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March Highlights and April Preview

March was an excited month highlighted by gymnastics, art fair, basketball and our annual Grindrod's Got Talent show. In April, we will begin our cross-country running program, host a Math Night for Families and send home interim reports for students. There are two hot lunch days, the Kindergarten Grandpal program continues, and we will have our One-to-One Reading celebration luncheon for participants and leaders. See below for more details.

We also want to report that Mrs. Chambers had a new baby son, Ryan Matthew. Finally, we welcome Koston, Morgan and Brodie as our new students.

Be in The Know Curriculum Night

The school district is hosting a curriculum night for our region at AL Fortune at 6:00pm on Tuesday, April 9th. Our students will have work on display and there will be presentations regarding the new BC Curriculum as well as the graduation program changes. We encourage parents to attend and learn more about the changes to the BC K-12 Curriculum.

Ministry Student Learning Survey

Before spring break, letters were sent out to the grade 4 and 7 parents. We are requesting, if you haven't done so already, that you do the Ministry of Education Satisfaction Survey. The survey uses an online platform and can be done on a school computer if required. If you did not receive a letter with the log-on code, please contact the school and we will provide you with one.

The feedback provided by parents through this process helps guide our growth planning process for the coming year.

PAC Update

The PAC reminds pie purchasers that Laura's pies will be delivered to Grindrod School on Wednesday, April 3rd. It is important that the pies are picked up by families on this day as storage space for these frozen pies is very limited.

The PAC is hosting two hot lunches in April. They are on April 11th and 25th and feature soups. The cost is \$2.00 per day.

The next PAC meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th beginning at 2:10 in our library.

Math Night for Parents

If you have been trying to help your child with their math homework you will know that there are many changes to the instructional process since you and I were in elementary school. To help bridge this gap and enable parents to more fully understand the why and how of these changes, we are hosting a Math Curriculum Night for parents in our region on April 24th from 6:00-7:00pm. This one hour, parent only event will provide hands on, practical methods for math instruction in the main numeracy concepts of adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing and possibly fractions as well.

The workshop will be led by our district numeracy expert, Mrs. Val Edgell and three members of our school staff, Mrs. Ternent, Mrs. Kemitzis and Mrs. Smith. Please join us for this informative night. It may change the way you see numeracy!

Cross Country Running

We are eager to begin our cross-country running program with all classes at our school. We run both on the school grounds and in the neighbourhood near the school as we prepare for the school, zone and district races. It is important that students come dress to run, particularly with proper footwear. Racing is voluntary but is open to grade 1-7. Kindergartens can participate in the zone and district races if they are accompanied by a parent. A training and race schedule will be sent out shortly.

Interim Report Week

In April, teachers will be preparing and sending home an interim report for all children. This report will provide a snapshot on the successes and goal areas for each child, as well as, a review of their study habits. These reports will be sent home during the week of April 15th to 18th.

Easter Break

There is no school on Friday, April 19th and Monday April 22nd as it is Easter Break. On April 23rd, teachers will participate in a school based non-instruction (Prod D) day, so students do not attend.