

NEWSLETTER

C.R. GUMMOW

2022/23: Edition #3

Over the next few weeks the weather is starting to get cooler. As hoodies and jackets begin to appear on the school yard, inevitably our lost and found will be swamped with lost clothing. Please label your child's clothing. We are including our ongoing Mabel's Labels fundraiser information in this newsletter if you are looking for labels. Also, as you look to buy winter clothing, we would suggest any colour but black! We always have many pairs of black snow pants and black mitts that end up in our lost & found! Winter is coming.

♥ Ms. Osborne & Ms. Murphy



CRG Announcements

What's Happening?

We know that we have had a lot of things happening quickly. We are working hard to get everything listed on our EDSBY calendar, so please keep your eye on that if you are wondering what's going on. Also, we have now changed the settings on our CRG Announcements group on EDSBY. This will allow parents to see the daily announcements that are made for students over the PA each morning.

Open House - September 22nd, 5:30-6:30

Please join us for Open House this week! It's a chance for a short visit to meet the teacher and see the classroom space! We will have our staff on hand to answer any questions and we encourage you to stop by the main hall to meet the principal team, and stop in the learning commons to see all of the cool things we are planning for that space this year! Our first School Council Meeting will be at 6:30 that evening.



Pizza Fundraising Kits

Watch for our upcoming pizza fundraiser. Orders will be available from October 6-25. We will have our pick up day on November 9, 2:30-5:30. Orders will be through school cash online. Last time we ran a pizza kit fundraiser, the school raised over \$2000 for our school playground.

Mabel's Labels Fundraiser

Our Mabel's Labels Fundraiser is always up and active. Purchase Mabel's Labels to help keep track of your kids' stuff! The school will receive 20% commission. Click on "Support a Fundraiser" and search for C. R. Gummow before doing your shopping. All items can be paid for online and will be mailed to your house.

Click here: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/>

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Coats for Kids

Donations of children's winter coats in good condition (zippers working, no tears on the outside or lining) are needed as well as boots and other winter apparel. You can drop them off from Tuesday, September 13th to Friday, September 30th at the following locations:

- The Salvation Army Church: 59 Ballantine Street, Cobourg - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - 4
- The Salvation Army CFS office Cobourg: 66 Swayne Street - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - 1
- Northumberland United Way: 62 Swayne Street, Cobourg - Monday to Thursday 10 - 3
- Canadian Tire Associate Store: 1125 Elgin Street W., Cobourg - Monday - Friday 8 - 9
- We Fix U Cobourg: 727 William Street, Cobourg - Monday - Friday 8 - 5
- Baker Cleaners: 12 Elgin Street East, Cobourg - Saturday ONLY 9 - 4

If your family needs help getting access to appropriate winter clothing, you can always call the school and we will assist you however we can.



NEW! Afterschool Music @CR Gummow

We have a new partnership with a great community organization. We are partnered with SONG to offer free after school music activities. We are thrilled to be able to offer this to our families! At this point, it is only available to our students in grade 7 & 8, but we will look to grow this further in the future.

What is SONG?

We offer 6-18 year-old students lifelong social and leadership skills using a model we all understand: music. Develop lasting social connections, mental wellness and build resilience while having a whole lot of fun!

Classes at YOUR school

SONGtech (Gr. 7 & 8) with Lucas Marchand

🕒 Mondays 2:45 - 4:15 PM
📍 C R Gummow

Open to Cobourg Students who want to learn about sound engineering and music production.

Intermediate Choir (Gr. 7 & 8) with Marie Anderson

🕒 Tuesdays 2:45 - 3:45 PM
📍 C R Gummow

Open to Cobourg students who want to sing.



Scan here to register:



Morning Drop-Off

As always, CR Gummow is a busy place in the morning with many students coming and going from our school. It is really important that we have a clear routine and procedure in place. Here are some things that you can do to help keep this running smoothly:

1. **HAVE YOUR CHILD WALK OR TAKE THE BUS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.** This helps to keep the number of cars at a minimum and makes everything smoother as a result.
2. **NEVER PARK OR PAUSE IN THE FIRE LANE.** This is immediately in front of the main entrance doors and is strictly off limits at all times.
3. **IF YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THE CAR, USE THE SIDEWALK BY THE MAIN PARKING AREA, TO THE SOUTH OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING.** In this area you can pause your car and get out to walk your child to the yard. There is a sidewalk that lines three sides of the parking lot and that is what indicates a safe area to get out of your car and walk your child to the school yard. Please stay on the sidewalk.
4. **IF YOUR CHILD CAN GET OUT OF THE CAR INDEPENDENTLY, YOU CAN PAUSE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL, ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING.** In this area, a staff member will be there to greet students and help them get out of the car. While we won't undo seat belts or car seats, we will open car doors and help students with backpacks. Parents CAN NOT get out of cars in this location and must stay in the driver's seat. Please have students in the backseat behind the passenger seat so that they can get out directly onto the sidewalk. Wave at the staff member to get her attention if your child needs help.

Front Door of the school is locked in the morning and we ask that all students walk to the back of the building until 8:20. Please remember that parents are never allowed on our school yard.

