



## February 2025

### School Updates

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

In February, we are reminded of the importance of Kindness. We know we can only control ourselves, and that our actions and words have an impact on those around us. We always have a choice to be kind and are learning that even with big emotions, we can make kind choices to ourselves and others. We continue to support students by teaching about emotions and strategies they can use with a variety of feelings.

**Focus of the Month** - Being Mindful: I am aware of my body and words and how they affect others.



**Cultural Celebration** - Each month, our students learn about cultural celebrations that some families within our school may recognize. We are learning about and recognizing Black History Month.

**Pet Free School Zone From 8am-3pm** - If you bring your furry friend along, we ask that you wait at the gates to respect the needs of our families. Thank you for your continued understanding!

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

**Cultural Night: Thurs Feb. 6** - Come to the gym to learn about "How to Be A Good Ancestor". We will be making our own House Post Bookmarks to get ready for our Spring ceremony to honour the grounding of the House Post. Bannock will be served.

**Pink Shirt Day: Wed. Feb. 26** - Students, staff and families are invited to wear pink shirts on this day as a reminder that we value and respect everyone. We strive to be an inclusive space for all.



**One School One Book** - We are reading *The Umbrella Maker's Son* by Katrina Leno. Each family should have received their own copy to follow along. Families can read on their own, or listen to a staff member reading it. Head to our website for the voice recordings! This book was provided by our PAC - Thank you for helping to foster a love of reading!

**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](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)) for school closures.



### Dates To Remember

Feb. 3	Assembly
Feb. 4	PAC AGM & Meeting @5:30pm School
Feb. 6	Library Cultural Night @4:30-6pm - Gym
Feb. 7	Hot Lunch
Feb. 13	Interim Reports Home
Feb. 14	Pro-D Day: No School
Feb. 17	Family Day Stat - No School
Feb. 18	Random Acts of Kindness Week
Feb. 26	School Spirit Day: Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 28	Early Dismissal @11:20am

**Reporting a Student Absence** - To report your child absent we have a Safe Arrival program. **Please respond to our system to ensure your child is safe.** 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** - How it works:

- **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](mailto:ccecsscoordinator@gmail.com) for more information. We have after school Programs up and running. Keep a look out for evening program offerings!

**PAC Update** - Hot lunch is ordered online at [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com) and is on the first Friday of each month. **February is Little Caesar's Pizza!** Orders due Jan. 24th. Profits from Hot Lunch go to things like lowering the cost of the Gr. 5 Sweaters and field trips. Thanks for supporting our school through ordering Hot Lunch!

**Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser** - Orders will be delivered in time for Easter. More information to come on how to order.

**Next PAC Meeting** - Tuesday, Mar. 4 @ 5:30pm in our Library. Children are welcome to tag along. All are welcome!