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Grindrod's Got Talent

One of our favourite events in March is the annual Grindrod's Got Talent Show. Students of all ages are invited to show their talents to the school community by designing a presentation. Music, dance, magic, joke telling, poetry and many other acts grace the stage on performance day, which is Thursday, March 14th, beginning at 12:30pm. We invite parents, grandparents and guardians to join us for an afternoon of local talent on display.

Basketball Program Update

Our two basketball teams have showed incredible growth as the season has progressed. Each week they have two formal practices, often a shooting practice and a game against another school. They had some exciting success in their head to head competition with other schools. Thanks to the many parents who are making our program work by providing safe rides to the away games and to Mrs. Lyons, Ms. Berndt and Mr. Pare for coaching. The program wraps up with zone tournaments in March.

Art Fair Week

For the past 25 years, the district has hosted an annual art fair. Schools are invited to display student artwork at Piccadilly Mall in Salmon Arm from March 1st to 8th. Added to this, 23 of our intermediate students will participate in art fair workshops on Wednesday, March 6th. If your child is participating in these workshops, a permission form has been sent home and will need to be returned. Parent drivers will be needed for the trip to the mall for the workshops.

Every child in our school will have a piece of their art on display under the Grindrod School sign. We hope families take time to visit the Piccadilly Mall between March 1st and 8th to see the wonderful artwork students in our district create.



Art work by Joelle Harris

Ministry Student Learning Survey

As in past years, we will be administering the student, staff and parent B.C. Ministry of Education Student Learning Survey in the coming months. The survey is administered to students in grade 4 and 7 as well as their parents and the staff. Parents are requested to do a separate survey for each child in the school. The survey uses an online platform and can be done on a school computer if required. Information on how to access the anonymous online survey will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.

Ready, Set, Learn Event @ Grindrod

Ready, Set, Learn is a free event for families with children aged 3 to 5 years. All families will receive a free kit of materials and resources to help support their child's early learning experiences. This is a great opportunity to become more aware of the educational/learning expectations of children at ages 3-5, gain age appropriate strategies to teach your child and to prepare your child for kindergarten.

We hope our pre-school parents will join us **on Monday, March 11th from 1:00-2:00** in our library. Please call the school to register your child(ren) if you plan to attend.

This will also be a good time to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, if you haven't done this, yet. A birth certificate and care card/BC service card is needed for registration.

SASCU Cross Country Ski Grant

Grindrod was awarded a \$2000 SASCU Cross Country Ski grant by the Larch Hills Elementary School Loppet Committee. This will allow us to build our equipment supply so we won't have to rent in the future. Thank you to SASCU for their generosity!

Grindrod Students at Pirate Loppet



Kyla's and Madelyn's winning creation for the On the Move Car Rally.

PAC News

The PAC is hosting the Laura's Pies fundraiser once again this year. Order forms for this school favourite went home this week and orders are due back to school by March 13th. Pick up day for the pies is April 3rd.

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, March 13th at 2:10 in the library.

The PAC is looking for Silent Auction support and items for our annual Fun Fair. If you can help in any way please contact the PAC at grindrodpac@gmail.com.

Our next hot lunch day is a soup day on Thursday, March 14th. Hot lunch is \$2.00 and includes soup and a bun.

The PAC has now purchased bowls. Thank you to Sharon Chantler for donating 130 spoons to our school.

Spring Break

The last day before Spring Break is Friday, March 15th. Students return to school on April 1st. Both of these days are full school days. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful Spring Break together!