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Newsletter

March, 2017

March 17th - 2nd Term Report Cards Sent Home
March 20th - March 31st - Spring Break
April 7th - Day of Suwentwcz Assembly @ 1:00
April 10th - Young People's Concert
April 12th - Indoor Relay Fest track meet at TCC (after school)
April 14th - Good Friday - No school
April 17th - Easter Monday - No school
April 24th - Non-Instructional Day - No school for Students
May 8th - Young People's Concert
May 10th - Pacific Way Intermediate Track and Field Meet @ Hillside Stadium
May 12th - Parent Teacher Interviews - Students Dismissed at 12:30 pm
May 15th - Non-Instructional Day - No school for students
May 22nd - Victoria Day - No school

School Plan

We are excited about the direction we are going as a school and would like to invite you, as stakeholders in our school community, to participate in the following survey, which you can access by clicking on the link provided. Your feedback is important to us. Please take a few moments this week to engage in the survey. A number of our intermediate students were involved in the video portion, and they did a terrific job of articulating their thoughts around learning. The comment section is optional, but we welcome any questions or ideas that you would like to contribute to any of the four priority areas identified in the survey.

There are two separate surveys one for parents of primary students:

<https://goo.gl/erVqO7>

Parents of intermediate students:

<https://goo.gl/dNWOB5>

Thank you for your feedback!

Library

Battle of the Books is coming up! We are deciding on our teams this week, based on a short book quiz. Students then have time to read, reread, and practice over Spring Break. I am so pleased with all of the students who have been coming out to Battle meetings. Even if you are not placed on one of the teams, feel proud of your efforts! What perseverance!

Dates for Battles: **April 13 - Zone Battle of the Books**
April 20 - District Battle of the Books

Young Artists

Thank you to all the students who submitted pictures for the Young Artist conference this year. The pictures are displayed in the front display cabinet. Congratulations to the four students who were selected to attend the conference: Emma Doern, Grace Finney, Sam McElroy and Shea LeDrew. Their pictures will be displayed at the Young Artist exhibition May 2 in the Old Courthouse Upstairs Gallery.

Science Fair

We had many students put together Science Fair projects this year and they were very well done. There were 7 projects chosen to move on to the Cariboo Regional Science Fair in April. Congratulation to the following students: Coen Carrigan and Tyler Peace with Acid to Bone, Jacob Hatch with How Does Aerobic and Anaerobic Training Effect an Athlete's Lung Capacity, Raili Anderson with What Do You See, Cooper Hatch and Carter Allen with What Makes a Better Lava Lamp: Salt or Alka Seltzer? Norah Macaulay with How Fast Will a Forest Fire Spread, Kelsi Eppler with Which Toothpaste Takes the Stain Out of Your Teeth the Best and Evan Birks with More Than a Wet Nose.

Student Transfers for 2017- 2018

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on April 3rd, 2017, and ending at 12:00 noon on September 5, 2017. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests. If you are planning on moving your child out of the Kamloops area for the fall of 2017, please let the office know so that we can make the appropriate arrangements for the student's file.

Lost and Found: Lost and Found will be donated to a charity at Spring Break. If you think that your child has lost something, please come and check our lost and found boxes before Spring Break.

Basketball News

Congratulations to our Tier 2 Boys team, who made it all the way to the District Championship game, falling 46-42 in overtime to Kamloops Christian School. What a terrific game! Thanks to everyone who came out to cheer on the boys.



PAC Corner

Please send in any unsold ticket books by April 3 so we have some books to take to the BC Home Show on April 8th and 9th. We will be looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets for the Homeshow. Short shifts! Please email pac@pacway@gmail.com.

Our school **Carnival** is fast approaching. Keep your eyes open for a letter regarding raffle basket donations and volunteer opportunities! Don't miss out on all the fun.

Community News

Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs and stories with your babies and younger children. **Parent-Child Mother Goose Program** begins on April 7 - June 2 at Pacific Way on Fridays 9-10 am. Registration via www.eventbrite.ca starting March 13 at 9 am. For more information please call 250-554-3134 ext 333. Cost: Free!! Sponsored by the BC Ministry of Education Ready, Set, Learn Initiative.



Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: February 27, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - a. Ministry of Education Rural Education Engagement
 - b. Projected Enrolment Update
 - c. Student Learning Grant

- d. Lieutenant Governor of BC Visit
 - e. Notice of Motion - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the Leadership Development Program (LDP). Several first-year LDP candidates were introduced to the Board. TRU Professor Tory Handford provided an overview of the educational portion of the program while Principal Walt Kirschner and LDP candidate Domenic Comita from South Kamloops Secondary School shared their own experiences with the program.
 3. Superintendent Sidow provided a response to the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association's presentation made at the Public Board Meeting on February 6, 2017.
 4. The Board approved the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2016-2017.
 5. The Board adopted the use of the Consent Agenda as part of their order of business in the Regular Public School Board Meeting Agenda.
 6. The Board adopted the following policies:
 - a. Revised Policy 301.1 Ordinarily Resident;
 - b. New Policy 543.1 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings;
 - c. Revised Policy 903.1 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination – Universal;
 - d. Revised Policy 903.2 Bullying, Cyberbullying, Intimidation, Harassment, and Discrimination - Employee Specific.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, March 13, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.