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A Busy June Ahead

We have many plans for an exciting conclusion to the school year. As we complete our curriculum objectives, we have imbedded a variety of hands on events to keep school exciting right to the end of June. Read below for the details.

Zone Speech Finals

Our school hosted the Zone Speech Finals today. Four schools attended. They were South Broadview, Falkland, North Shuswap and of course Grindrod. Our school was represented by Anouk Maier in grade 5, Madyson Fletcher in Grade 6 and Lou Laliberte in Grade 7. The speeches were outstanding! Congratulations to Lou and Maddy who are Zone Champions!

Kindergarten Orientation Day

On Monday, June 4th, we have invited all of our soon to be kindergarten students and their parents to come into the school for an orientation event. We are very excited to welcome 18 new students to our 2018/19 kindergarten class. The orientation event gives parents an excellent window into the learning objectives and expectations of kindergarten. We encourage all our new K families to attend. Many have already confirmed their participation and we thank you for doing this. The start time is 10:00.

Track and Field

We will be taking 21 grade 4-7 athletes to the district track meet this year. These athletes qualified through their performance at our school track meet held this Wednesday. The district meet takes place at Little Mountain Sports Field in Salmon Arm on Tuesday, June 5th. Rides are needed to get our athletes to the event.

Biking Fieldtrip Planned for June

Each year we like to plan a bike trip for our intermediate students. Our aim is to encourage our students to participate in this fun, healthy activity with friends. This school event gives us an opportunity to go over bike safety and maintenance with our students. We are encouraging our students to do a maintenance check with their families this weekend and then to bring their bikes and helmets to school next Tuesday or Wednesday for a short community ride and check-up. Our biking fieldtrip is Thursday, June 7th. We will be going to Larch

Hills for a morning ride and then to the Water Park and fields at Blackburn Park in Salmon Arm for a picnic lunch. Students will ride on the bus for this fieldtrip.

Farm Visit in June

On Friday, June 8th, all of our classes will be going to Cliffview Dairy Farm to learn about one of our local industries: dairy farming. The fieldtrip is about two hours long for each class. Students will be bussed but parents are most welcome to attend.

PAC News

Thanks to all who join us for Fun Fair and who donated to this school event. The PAC raised just over \$3000 this year!
 The PAC will host the annual **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on Tuesday, June 12th, starting at 11:35. Parents are invited to bring a potluck item to share and to come and say thank to such a dedicated staff for another great year. Our last **PAC meeting** of the year will be right after this luncheon starting at about 1:00pm. All parents are invited!

If you would like **Askews cards** for your summer grocery shopping please drop by our office and speak to our secretary, Dorry, by Friday, June 8th.

Swimming Week

We feel swimming is a life skill all children should have, especially considering we live so close to rivers and lakes. To enable this skill development, each year we plan a week of swimming lessons for our students. Our swim week is June 18-22 and our lessons are at the Enderby swimming pool. Please ensure your child(ren) come prepared with their swim suit and towel. Many students wear their swim suits to school in the morning under their other clothes. Then they just need to change after swimming and not before. Thanks to the generous support of our PAC, we are able to bus our students for this week long activity.

9:30-10:15	Mrs. Smith	Gr. 5/6/7
10:15-11:00	Mr. Pare	Gr. 4/5
11:00-11:30	Mrs. Kemitzis	Gr. 2/3
12:00-12:30	Mrs. Dodds	Gr. 1/2
12:30-1:00	Mrs. Foulger	Gr. K/1

Healthy Eating Information from Our Workshop (Adding to last month's message)

We were pleased to have had numerous families attend our healthy eating workshop in May. For those of you who could not attend I have attached information to this newsletter that I hope will support this initiative. Please join us in reaching the four objectives below as we all know how important eating healthily is to being successful at school. Our goals are ...

1. Students come to school having eaten a nutritious and filling breakfast
2. Students come to school with a healthy, low sugar lunch containing a balance of fruits, vegetables, carbohydrates and proteins.
3. Students all have a reusable water bottle at school and drink primarily water. Note that reusing plastic water bottles for this use is unhealthy. We encourage metal water bottles.
4. We reduce the use of packaged foods and juice boxes in favour of reusable containers and thermoses. Water is best.

Many people believe that juice boxes contain an excellent source of fruit but in fact most fruit drinks contain large amount of sugar, either natural or refined. Again, we encourage water as the drink of choice at school.

Final Week of School Activities

(Please note that our plan for the final week has changed to allow for the scheduling of a Waterslide Day.)

Originally we had planned to go to Canoe Beach for a year end, whole school fieldtrip. With the threat of high and possibly contaminated water in the beach area we have decided to go to the Salmon Arm Waterslides for this celebration fieldtrip instead. In order to be able to book this facility we have had to change our events as follows.

Monday, June 25th Waterslide day at in Salmon Arm
Tuesday, June 26th Fun Day and School Garage Sale
Wednesday, June 27th Grade 7 Grad assembly 12:30
Thursday, June 28th Final day assembly at 9:00
Thursday, June 28th Early dismissal at 10:03
Friday, June 29th Administration day-No school

Waterslide Day

We will leave Grindrod at 9:25 on June 25th with the park opening at 10:00. We will leave Salmon Arm at 1:30 to return to the school. The cost is \$10 per student and sliding parent. It is \$3 per non-sliding parent. A permission form will be sent home next week. Please send your money back with the permission form. As always, we would love to have parents attend.

Fun Day is for All Students

Each year, we plan a set of fun and physical challenges for our students to participate in. The students are grouped in multi aged teams and they travel from station to station competing in novel events such as obstacles courses, water challenges and creative races. The goal is to have fun while working together as a team in a spirit of good sportsmanship and celebration. The PAC will host a hot dog day on that day which is free of charge to the students. Students should still bring a water bottle and snack. They should dress for activity and wear sunscreen and a hat. This will be a very active day and we would appreciate any parents who would like to join us for the day. Fun day activities run from 8:30-11:30.

School Garage Sale

One of our favourite events of the year is our Student Garage Sale. This event was designed to give students the opportunity to practice their financial literacy skills in a real world way by participating in an open market style activity. At our Garage Sale students can bring old toys, baked goods or other items they think their peers might be interested in buying, bartering or trading for. Each student will have a spot on a table to lay out their items. They should consider working in pairs with a friend and will have half a table as their team's sales area. They can bring money or simply trade or barter for things they'd like to acquire. The sale happens after lunch on June 26th.

