

Christ The King Elementary School Council

Important Change to 2017/18 School Supply Purchase for your children

July 4, 2017

Dear CKES Parents,

CKES Council will NOT be purchasing bulk school supplies for any students in Grades 1 through 7 for the 2017/2018 school year. All parents are now responsible for purchasing and providing all supplies for their children. This is a change from what was planned and communicated to parents in report card envelopes at the end of the school year. We are very sorry for any confusion and inconvenience this change may cause.

The links for the 2017/2018 School supply lists for all Grades 1 through 7 are included in the email.

Background

Most Yukon schools are not providing school supplies this year because the Yukon Government is not providing funding for supplies as they did last year. CKES Council wanted to continue this service to our parents for all students (as we have done for Grades 1-4 for the past 5 years) because we hoped to decrease costs, shopping time and hassle for parents. We also hoped to continue to help teachers by providing consistent, quality supplies for all students.

The letter sent home with the final report card in June, listed the approximate fees that parents would have to pay to CKES Council for the costs of supplies for the 2017/2018 school year. The costs were significantly higher than last year, due to an increase in prices of supplies as well as a big decrease in the bulk amount of supplies Staples is ordering this year due to the Government not funding supplies. Staples has continually given us a great deal on supplies and we thank them for their support.

Since the letter was circulated, we have received concerns from parents about this year's costs of the CKES Council-provided school supplies as well as concerns that a number of supplies were sent home at the end of the last school year that could have been reused to reduce costs. We have had some parents already indicate they will not participate in the CKES Council's school supply program because they want to reuse supplies already in their household.

In order to offer this service for this school year, all parents have to buy into it and be willing to participate. CKES Council makes the bulk order for school supplies in June with fundraised Council money, then the collection of payments is done after the new school year begins. Given that we have had parents already express they will not participate in the program and the anticipation that more may also choose not to participate, the CKES Council could not risk funding the bulk order for all students to then not get reimbursed in the fall. With not all students participating, it would also be an organizational/management nightmare for volunteer CKES Council members as well as classroom teachers, to order and keep track of which students were using the Council-provided supplies and which were bringing their own.

2018/2019 School Supplies

The CKES Council will survey all parents over the 2017/2018 school year to see if purchasing bulk school supplies is a service that parents want and are willing to participate in for the 2018/2019 school year.

Thank you for understanding, and again our apologies for any confusion this has caused.

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