



Cedar Elementary News

February



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This month is certainly flying by. I have to admit I am happy the snow is disappearing and we look like we are on the way to spring. The yard is still wet and will be until summer I think, so please make sure your child has a change of clothes for those accidental slips - or slides for the football - they happen at all ages and it can be uncomfortable to sit in wet clothes for the rest of the day.

Our new report cards went home last week, if you have specific questions about your child's progress, please set up a meeting with the teacher. If you would like to meet with me regarding the new process, please feel free to call or email to set up an appointment.

With the recent Ministry of Education Interim Funding, we were able to add 0.588 to our teaching staffing. As a result, we increased the time of three of our current staff members. Our counsellor, Mr. Middleton now is here three full days. Ms. Woiden and Ms. Thomas have increased their time and are working with numerous teachers in their classrooms to support students in numeracy and literacy.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FEBRUARY 22-24

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this vital literary event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms. You'll find hundreds of quality books at our Book Fair with a wide assortment for all reading levels. Visit the Scholastic Book Fairs website at www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs to read reviews of the Featured Books. You can also watch book trailers and author videos with your child on the BookTube page.

Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Here are some dates to remember:

- Feb 13 BC Family Day - no school
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 Div 5 to Hemer
Artists in the School
PAC meeting
- Feb 17 Grade 4 to Symphony
Hot Lunch
- Feb 20 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 21 Pro D - school not in session
- Feb 22-24 Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb 22 DARE - grade 5s
Anti-bullying day
- Feb 23 Div 12, 14 to Maple Sugar festival
Artists in the School
- Feb 24 Strong Start closed
Vision screening gr 4, 7
Div 12 to Hometown Hockey
Wear red for Hometown hockey
- Feb 28 Sexual Health - grades 4-7
- Mar 2 Div 5 to Hemer
- Mar 3 Hot Lunch
- Mar 17 Hot lunch
- Mar 20-31 March Break

ANTI-BULLYING OR PINK SHIRT DAY



Pink Shirt Day is about working together to prevent or stop bullying by celebrating people's differences and promoting positive relationships. An annual event, celebrated in many countries around the world, Pink Shirt Day encourages people to talk about bullying and take action against it.

Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia in 2007. A group of students decided to defend a kid who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In a show of solidarity, many of his peers turned up to school the next day wearing pink shirts, and Pink Shirt Day was born. By wearing a pink shirt, people identify themselves as an ally. The pink shirt is a way of showing those being bullied that there are many people around who care.

Please wear pink on that day - it might be a t-shirt from another year or just something pink. We need to use our problem solving skills to stop bullying behaviour so wearing pink reminds us to do that every day and not just on anti-bullying day.

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TRIPLEBALL SEASON

We had an active triple ball season this year with Peewee and Bantam teams participating. Thank you to Mr. Vincent, our NETPEA coordinator and the ref of many games and to our coaches and sponsors: Ms. Poulin, Mr. Middleton, Ms. Skill and Ms. Larsson. Although we didn't have enough peewee boys to complete the season, all teams are congratulated on a successful season. Basketball starts the week of February 20th.



REGISTRATION FOR 2017-2018

Register @ www.sd68.bc.ca

Registration information is posted on the district's website. There you will find detailed information for all new registrations; the registration form; out-of-catchment form; Early and Late French Immersion application forms; Eco-School application forms and Academy applications.

[For more information email: ereg@sd68.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd68.bc.ca)

[Registration is online only](#)

HOMETOWN HOCKEY- FEBRUARY 20-26

Hometown hockey is coming to Nanaimo. Events around the city will begin on Monday, February 20 and will end off with the broadcast on Sunday, February 26. There will be events on the 25 and 26 at Maffeo Sutton Park. An outdoor ice rink and zip line is being installed as we speak! There will be a floating stage on the lagoon and fireworks to end off the broadcast. The best part...it's all free. We are asking our students to wear red or their favourite jersey on Friday, February 24. Division 12 won the draw for the opportunity to join in and will be going to John Barsby that day! The City of Nanaimo will be proclaiming Feb 24 as "Paint the Town Red" day. Here's a link to the promo video:
<https://youtu.be/Das8eCim394>

PAC NEWS

If you are able to help with the book fair at long recess or after school, please contact the office or the email below.

If you missed the deadline for hot lunch orders, please send a lunch with your child on Friday, as we cannot guarantee that the order will be filled but we will try our best. Please have the forms back by the date to ensure your child is not without a lunch.

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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NEWS

After School Gymnastics

Cedar Elementary GYM COST \$24

Instructor: Selena Lee

Session 1: Grades 2 & 3 Mondays April 3- May 1 (No Gymnastics April 17) 1:30- 2:30pm

Session 2: Preschool Gymnastics Monday April 3-May 1(no gymnastics on April 17) Cost:\$24

A special FREE **READY SET LEARN EVENT ON Monday May 8** for 3 and 4 year olds. 2:40-3:25

pm. A variety of fun preschool activities. Sign up for all 5 weeks! **READY SET LEARN is FREE.** Let us help your pre- schooler get ready for kindergarten. Parents can also sign up for just this Free Event.

Spring Break Activities at Cedar Community Secondary School.

St. Johns Babysitting Course

March 27/17 9-4 pm. This is full but taking a waitlist to do another course in the very near future.

Spring into art

Session 1: Grades 3-7

Tuesday March 28 9:30- 12 pm -\$20 Cedar High School Art Room

Session 2: Grades K-3

Wednesday March 29 10- 12pm - \$20 CCSS

Stay tuned for upcoming Summer Programs:

Soccer Camp, Beach Volleyball Camp, Esteem Chics Camp, and Summer Preschool Camp

Please do not let financial barriers be the reason not to participate. Scholarships are available.

Just call Karen- community school coordinator to make arrangements 250-722-2414 ext 249. I will be away from Feb 11- March 3 but you can

leave a message with your registration requests and I will get back to you on my return!

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENING

Randerson Ridge Gym- March 8th, 7-8 pm

On March 8th, from 7- 8 pm, Randerson Ridge PAC are hosting a district-wide emergency preparedness event at our school.

Chad McGilvray, owner of Get My Kit will speak for approximately 20 -25 minutes on the need for emergency planning and what should be part of a good home based emergency preparedness plan.

Karen Lindsay, from the City of Nanaimo will speak for approximately 20 minutes about the city's plans for when a catastrophic event happens.

Then there will be 10-15 minutes for questions and answers.

Admission is free. Invite your friends and neighbors.

If you plan to attend, can you please contact Mr. Brick at dbrick@sd68.bc.ca .

