Calgary Board of Education

Friday, October 25, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians;

This fall the CBE will be conducting tests for radon gas in a number of schools across our system, including ours. Radon gas is odorless, tasteless and comes naturally through the soil. When the gas reaches unsafe levels, over many years of exposure, the gas is known to have harmful effects on health. If testing reveals a heightened presence of radon, various mitigation strategies can be implemented to reduce the gas concentration to safe levels.

Testing involves hanging a small, round testing device (alpha tracker) for 91 days from the ceiling in areas of the school that are occupied 4 or more hours a day. The device is passive, which means it omits no information, sounds, or smells.

The device will be installed on a non-instructional day, evening or weekend, so it will not interrupt learning.

If you would like to learn more about radon, please visit Health Canada's website:
https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-risks-safety/radiation/radon.html

Thank you,

Jennifer George