



Grindrod Elementary School

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Welcome to 2019th!

We are excited to welcome back all of our students and families to school after what, we hope, was a very enjoyable family holiday. Read below to find out about some of the bigger events happening over the next couple of months. As our plans evolve, more information will be provided on our website and through newsletters sent home and by email. Have a wonderful 2019!

Winter Rec. Program

In January each year, our students participate in a Winter Recreation Program. Our Kindergarten and grade 1/2 class will go skating in Enderby, our grade 2/3, 3/4, 5/6 and some of our 6/7 students will cross country ski or snowshoe, and other grade 6/7s will downhill ski. Our oldest students have the choice. Other than the downhill skiing, the program is free to students with the school and the PAC covering the costs of bussing, rentals and other program fees. We are very fortunate to have such an active and supportive Parent Advisory Council.

Winter Rec Days for grade 3-7 are January 11th, 18th, 25th and cross country skiers ski in the Pirate Loppet on February 1st. These are all Fridays.

Our skating program begins a week later and runs on January 18th, 25th and February 1st. Skaters must wear helmets and mitts/gloves while skating. We do have some skates to loan to children who might not have skates that fit, while supplies last. Ask your teacher or Mr. Abbott if you would like to try fitting your child.

Please Help us to Be Nut Free

Several students at our school have serious nut allergies. As a result, we ask that our families do not send peanut-based products in foods they send to school. This will greatly reduce the potential for a serious health emergency.

Formal Written Report Date

Formal written reports for each child will be sent home on Valentine's Day, February 14th. On this report you will find assessment information on all subjects taught to your child as well as an update on the child's goals as set at our November conferences. As well, our staff will provide an overview of the curricular topics they have been working on over the first part of the school year.

Next PAC Meeting- January 15th at 2:10 in the school library.

We encourage all families to actively participate in our PAC, if possible. You could participate by attending meetings and sharing your ideas, offering help at our fundraisers and special events, help out in a classroom or on a fieldtrip or even by supporting PAC fundraisers. We appreciate the fine work of our PAC; we could not offer the extra-curricular programs that we do without PAC's support.

Gymnastics Begins in Late February

One of the ways our PAC supports us is by offering financial support for our gymnastics program. Schools typically hire professional gymnasts to instruct the program because of the level of risk involved in this discipline. Professionals ensure that the moves are done properly so injuries are avoided. Shawnee Venables and her staff at Momentum Gymnastics have been delivering the program for years and will do so once again this year. The program dates are February 21, 22, 28 and March 1st. Thanks to our PAC for their support.

Dates to Remember

Pro D Day – Friday, February 15th
Family Day- Monday, February 18th

