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Reporting and Conferencing

Thank you all for joining us on January 24th for our Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. Our focus was on setting growth goals for each student in our school. Your input and support is very much appreciated. Now we must all set our sights on helping our students attain their individual goals.

We have sent home a **link to the district survey** on the reporting process. Our staff and the district would like to know what you think about this new process. We hope you will be able to take the time to share your thoughts with us. Report card parent survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XHGB8VT>

Winter Rec. Continues on Feb. 2nd

Tomorrow is our final winter recreation day. The program has been a big success this year and we are especially grateful to our PAC who provided hundreds of dollars of support to the program. This has allowed us to offer skating and cross country skiing at no charge to families as well as helping with the transportation costs for our downhill skiers. The school has funded the bussing for these programs.

For our 41 cross country skiers, tomorrow is the Pirate Loppet. We are encouraging all of our skiers to dress up as pirates which is the tradition for this event.



Traditional Games Event

On February 20th our school is planning an afternoon of traditional outdoor indigenous games. This afternoon event will emphasize teamwork, skill and lots of fun for all. Parents are welcome to attend. The event begins at 12:20.

The Gut Project

This summer, members of the local arts and Interior Health community, along with our school, applied for and received an Artstarts grant. The grant allows local artists and health experts to work alongside our staff to deliver a very interactive and engaging unit of study on human health and the digestive system. The project will focus on the form and function of this system. Students will create a larger than life model of the mechanical and chemical processes of the digestive system. Students will use their artistic skills to represent the system in a variety of ways. They will also create a performance to animate the journey inside the digestive tract! We have attached a materials list (see attached) to this newsletter in hope families might be able to contribute items for the project. We are excited to get this engaging project underway!

Addition to Staff and Staff Development

We welcome Ms. Megan Banman to our school. Ms. Banman will be teaching along with Mr. Paré on Thursdays and every other Friday. Our staff is engaged in a year-long professional development series on the most contemporary numeracy instruction strategies. On February 21st and 22nd they will be out of the school as a team to learn the next steps in this instructional process. This is a huge commitment but one that gives our students their best chance of success with numeracy.

Gymnastics

Once again this year, thanks to PAC funding support, we are able to offer gymnastics to our students. Instructors from Momentum Gymnastics club in Salmon Arm will be here on February 15th, 16th, 21st and 22nd. All of our classes are involved and parents are invited in on the final day to see what the children have learned.

Internet Safety and More

Our grade 4-7 students are involved in a series of safety lessons this month. They have already completed the Drug Awareness seminar and next week will do a second seminar on Internet Safety. The third lesson in the series will be Online Bullying. All of the sessions are presented by Mr. Mike Moyer. Mr. Moyer is the Regional District Safe Communities presenter and 19 year RCMP veteran. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our students.

PAC News

Hot Dog Day- Feb. 14th \$2 per student for **1 or 2 hot dogs (same price)**, veggies and dip. No need to pre-order, just bring your toonie on the 14th.

Pie orders due back Tuesday, Feb 6th.

Pick up date is Wednesday, Feb 21 at 1:45.

Next PAC meeting is Tuesday Feb. 20th at 1:45. Topics to be discussed: Fun Fair and fundraising targets, the school's monthly update, organizing ideas/volunteers for the fun fair.

Basketball Update

We have 21 students in a junior (grade 5) and senior (grade 6-7) team. Coaches will send information home on games with the players. Games are played in February and beginning of March.

Pink Shirt Day

On February 28th we encourage all of our staff and students to wear Pink Shirts. From humble beginnings, Pink Shirt Day is now a global anti-bullying movement. Wearing a pink shirt signifies our united effort to eliminate bullying from our community. Although this is a one-day event, it is our hope that our community will stand up against bullying every day and that our students will understand the importance of respect, kindness and inclusiveness every day of their lives. Read how Pink Shirt Day began below.

The Pink Shirt Day Movement Inspiration

“David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. ‘I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,’ says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. ‘Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.’ So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. ‘It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,’ Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again.”

— Globe & Mail



Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 2 –Pirate Loppet gr 3-5, Skiing gr 6-7, Skating gr K-2
- Feb. 9 –Little Green Ranch Fieldtrip Mrs. Dodds and Kemitzis class
- Feb. 12 –Family Day – No school
- Feb. 14 –Hot Dog lunch - \$2
- Feb. 15, 16, 21, 22 –Gymnastics
- Feb. 20 – PAC meeting at 1:45pm
- Feb. 22 –New Math for Parents - 6pm at DESC, Salmon Arm
- Feb. 23 –Pro D Day – No school
- Feb. 27 –Popcorn sale at lunch
- Feb. 28 –Pink Shirt Day – please wear pink

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to get started on our “Gut Project”.

We are going to use some recycle materials in the project.

Please send to the school as you are able:

- Empty toilet paper, paper towel and wrapping paper rolls
- Food wrappers (chocolate bars, granola bars, etc)
- Plastic containers (salad boxes, yogurt containers, etc)
- Styrofoam containers
- Egg cartons
- Milk jugs and cartons
- Plastic caps
- Pull tabs
- Cardboard, cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes, granola bar boxes, etc
- Cans (No sharp edges, please!)
- Plastic bags (bread, other baked goods, grocery, etc)
- Snack packaging—wrappers, boxes, plastic containers or liners
- Plastic liners from cracker, cookie, chocolates boxes
- Ice-cream buckets
- Styrofoam cups
- Coffee cups and lids (eg. Tim’s)
- Vinegar bottles
- Plastic food and drink bottles
- Anything else that resembles the above list

Please send only items that are clean and free from food residue.

You will be amazed to see what your students create from this stuff!!

Thank-you