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February 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Principal:

Hello parents and guardians,

As you know, we wrapped up the last week of January with a school wide Unplug and Play Week. From dressing up as favourite novel characters and wearing a word or cozy socks to curl up and read, to working on puzzles with buddy classes and "Dance-on-the-spot Day" we had a lot of fun with this initiative at school. Thank you to all the families who joined in the fun at home and submitted their Unplug and Play booklets to the office. There's still time to submit those until February the 2nd. Prizes will be drawn next week! January has also been a month for our 3 basketball teams to practice and compete across the district with promising results already. Our students are enjoying the opportunity to develop leadership skills and have fun at the same time!

Looking ahead to this month, Report Cards will be sent home on Feb 10th (please note the date change).

February is Black History Month and while classes will be engaged in activities and lessons we also courage all families to take time to learn more about the contribution of Black Canadians in our history.

PAC is sponsoring a free family dance night in advance of Valentine's Day (see details below).

On February the 22nd we will have activities for the entire school as part of Pink Shirt Day. Please encourage your child to wear pink that day!

With gratitude for all you do,

Your Proud Principal
Kirsten Farquhar (she/her)

Communicating Student Learning:

We have experienced some technological difficulties, so there will be a bit of a delay getting the report cards home. You can expect a printed report card to be sent home with your child in a district envelope on February 10th. Please take time to read over your child's progress and use the space provided on the envelope to write back to your child's teacher and sign the envelope indicating you have read the report.

Grade 8 Course Selection:

Our grade 7s will be selecting their courses for grade 8 on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Please ensure your student is present for this day. They will be coming home with a registration package from Westsyde Secondary as well as the course selection sheet. Both will be due back by Mar 1.

School Fees:

The school district is offering to waive/refund our regular school supply fees for all families using the Student and Family Affordability Fund. If you have already paid, they will be refunding you. If you haven't paid, they will waive your fees. ***Here is the [google form](#) to either accept or decline the offer.***

If you have any questions regarding the Student and Family Affordability Fund, please reach out to Marie at 250.377.2554 or by email at mmcgivern@sd73.bc.ca.

Valentine's Day Dance!

**** All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the dance – no drop offs. There will be volunteers at the door ensuring all children are accompanied by an adult. ****

Our PAC is hosting a Valentine's dance on Thursday, Feb 9th from 6pm-8pm in the gym. Just like the Halloween dance, this is open to students of all ages, siblings are welcome too! There will be a concession open, but no hot meal provided – please eat before attending.

We hope to see you there!! 😊😊



ASES Library Fundraiser!

By purchasing

Purdys Chocolates,

you are helping us buy literacy resources for our school.

Made in BC from 100% sustainable cocoa. 25% of your order goes back to the school!



See the catalogue here:

<https://bit.ly/2023EASTER>

Order online at:

<https://bit.ly/ASES2023easter>

Order Deadline: March 3rd

Orders can be picked up from ASES
March 16 (Thurs), 2pm - 3:15pm.

P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

The next P.A.C. meeting will be held on Monday, February 6th at 7pm in the library. All parents are encouraged and welcome to come!

Hot Lunch Orders:

If your student is away and you would like to pick-up their hot lunch, please email the PAC at arthurstevenson.pac@gmail.com or you can call the school.

Upcoming Events / Dates:

Fri, Feb 3 – Pro-D Day – School Closed

Thurs, Feb 9 – Valentine’s Day Dance 6-8pm

Fri, Feb 10 – Report Cards Home

Mon, Feb 20 – Family Day – School Closed

Wed, Feb 22 – Pink Shirt Day/Gr.7s – Course Selection (Westsyde Secondary)

Tues, Feb 28 – School Assembly 9am – Earth Rangers!!

Mar 20-31 – Spring Break – School Closed