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Principal's Corner

This is the time of year that we begin craving spring! Most of us have had enough of grey weather, overcoats, boots and scarves! Despite all the activities, like, cupstacking, basketball, spelling bee and reading, our students are beginning to get antsy and are looking forward to playing in sunshine.



We have had a busy month this January. Much of our month has been focused around a Literacy theme. Our literacy activities such as 'Poem in My Pocket, Beach Read, Favourite Character Day and Read My Shirt Day. We hope the excitement around reading carried over to home for Family Literacy Day. Many students took up the week's Unplug and Play Challenge. Congratulations to you!

We are well into the Second Term and are just finishing up the FSA testing for our grade fours. It's time for concentrating on academic projects because before we know it, it will be the end of term 2. Of course there will be extra things to look forward to..We will be attending our second YPC concert on the 6th. and the school spelling bee, and Valentine celebrations and PAC movie night will round out February!

Mrs. P. Armstrong

School Closure Days

This is a reminder to parents and students that **Monday, February 9th** is Family Day. Schools will be closed around the province.

Later in the month, on **Friday, February 20**, the school will be **closed** for a District Professional Development day. The teachers will be attending full-day sessions focusing on a number of educational issues.

Young People's Concert

Our second YPC performance will be next Friday on Feb. 6 at the Sagebrush Theatre. This production is Project Soul, a dynamic crew of streetstyle dancers who are inspiring through their high energy and outstanding performance.

Harper Mountain Trip

The intermediate students will be heading off to Harper for a day of tubing on Feb. 19. Primary students will enjoy being the oldest kids at the school.

KINDERGARTEN 2015 Registration

**March 2 to 6 at
Neighbourhood Schools
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for kindergarten on these dates at neighbourhood schools.

Information on the catchment areas is available on our website: www.sd73.bc.ca

To be eligible for attendance in kindergarten in September 2015, a student must be five years of age **by December 31, 2015**. Please bring your child's **original birth certificate, CareCard and proof of address** with you when registering for kindergarten.



Registration for SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
2015
February 23 to 27 at Schools of Choice
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to
3:00 pm

Schools of Choice will register as follows:

Beattie School of the Arts (Grades K-12)
Bert Edwards Science and Technology
School (Grades K-6)
Montessori at Aberdeen Elementary
(Grades K-6)
French Immersion at Lloyd George
Elementary (Grades K-1)
French Immersion at South Sa-Hali
Elementary (Grades K-1)

If you are registering for grades 1 and
above for a school of choice, **please bring**
your child's most recent report card
with you.

Student Transfer Requests

Requests for student transfers that will
commence in September will be accepted
starting on March 1, 2015, and ending at
noon on August 29, 2015. All submissions
must be in writing and forwarded to the
receiving school's principal. All decisions
regarding student transfers will be in
accordance with Board Policy 300.1 - School
Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests.

Grade 6 Transition Meetings

Brock counselors will be visiting the school in
late February to begin transition meetings
and course selection with our grade six
students.



February PAC Movie Night

Our PAC will be holding another family movie
night on February 13. Watch for more
information!

VIOLENCE PREVENTION STARTS AT HOME

By Jordan Sim, School Psychologist

School should be a place where all who enter feel
safe and secure. Indeed, schools today are among
the safest places for children; however, the threat
of violence remains a concern. Violence
interferes with learning and jeopardizes the
personal safety and security of students, teachers,
and others in the school building. Young
perpetrators of violent behavior at school are
most often students who engage in many forms
of violence, ranging from bullying and fighting to
actual armed assault. A large body of research
suggests that students commit violent acts against
others due to an inability to appropriately express
aggression and other negative emotions.

What Can I Do as a Parent?

Parents are students' first teachers. Before
children enter school, they are students in their
parents' classroom of life. Therefore, it is very
important that parents create a home environment
that is conducive to positive emotional coping
strategies. This can be accomplished in several
ways.

Be Good Role Models - Violent behavior is
often learned behavior. Therefore, parents must
model appropriate behavior. Angry or excessive
physical discipline, yelling and verbal aggression,
and physical or verbal abuse of children always
should be avoided, as should violent arguments
or behavior between parents. Teaching children
to be caring of themselves and others can be a
good preventative measure.

Limit/Avoid Exposure to Violent Media - One
particular culprit that lends to violence among
children is the television and other media. Studies
of the effects of TV violence on children have
found that children may become immune or
numb to the horror of violence and gradually
accept violence as a way to problem solve. This
fact holds true for music and video games as
well. Parents should limit the amount of exposure

their children have to violent television and video games.

Keep The Lines of Communication Open - Parents should make themselves accessible to their children for talks about events in their lives, problems they may encounter, and feelings that they may experience as a result. Parents should assist with healthy problem-solving - stressing problem-solving without violence.

Teach Positive Ways to Express Emotions. - Help children understand that all feelings are valid but there are appropriate ways to express them, even anger and frustration. Help them learn to identify how they feel and why. Suggest a variety of ways to express their emotions, including talking, drawing, writing, and playacting as well as strategies for stress release such as physical activity and mediation.

Keep Dangerous Items Away From Children - Store all dangerous items (e.g., knives, sporting rifles) in secure locations. Parents should be aware of children's ease of access to such items .

Monitor Changes in Behavior – Pay attention to changes in your child's behavior. For example, if your child begins to exhibit new or increased rule breaking behavior and acts aggressively verbally and/or physically, address this behavioral change with the child and seek assistance from mental health professionals as necessary.

Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 12, 2015

- The Board enjoyed a presentation on the "Unplug and Play" Family Literacy Week from Fiona Clare, Literacy Outreach Coordinator, and Patricia Persad, SD73 Literacy Coordinator. Family Literacy Week occurs from January 24-31, 2015, and provides a host of activities for family involvement.
- The Board received a presentation on the School Completion Project from Allisson

Badger, SD73 School Completion Coordinator.

- The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from NorKam Secondary for French students to participate in a reciprocal Quebec Exchange.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 26, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

From the Board Meeting of: JANUARY 26, 2015

- The Board recognized the leadership Development Program Graduates.
- The Board received an update on the MyEducationBC Student Information System from District Principal Brar.
- The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from Valleyview Secondary for students to travel to Drumheller, Alberta.
- The Board received *Notice of Motion* on Policy 900.1 Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights.
- The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, February 2nd, 2015 at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Feb. 6 - YPC
Monday, Feb. 9 – Family Day
Friday, Feb. 13 – Axis Theatre
Thursday, Feb. 19 - Harper Trip

- PAC movie night

Friday, Feb. 20 - Inservice Day, School Closed