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## Principal's Corner

Just when I thought winter would never end, it's feeling like spring is near! It is time for students to take home their winter gear, clean out lockers and check out the Lost and Found for missing items. Our spring break this year is from March 16-27. We will wrap up the term on Friday, March 13 with our annual Multicultural Luncheon and performances and then have our first extended two week spring break. This should definitely give us all time to recharge for the third term.

It has continued to be a very busy winter term here at the school. The grade fours have finished the FSA's and the whole school attended our second Young People's Concert. Project Soul put on a wonderful demonstration of contemporary dance. The Valentine's activities are always fun and giving and receiving Valentine cards is a big part of the excitement. We also enjoyed the Smencils from the PAC's fund raiser. Many students are busily reading in preparation for the Battle of the Books coming soon. As

another February activity, Mr. Peterson organized a School Spelling Bee....Congratulations to our winner, **Jimmy Zanidean!** We have just completed our week long focus on Anti-Bullying. Ask your child about the different activities we worked on this week. Yes, a lot going on as we try to complete everything for the end of term! It's that time...Term 2 **Report Cards** will be coming home the Friday before Spring Break. That is also when we have to say good-bye to Ms. Ryeo, who has been a practicum teacher with Mrs. Telford's class this term. We have so enjoyed having her at our school and wish her the best in her teaching career!

We know these next two weeks will fly by! Have a relaxing, safe Spring Break.

Mrs. P. Armstrong



## Multicultural Luncheon

One of the highlights of the school year, our annual Multicultural Day will take place on Friday, March 13, the last day before spring break. Again, we invite parents to participate. We hope we can encourage you to make an ethnic dish and bring it to school in the morning. It is a wonderful experience for our students, staff and community guests to sample and try out the different foods set up in the four pods. In the afternoon all

classes are invited to the gym for cultural presentations. Again, parents are invited and encouraged to attend this exciting event and join us in having a great time on the last day before Spring Break.

### **Spring Break**

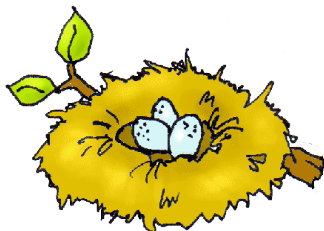
This will be our first year with an extended spring break. Last day before the break is **Friday, March 13th**. Students return to school on **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Kindergarten Registration Deadlines**

Don't forget that Kindergarten registration officially takes place March 2-4th. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age before Dec. 31, 2015, please see us at the office to register. Watch for further information on our Welcome to Kindergarten orientation for parents and new K's, being held in May.

### **Student Transfers**

Parents may request to transfer their child to another school that is out of our catchment area providing they meet the requirements laid out in the School District Policy 300.1. This can be found under the policies section at the School District website: <http://www.sd73.bc.ca> Transfer requests can be made any time after March 1<sup>st</sup> by picking up and filling out a transfer form. There are specific priorities that are followed in order for students to register at a school. Please read the district policy to clarify your child's eligibility to attend a specific school. Transfer forms are available at the school office.



### **Potluck Supper and Aboriginal Art/Craft Display**

MARCH 11 5:30-7:30

**Come join us for an evening of fun!  
Drumming, dancing, art viewing and a potluck dinner.**

**RSVP 250-376-6224  
by Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Boogie the Bridge**

A school team has been set up for families that would like to participate in this year's Boogie the Bridge community event on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Boogie is a fun walk or run event that accommodates all paces and provides you with a variety of distances to choose from. This year, Boogie is raising funds for the Youth Clubhouse (Canadian Mental Health Association) and Family Tree Family Center.

If you are interested in registering on our school team, go to the Boogie website (<http://www.boogiethebridge.com>), click on Boogie School and Youth Group Program and register with our team (A.E. Perry).

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Schmidt at the school or through e-mail ([sschmidt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:sschmidt@sd73.bc.ca)).

### **Mother Goose Program**

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program for Ready Set Learn had a very successful session in the last two months. Unfortunately, we are unable to run a second session this spring, but would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful facilitators!.

### **Basketball**

Our boys and girls Tier 2 teams demonstrated great sportsmanship, skill development, and perseverance over the season. They will definitely be the players to watch next year! Thank you to our coaches, Mr. Westwood and Mrs. Clare and also to Mr. Law for his help in organizing. The players had a great time learning and enjoyed their time on the court. Way to go RoadRunners!!



### **Yoga**

We have been fortunate to have two great facilitators for our morning and after school yoga programs. Deandra and Josh have built great rapport with the kids as they demonstrate their expertise. The students attending are having fun and learning yoga techniques to enhance physical and mental well-being.

### **Parking/Drop-Off**

Another reminder that the staff parking lot is not for parent parking nor picking up or dropping off children. This is a real safety issue. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe, by using Lethbridge Avenue for pick up/drop off of students.

## **Parent Advisory Committee News**

### **PAC Meeting**

The next PAC meeting will be held on April 1. Please call Angela Lemon, PAC president for further information.



### **Up Coming Events:**

March 2-4 - Kindergarten Registration  
March 11 – Aboriginal Family Night  
March 13 – Multicultural Day  
March 13 – Term 2 Reports home  
March 13 – Last day before Spring Break  
March 14-27– Spring Break  
March 30 – Schools Re-open  
April 2 – P/T Interviews/Early Dismissal  
April 3 – Good Friday – Schools Closed

## **Board Notes**

### ***From the Board Meeting of: FEBRUARY 2, 2015***

- ⇒ The Board received an update on the Trades and Career Development Programs from District Principal Lindquist and District Vice-Principal Collins. The Board received information on the upcoming Parent Meeting for Schools of Choice and French Immersion, as well as an upcoming Information Night for Secondary Programs of Choice (Specialty Academies and the NorKam Trades and Technology Centre).
- ⇒ The Board approved Board Authority Authorized (BAA) course Creativity 11/12.
- ⇒ Superintendent deBruijn provided the Board with information on the Ministry of Education's Quality Review of Twin Rivers Education Centre and our alternate and continuing education program.

- ⇒ The Board approved Policy 900.1 Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights.
- ⇒ The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

***From the Board Meeting of: FEBRUARY 16,  
2015***

- ⇒ The Board enjoyed a presentation on the RCMP Youth Academy from District Principal Lindquist, who was accompanied by a student who participated in the Academy last year.
- ⇒ The Board received confirmation that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Day of Suwentwecw is scheduled for April 7, 2015.

- ⇒ The Board approved an application by the Secondary District Athletic Council for a joint sponsorship of a rugby sports program by Barriere and Clearwater Secondary Schools.
- ⇒ The Board received an update from Superintendent deBruijn on the NorKam Trades and Technology Program start-up.
- ⇒ The Board approved the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2014-2015.
- ⇒ The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the School Board Office.

