



# Connection Update



## Safety concerns

All bikes and scooters are to be walked on the school grounds.

We are noticing many of our awesome students use wheels to get to school. Scooters, bikes and even roller skates are making their way onto the school grounds in the mornings and after school. **Due to safety concerns for all our students, all scooters and bikes must be walked once they are on school grounds.** Our school is a busy place! We have many school children who come with their families to school as well as a day care, pre-school and before and after-school care. Please remember a lock so that your child can lock up their bikes in our bike parking area.

Please have a conversation with your children about being safe on their wheels. Helmets are expected. Thank you so much for helping to keep all our students safe!



### Spookfest!

Don't forget our Spookfest on October 30th from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.



### Photo Retakes

Photo retakes are on November 1st.

### Remembrance Day Assembly



The Remembrance Day assembly will be on November 8th. Everyone is welcome.

## CELL PHONE USE AT SCHOOL

Cell phones are expected to be turned off and in backpacks while on school property.

The cell phone is a powerful tool that, with the appropriate usage can benefit many. Here at school we are trying to teach our students to use technology in appropriate and educational ways. Phones and other devices can detract from the powerful interactions our students are learning about during the school day. Cell phones, personal cameras and the addition of Social Media also all pose significant privacy concerns. Photos and video cannot be taken or posted of others without express consent of the person being photographed.

If your child must bring a cell phone or other electronic device to school for safety or other reasons, it is expected to be turned off and put away while **on school property** unless given explicit permission from their teacher.

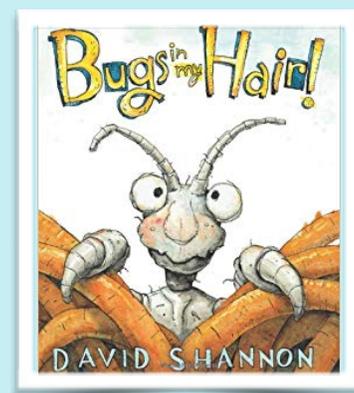


The first time a student is found using their cell phone without explicit teacher permission they will be asked to turn it off and the teacher will hold it until the end of the day. Repeated use will result in having the phone sent to the office to be picked up at the end of the day. Continued use of the device will warrant a phone call home for the family to pick up the device and for the device to remain at home for a length of time determined by the administrator.

When on school grounds before and after school, it is expected that the phone is off and in the student backpack. If students need to use the phone to call home, the office phone is always available.

## HEAD LICE

Head lice are often a common problem. While head-lice are pests, they are NOT a sign of an unclean environment. Head lice are spread through head to head contact, sharing clothes/hats/combs. It is important to check your child(ren)s hair weekly for lice. The sooner lice is detected the easier it will be to control. When the school is informed of a case of lice, a notice will go home to families in that child's class so that all students (and their families) are reminded to check their heads for lice.



Bugs in my Hair by David Shannon is an excellent book to explain that while it may be uncomfortable to have lice, everyone can get it.