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February 2024 Newsletter

Message from Ms. Farquhar:

January has flown by! From extra cold temperatures to very mild days, recently, it feels like Spring is in the air. That said, we are currently enjoying a busy basketball season, after school and lunch time clubs, and many winter related field trips such as skating. This month, the school is hosting a Valentine's dance in 2 parts on February the 14th - see more information below!

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

This month SD73 Diversity Film Festival is taking place. Many classroom discussions will be centered around inclusion for all.

On February the 28th, we will have activities at school and in class as part of Pink Shirt Day. Please encourage your child to wear pink that day.

With gratitude,

Your Proud Principal,
Kirsten Farquhar (she/her)

Grade 8 Course Selection:

Our grade 7s will be selecting their courses for grade 8 on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 with staff from Westsyde Secondary. 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 February 28th.

School Messenger/Safe Arrival:

Parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence. Planned absences can be reported in advance. To report an absence you may choose to:

- Call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- Access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- Download App from iTunes or Google Play



Lost & Found:

This is a reminder to label your child's personal belongings so we can get them back to their rightful owners. The lost and found is still overflowing, please stop by and take a look!

P.A.C. – Parent Advisory Council:

- The next P.A.C. meeting will be held March 4th at 6:30 pm in the library.

Hot Lunch Orders:

Please note that there is a new email address for the Hot Lunch Orders:

aseshotlunch@gmail.com

***If your student is away and you would like to pick-up their hot lunch, please email or you can call the school.*

February Hot lunch dates: Feb 20th Pasta



Valentine's Day Dance!

On February 14th classes will participate in a school run Valentine's Dance. Students are encouraged to dress in red/pink.

Concession items can only be preordered online through the PAC Hot lunch program later this week. Please look for an email coming out in the next 2 days regarding online concession.

Primary Classes will have their dance 11:30-12:00 noon with Leadership students and staff supervising.

Intermediate Classes will have their dance and concession with staff supervision at 1:30-2:30pm.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Weds, Feb 14th – School run Valentine's Dance

Mon, Feb 19th – Family Day – School Closed

Weds, Feb 28th – Pink Shirt Day

March 18-April 3rd -Spring Break

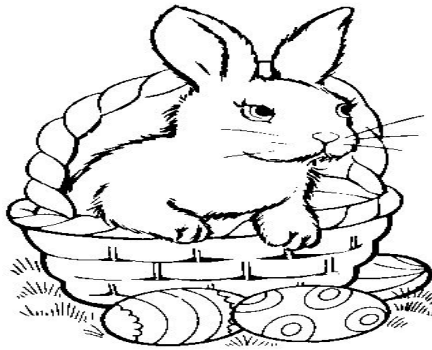
ASES Library Fundraiser! By purchasing Purdys chocolates, you are helping us buy literacy resources for our school.

Order online at:

<https://bit.ly/ASES2024Easter>

Order deadline: February 23 (Fri)

**Orders can to be picked up from ASES
March 7 (Thurs), 2 - 3:15.**



Message from Inclusive Education

Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 6:30 – 7:30pm presented via zoom

Title: Effective Communication between Parents and Schools

Presented by: POPARD

Presenter: Chelsea Jelic, POPARD

Families and school teams work together in a variety of ways throughout the year. Research shows that promoting family-school engagement leads to increased trust and collaboration, as well as improved student achievement and development. This session will:

- Briefly review research and the new “family-school engagement playbook” to highlight important themes
- Provide strategies to enhance collaboration and communication between family and school

- Discuss connections between the roles, rights, and responsibilities of teaching staff, administrators, and parents.
- Review how to work towards solutions in times of conflict or differences
- Information on advocacy steps and supports.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, you are asked to register [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

