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School Updates

Éy kwesé e'mi – welcome – it is good that you are here!

With a new year, it can offer fresh starts. We welcome our students and families back. This time brings excitement around learning to come as students know routines and expectations well. We look forward to being together again as a Sockeye Family and being able to SWIM for success!

Focus of the Month - Being Safe: I can make choices that will positively impact others.



Cultural Celebration - Each month, our students learn about a cultural celebration that some families within our school may recognize. We are learning about Lunar New Year!

Pet Free School Zone - A reminder that from 8am-3pm within our school fences we are a pet free zone. If you bring your animal along, we ask that you wait at the gates to respect the needs of our families. Thank you for your understanding.

Toys From Home - Please help remind your child that we have a school rule that we leave those items at home.

SWIM into January - The first week in January, we will be reviewing how students can SWIM for Success. We teach students how they can be safe, warm-hearted, show integrity and be mindful.



Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day - Friday, January 10th we will be making pancakes for all our students in the morning. We will be enjoying pancakes in our classes in the morning and encourage students to wear their PJ's to celebrate our week back together again.

Activity Day - Friday, January 31st gr.1-5 students pick an activity of their choice to build connection, community and spend time with those not in their regular class. This is a highlight every year!

Weather - We go **outside at recess and lunch every day**. Please ensure your child is dressed for it. If you need items, please reach out to the school. We have many items to help keep students warm. In the event of extreme weather conditions, families are urged to check the School District website (www.sd33.bc.ca).







Dates To Remember

Jan. 6	Welcome Back! School re-opens.
Jan. 6	Assembly
Jan. 7	PAC Meeting @5:30pm School Library
Jan. 8	Fire Drill @11:30am
Jan. 10	Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day
Jan. 16	Earthquake Drill @11:30
Jan. 20	One School One Book Starts
Jan. 21	Lockdown Drill @11:30
Jan. 24	Assessment & Evaluation Day - No School
Jan. 31	Activity Day Gr.1-5 & Popcorn Sale

Reporting a Student Absence - To report your child absent we have a Safe Arrival program. These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time. You can use one of the following:

- Option 1: Download and install the SchoolMessenger app. The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- Option 2: Use the SafeArrival website, https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safearrival
- Option 3: Call the toll-free number 1-833-698-6567

HUB - We have made some changes as we continue to allow everyone access to the resources they need. Changes are:

- **Hub Hours:** Open daily at drop off & pick up. Food Pantry only from Tuesday-Thursday. Fridays will be reserved to clear out any remaining food items.
- **Food Deliveries:** All delivery items will be available on TUESDAYS. no new food will arrive after until the next week.
- Pantry Access: Families will be limited to one visit per week. Fridays will be open for anyone to come back and pick up any left over items.

CCECSS Update - Rental bookings for Birthdays and events are available. Please email ccecsscoordinator@gmail.com for more information. We will have Winter Programs starting the week of January 13th. Bring completed forms to the office - copies available for those who need.

PAC Update - Hot lunch is ordered online at www.munchalunch.com and is on the first Friday of each month. There will be no Hot Lunch for January. February will be Little Caesar's.

- One School One Book Fundraising has allowed each family to have their own copy of the book The Umbrella Maker's Son. Each school night, we will be reading together as a school community you can read aloud on your own or listen to our staff read (visit our website to find the recordings!). The schedule will be released when we return from Winter break.
- **Next PAC Meeting**: Tuesday, Jan.7th @5:30pm in our Library. Children are welcome to tag along all are welcome!