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June Will Be Full and Exciting

Beyond our many in-class units of study, June is sure to be a very exciting month for students! We have various class and whole school events that will be both engaging and challenging for our students. Read below for important highlights and dates.

School Track and Field

After a very successful school track meet in late May, we will be taking 27 grade 4-7 athletes to the district track and field meet on Tuesday, June 4th. Our athletes have trained hard and we wish them a very enjoyable day of high-level competition against the district's best.

Tent City Fundraising Event

Back by popular demand, we hosted Tent City Fundraising event on Friday, May 31st. Tent City is a unique Grindrod Elementary Fundraiser that invites grade 5, 6 and 7 students to bring their tents, sleeping bags and related gear to school for a sleepover. It's our FUN way to help others in need. This year our fundraised dollars will go toward an organization called "Little Footprints, Big Steps". You can learn more about this organization at <https://www.littlefootprintsbigsteps.com/>. This year's fundraiser raised \$ 375 for this very worthy cause.

Tennis Lesson for Division 3 and 4 Students

We are pleased to be introducing our students to tennis, a sport that is growing in interest and participation in Canada. Our grade 2/3 and 3/4 classes had their first lesson last Thursday. Students will take a total of three-one hour lessons taught by local tennis instructors.

Swim Lessons for all Grindrod Students

Each year in June we organize swim lessons for all of our students. We do five lessons, one each day during the week of June 17th-21st. Our PAC is a huge financial supporter of this event and without PAC's help, we could not provide this opportunity to our students.

We bus to swimming each day and parents are welcome to come and watch at the Enderby Pool if they wish. A permission form and schedule were sent home late last week.

District Math Olympics

Twelve of our grade 6/7 students will participate in a district Math Olympics event on June 6th. Mrs. Smith, our school math guru and team coach, is thrilled to have an enthusiastic team to take to this competition.

Fieldtrips

Various classes have fieldtrips planned for their students in June. Please make sure to sign and return permission forms as soon as possible. The school and district required signed permission to take your child on a fieldtrip and we certainly don't want to leave children behind on these interesting educational events. Please refer to our website if you want to check events your child may be involved in.

Zone Speech Finalists

Congratulations to Scarlett Verbeek and Joelle Harris who represented Grindrod at the Zone public speaking finals at South Broadview on May 31st. Scarlett spoke about Pregnancy Cravings (Her mom just had a baby so first-hand experience to share). Joelle spoke about Pomegranates. They were wonderful representatives!



Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, June 11 @ 2:10

Family Fun Day a Great Success

Beyond the fun we had and the community building that took place, this year's Family Fun Fair was a huge financial success as well. Final numbers are being tallied but we raised a record amount of approximately \$5000 this year! Thank you so much to our 75 community sponsors who supported our silent auction! Also, thank you to the Bruns family, Saputo, Askews, The Red Basket and Farmer Johns for their generous contributions to our family meal that night.

Events such as these, which are so important to our school, could not be done without the generous volunteerism of many parents and community members. We thank you all for your outstanding efforts on behalf of our students!

Final Week Activities

Monday, June 24th Fun Day and Garage Sale

The Garage sale begins at 12:45 on the 24th. We ask that students pre-price their items at home before bringing to school. Remember, this is a student garage sale and items should be priced at a level affordable to students. Please teach your children about money management, so that their money is secured in a purse or wallet or ziplock bag and kept in a safe place. We will do this as well. A big part of this activity is learning first-hand how to barter, buy and sell. Parents are welcome to join us and observe the fun. As this is a student learning event, please be a guide on the side while letting the kids do the hands on bargaining. When bringing items on the bus, students must be able to keep their items on their lap safely. They need to be in a cloth bag or small box. Thanks for your support of this event.

Tuesday, June 25th Waterslide Day

All of our students will travel by bus to the Salmon Arm Waterslides. More information and consent forms will come home later this month.

Wednesday, June 26th Grade 7 Day

This is the day we celebrate the successful completion of elementary school by our grade 7s. We will have an assembly beginning at 12:45 followed by a potluck banquet for parents and grade 7 students. More information will be sent to the families of grade 7 students.

Thursday, June 27th Report Card Day

On this shortened final day (**ends at 10:03**), we will have an assembly and slideshow at 9:00. Report cards will be sent home this day. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly.

AL Fortune Family Barbeque for 6/7s

All families of grade 6 and 7 students are invited to a family barbeque and school visit at ALF on Monday, June 10th. This is a time to meet the staff, tour the school and have a bite to eat. The event runs from 6:00-8:00pm

Moving Over the Summer?

Please let us know if you plan to move over the summer or if your children will be attending a different school such as grade 6s going up to AL Fortune. This will help us as we configure our classes and secure staffing for the fall. Also, if you know a family is moving in, please have them contact us to register their children as soon as possible.

Bell Schedule Changing for Next Year

In order to accommodate regional bussing and school scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year, we must adjust our bell schedule slightly. Beginning in September, our new bell schedule will be as follows:

8:05	Start of day
9:34	Recess begins
9:49	Recess ends
11:17	Lunch play period begins (25 min.)
11:42	Lunch eating period begins (20 min.)
12:02	Afternoon lessons begin
2:00	Class is dismissed

Note that the eating period has been extended to 20 minutes to give students more time to eat.