistance desperately! -Jansen Gibbs