Going Home from School

Getting 750 students home from school is a big job! There are lots of moving parts to work through for this process! We know that unexpected changes happen sometimes for families, but here are a couple of suggestions for you about students departing from school:

- **TRY TO KEEP HOMETIME ARRANGEMENTS CONSISTENT.** When possible keep things the same each day so that your child knows what to expect.
- **CALL THE OFFICE EARLY IF THERE ARE CHANGES.** Sometimes teachers are away sick, or don't check their email as they are busy with students. Always call the office early if there is a change in your routine, to confirm that the message has been received. Also, the sooner we know the better! End of the day is very busy, and you might not be able to get through.
- **DON'T RELY ON YOUR CHILD.** Lately, we have had a few students receiving text messages indicating to them a change in plans. Please be sure to also notify the teacher or office with this information. We generally need parent confirmation for any changes, particularly below grade 7.
- **DON'T PICK UP FROM THE OFFICE AFTER 2:20.** End of the day is one of the times the office is busiest. Student pick-ups at this time are challenging for the office. Try and get to school early, or wait until the usual dismissal at 2:40 to pick up your child.
- **Due to a severe anaphylaxis allergy to dogs/dog dander; dogs should never accompany families to pick up or drop off**

Breakdancing!

We have had Jimmy Chapman in this past month working with a variety of classes teaching break dancing. The students have been loving this time with him. We are using the money raised through Hot Lunches to pay for this enrichment program for all of our students.

Upcoming Events:

- Open House - September 22, 5:30-6:30
- School Council Meeting - September 22, 6:30
- Terry Fox Run - September 23, 1:00
- Orange Shirt Day - September 30
- Thanksgiving, school closed - October 10
- Professional Learning Day, school closed to students - October 24

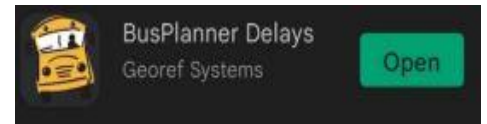


UPCOMING EVENTS

Bus Planner App

As a way to have more easily accessible information about bus delays and cancellations, STSCO is using a new app! The app is available for download for both apple and android devices.

- In your phones app store, look for BusPlanner Delays
- Once you've downloaded and opened the app, select Student Transportation Services of Ontario from the drop down menu and click next
- Select "My Child's Bus"
- Select C.R. Gummow from the School drop down menu (for parents with students in multiple schools, you're able to add more than one school at this point)
- After you've selected the school, you can select a route from the drop down menu



When an alert is posted, you will receive a push notification

SOME REPEATS:

Orange Shirt Day - September 30th

Since 2013, September 30 has been known as Orange Shirt Day, a day to recognize the tragic history and ongoing impacts of residential schools. On September 30th, we invite all members of our community - staff, students and parents - to wear orange. We wear orange to show that all children matter. At Gummow, we believe that all children have rights and wearing orange shows our commitment to honour all children now and in the future



Terry Fox Run - September 23rd

At 1:00 on September 23rd our school will be outside walking on our yard to remember Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope.



Student Absence Reporting

In order to report your child's absence you will be using School Messenger. It allows you to report your child's absence quickly and conveniently, in any one of the following three ways:

- By calling 1-844-434-8119 toll-free;
- By logging into the Parent Portal website at studentabsence.kprdsb.ca to set up the ability to report absences online;
- or by downloading the SchoolMessenger mobile app onto your iOS or Android device, to report absences.

You will be able to use whichever of these methods you prefer to report your child's absence, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will also be able to report future absences at any time.

As an added feature, we are using an automated telephone system to contact parents who have not reported their child absent. School Messenger will continue attempting to reach multiple contact numbers, for a predetermined amount of time. If the automated system has not been able to reach someone in that allotted time frame, our office staff will follow up. By using the toll-free number, website or app to report your child absent before our morning bell time, you will NOT receive a call.

Water Bottles

Please send refillable water bottles with your child each day. Our water fountains are still closed, but we have 3 touchless water bottle fillers.

School Council - September 22, 6:30

Our first School Council Meeting will be on September 22nd at 6:30 in the library. School Council is an excellent opportunity to become involved in the school and learn more about current directions in education. It also allows you to directly contribute to the well-being of your school and to support the education of all the students. School Council is an essential partner in school improvement. CR Gummow has had a proud tradition of strong, supportive school councils and we wish to continue that tradition. We are looking for new members to take a variety of roles on our School Council, so please consider nominating yourself!



Lost & Found

Our lost and found is already starting to fill up. Please remember to label your child's belongings, and remind them to take a peek in the lost and found if they haven't come home with something. With restrictions having changed, parents are welcome to come look in the lost and found this year.

Hot Lunch

Our hot lunch program begins the week of September 19. Please register at www.healthyhunger.ca to participate.

Two important notes:

- We are unable to save or refund hot lunches for absent children to have the following day.
- On days when all buses are cancelled or the school is closed, we always cancel hot lunch!





FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line. Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click **"REGISTER YOUR STUDENT"**. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.

HOW IT WORKS

Create an account	Add Student	View upcoming fun lunches	Place your orders and make payment online
			
STEP 1. Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account.	STEP 2. Login, and add your children to the account.	STEP 3. View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates.	STEP 4. Place your orders and make payment Online.

REGISTER YOUR STUDENT → ADD STUDENT → ORDER NOW → PAY NOW

BENEFITS

1. Receive an email reminder if you have not ordered for an up-coming lunch.
2. Receive automatic email notification when your School posts a new Fun Lunch.
3. Order for multiple children attending the same or different Schools.
4. Flexibility & Control Order for 1 lunch, 2 lunches, or the entire year.
5. Cancel orders at any time before the 5-day Cut-Off.
6. Quickly review your orders at any time.
7. Free and Unlimited Tech Support from Healthy Hunger.

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