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Newsletter

March, 2018

March 16<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Report Cards Sent Home  
March 19<sup>th</sup> - March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Spring Break - No School  
March 30<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday - No School  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Monday - No School  
April 6<sup>th</sup> - Day of Suwentwecw Assembly 10:45 AM  
April 13<sup>th</sup> - Young People's Concert  
April 11<sup>th</sup> - Indoor Relay Fest track meet at TCC (after school)  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Non-Instructional Day - No school for Students  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pacific Way Intermediate Track and Field Meet @ Hillside Stadium  
May 10<sup>th</sup> - Spring Carnival  
May 11<sup>th</sup> - Young People's Concert  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Non-Instructional Day - No school for students  
May 21<sup>st</sup> - Victoria Day - No school

It's feeling good around Pacific Way Elementary these days! The sun is shining, the snow is melting, students are playing four square again, and spring is right around the corner. Not to mention all of the good things going on at our school, breakthroughs in learning and character development, and always building community. Our last two virtue focuses have been Unity and Acceptance. It really all boils down to taking good care of each other, seeing the gifts in our differences, and solving the inevitable conflicts through listening, seeking to understand, truthfulness and grace. I get to be involved in lots of those kinds of conversations, and it is always an honour to be able to assist people in finding solutions to problems.

I find that one of the most harmful kinds of problems that work to destroy unity is gossip and rumour spreading. A great quote that I have shared with students is, "A lot of problems in this world would disappear if we talked to each other instead of about each other." I would encourage you to keep reinforcing good communication, honesty and respect with your children as we build these skills in our future leaders!

With the second term now complete, report cards are going home on Friday. Please take the time to read them together with your children. I would encourage you not to focus so much on the marks as on the learning and growth demonstrated by your child over the

past few months. That is to be celebrated! On behalf of all staff here, we wish you a safe and happy Spring Break. See you back here on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 12 - Zone Battle of the Books**  
**April 19 - 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 of the office. Congratulations to the four students who were selected to attend the conference: Takia Alam, Youmna Tawhid, Norah Macaulay, and Rasiq Dewan. Their pictures will be displayed at the Young Artist exhibition Tuesday, May 1 in the Old Courthouse Upstairs Gallery.

## **Student Transfers and Requests for 2018- 2019**

Requests for student transfers that will commence in September will be accepted starting on April 3rd, 2018, and ending at 12:00 noon on September 4, 2018. 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 2018, please let the office know so that we can make the appropriate arrangements for the student's file.

If you do plan on making a classroom placement request, please make it in writing to me not the classroom teacher. Placing students in the most appropriate class for an academic year is a complex process for the school and is handled carefully and thoughtfully. Many factors are considered during this process and parental input is given careful consideration. However, other factors at the district, school and staff level must also be considered. The central goal is always that each student receives a classroom placement that will meet his/her academic needs and that his/her social - emotional needs are addressed. Fortunately, experience proves that the vast majority of students quickly accept their new teacher, become involved in classroom routines and relationships, and work towards creating a successful school year. I will be working together with the teaching staff to make class placement decisions towards the end of the school year, and all requests will be taken into consideration.

**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 1 Boys and Girls teams, who both made it all the way to the district quarter finals before losing close games to Aberdeen and Arthur Stevenson, respectively. I appreciate all of the support given to every one of our teams this season, both in fans coming to cheer on the teams at games and parents driving players to games.

Although our Coyotes didn't win a championship this season, they really shone in every way, showing great teamwork and athleticism on the court, and always tremendous sportsmanship. What a wonderful season it was!



## Gym

You may have noticed the work going on in our gym over the past week. The electrician has been preparing our gym for the installation of a dividing curtain and system for stage lights. We are very excited about these projects! The curtain will enable us to increase the number of gym periods for classes, as it will better enable us to have two classes using the gym at the same time. This \$20,000.00 project is being jointly funded by the school, the PAC, and the City of Kamloops.

The stage lighting system will enable us to have permanent stage lights that we will be able to drop down from the rafters electronically, and will improve the quality of our performances and concerts. This \$4000 project is being funded by our PAC.

A HUGE Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for your generosity in support of school improvements at PacWay this year!

## PAC Corner

Pacific Way 2<sup>nd</sup> Paint Night will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m. @ Romeo's Kitchen. Get your tickets @ [www.paintnite.com](http://www.paintnite.com) tickets are going very fast.

Raffle ticket contest winner will be announced the 1<sup>st</sup> week in April. Please send in any books not actively being sold as soon as possible. If you are able to volunteer any time to help sell tickets at the spring home show on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, please email the PAC at [pacwaypac@gmail.com](mailto:pacwaypac@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.

Next PAC meeting will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 p.m.

### **Student Learning Survey**

If your child is in *Grade 4* or *Grade 7*, they will be completing a student learning survey from the Ministry of Education, given to all students in those grades province wide. Parents of students in those grades were also sent home a letter with a code attached to complete the survey. Please take a few minutes to complete it, as the information provides valuable feedback to our school.

### **Board Notes**

Posted on our website

Join the  
Kamloops Tsunami  
**Summer Swim Club**

### **Improve your Swimming**

Come out and learn how to improve your swimming technique while having fun at the Brocklehurst Pool all summer. The summer season starts May and runs until the middle of August.

### **Season and Registration**

Registration will run May – June  
AM and PM Practices Times  
Brock Pool and Westsyde Pool  
Swimmers can start at age 3  
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