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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As March begins, Term 2 wraps up. Our goal is that Central students will demonstrate significant improvement in their skills, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy as the year progresses. The staff members at Central are committed to improving student achievement, and the decisions made at Central reflect this commitment. Report cards for Term 2 will go home on Friday March 11, 2022.

Part of our mandate is to teach social responsibility to our students. Each year at around this time, for a variety of reasons, we seem to experience an increase in anti-social behavior, including bullying. We participated in the February 23<sup>rd</sup> (anti-bullying) *Pink Shirt Day*. We continue to work as a staff to make our school a safe, caring, and respectful environment for all students. We would appreciate parents following up on these efforts by reminding your child about what to do when he/she sees bullying, and how to be a respectful classmate and friend. **Pink Shirt Day is over but we want to continue to "Think Pink"!**

**Please note** that children should never be left unattended at school before 8:05 a.m. in the morning when supervision begins and should be picked up promptly after school as supervision ends at 2:20 p.m.

Thank you to Devin Baker and his ball hockey team as they embark on a fundraising tournament for Starfish food security. Please see the attachment for more information and how to make a donation to support the Wackdiscup fundraiser!

We wish all our families a wonderful, safe and rejuvenating spring break!

*~Syós:ys lets'e th'ále, lets'emó:t~ One heart, one mind, working together for a common purpose.~*

## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 11 Term 2 Report Cards Go Home  
Pancake Breakfast for all students
- March 18 Last Day of School before Spring Break  
Spirit Day: Tacky Tourist Day  
**Free Hotdog Lunch** for students  
compliments of Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce

**March 21 to April 1, 2022 - Spring Break  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

- April 4 First Day Back from Spring Break
- April 15 Good Friday-schools closed
- April 18 Easter Monday-schools closed

## KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child born in 2017, it is time to register him/her for Kindergarten. Please register early to ensure your child has a space here at Central, as classes are filled on a first come first serve basis. Registration is now done online. Please visit our school website or the [Chilliwack School District Website](#) for information on how to register your child. Please pass this information on to your neighbours should they have kindergarten age children.

## LOST & FOUND

Please make sure you check the lost and found before Spring Break for any items that you may have lost. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Friday March 18, 2022.**

*May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open to great possibility.* Mary Anne Radmacher

## ATTENDANCE

We are always happy to see students arrive at school, regardless of the time, however it is important to stress that being on time means students do not miss the critical learning that takes place at the start of each day. Likewise, there is a strong correlation between student success and regular attendance. We respectfully would like to encourage you to ensure that your child is at school every day and on time, unless of course they are ill and need to be home. Thank you for your attention in this important matter.

## CENTRAL HAS HEART

**Thank you** to Mrs. Harnett and her class for organizing our Random Act of Kindness week for the last week of February. Kind Acts were happening around our school all week. Some lucky students went home with prizes from our draw. Money was also raised for the SPCA. More Random Acts of Kindness were delivered to many of our Central school community partners. Thank you to our teacher candidates for organizing this kind act. Thankyou Ms. Graham for a fun Jump Rope for Heart event.

## STAFFING UPDATES

Welcome to our UFV teacher candidates; Ms. Campbell who is teaching in Ms. Hay’s class, Ms. Thomson who is teaching in Ms. Munro’s class and Ms. Pitcher who is teaching in Ms. Loura’s class. We are excited to host this dynamic trio as they finish their qualifications to becoming a teacher.

## WEATHER AND WEAR

Spring is coming and that often brings rainy weather. Please make sure your child has an appropriate jacket and boots, as we will continue to play outside for recess and lunch if it is just raining lightly. Our fields are often wet due to the rain so it is important that students have proper outside footwear and indoor shoes for when they come back in to their classrooms and the gym. **We appreciate your help in providing indoor shoes in order to keep our school floors dry and clean.**

## LICE

Although no one is sure why, lice can be a common problem in many communities – including our own. The best way to control the spread of head lice is to get rid of them immediately. Parents therefore are the most important persons in the control plan. We urge you to check your child’s hair for lice every day, especially at this time. If you find live head lice, immediately inform the school and begin the treatment with head lice shampoo. As you can appreciate, halting this “nuisance” is of primary importance. We thank you for your prompt attention to this concern and rely on your support. For more information can be found on the following link: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthlinkbc-files/head-lice>

## PAC NEWS

**Next meeting, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be sent out on the Monday prior.**

DPAC rep needed for PAC. If you are interested please email [central-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:central-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

Please join the Chilliwack Central Elementary PAC Facebook page

Purdy’s Chocolate Easter Fundraiser coming soon!

## Monthly Focus: Being Mindful

**I can persevere when presented with a challenge.**

If you have questions or comments, feel free to do the following:

- **Call** the school office at (604) 792-8537
- **Email** the school at [central@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:central@sd33.bc.ca)
- **Check** the School Website <http://central.sd33.bc.ca>

**We are Central; where passion meets purpose!**

Kindest regards,

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