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Principal's Message

Sister School Food Drive

The support we have received for our sister school food drive has been outstanding! Thank you to those families who have contributed towards this kind endeavor. Due to the high need we have decided to continue the food drive on a weekly basis until spring break. During the week of February 7 – 14th we will change things up by asking students to “wear their hearts on their socks” (for this week only we will be asking for donations of new socks instead of food). I would like to thank Mme. Chalifour and the students of Div. 10 for collecting and organizing the items donated each week.

Thanks continued

Thanks to our Parent Advisory Council for donating money towards many items greatly needed at school. Most recently we were able to purchase team jerseys! These jerseys will really help in continuing to develop great spirit amongst our various team members.

Please check out the front entrance bulletin board. It is a fine display of art! Thanks to Ms. Jansen for spending the time to display Division 11's wonderful First Nations artwork.



Anti-bullying Day

Wednesday, February 29th is the fifth Annual Pink Shirt Anti-bullying Day. We will be encouraging all students to show their support by either wearing an official anti-bullying shirt, or simply to wear pink. London Drug Stores across Western Canada will be selling Pink T-Shirts for \$9.80. Net proceeds benefit the CKNW Orphans' Fund in support of the Boys and Girls Clubs of BC for their after school anti-bullying programs.

Even though the important message of anti-bullying is stressed to our students on a daily basis it is great to have an opportunity to demonstrate our support on this day.

Emergency Drills

Throughout the next few weeks we have a few emergency drills scheduled. These drills are part of our Surrey School District's school safety alert system. They will continue to be practiced throughout the school year to help prepare students in the event any of the procedures needed to be followed.

Lice Checks

I would like to thank the parent volunteers who recently spent several hours performing lice checks on the students. Although lice are not a health concern, they are a nuisance. It is our hope that regular checks will assist our families in keeping these pesky bugs away!

Division 11
First Nations Artwork
Project

Community

Rec for Kids is a Surrey based organization that collects donated bikes, refurbishes them and donates them to district programs, the Community Schools Partnership, at risk students and to children in the community who's families cannot afford to purchase bicycles. Rec for Kids is in need of donated bikes, in any condition and of all sizes but especially those for children aged 7-12 with 16, 18 and 20" wheels. They would like to ask you to share with parents the opportunity to donate used bikes to their organization which in turn will mean more donated bikes to children in need in our schools and community. This can be done either by emailing recforkids@shaw.ca or calling 604 598 0322 . Bikes can be dropped off at the Unwin Park house at 13379 68th Ave.



Ski Club

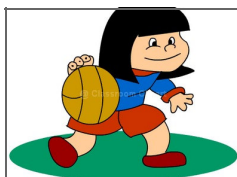
We are thrilled to have 85 students registered for ski club this year. Many thanks to Mr. Nelson who has been busy organizing this exciting event. We hope all members have safe and fun-filled adventures over the next four Thursday evenings.

Tennis

Tennis lessons have begun as part of the students' physical education program. It is wonderful to see the students having fun as they develop tennis skills and a love for the game.



Basketball



Both the girls and boys' teams are now in full swing. Their dedication is evident during early morning practices and after school games. We wish them well for the remainder of the season. Thanks to our dedicated coaches Mrs. Fulcher, Mme Adams, Mme Charette and Mme Hicks for their time and dedication!



Happy Valentine's Day
on February 14th

To promote feelings of closeness among the members of your family, try the following fun family activity...

- A week before Valentine's Day, place a small box with a lid on the table where most family meals are eaten. (Tape the lid to the box to prevent peeking!)
- Cut a small opening in the top of the lid, just large enough for folded up messages to be dropped into the box. Place a pad of paper and a pencil near the "message box".
- Sometime during the week, everyone writes a separate note to each member of their family, telling them what they like or appreciate about that person. (Make sure the person's name is at the top of the note, and the person writing the note signs their name to the message).

**after dinner on Valentine's Day, the box is opened, and everyone reads aloud the messages they have received from their family. (Notes can be saved in a "Family Memories" box).



A Happy Valentine's message from your school's Public Health Nurse.

Dates to Remember

- Fri Feb 10 Pro-D Day—No School for Students
- Tue Feb 7- 14 Sister School Sock Drive
- Tue Feb 21 PAC meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
- Wed Feb 29 Anti-bullying day
- Tue Mar 6 Class Photo's
- March 12—23 SPRING BREAK—School Closed
- Tue Mar 13 Family Skate @Centennial Arena 6-7pm
- Sat Mar 31 PAC organized School Community Mixer (Staff & Parents welcome) @ Belle's 7:00pm

