



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Promontory- Strong Learners, Kind Hearts

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Last month Mrs. Dixon wished you all a Happy New Year at the beginning of the January newsletter and I get the pleasure of wishing you all a Happy Chinese New Year as today we enter the year of the Pig! This has been an incredible month of learning for me and while it has confirmed that our school is a very busy place, it has also affirmed that it is filled with fabulous children, staff, and parents. I appreciate the many conversations, phone calls and email communications I've had and I often come home feeling so thankful to work at this amazing school!

This month we focus on the Virtue of **Kindness** in our school community. What a perfect fit this is as we look to recognize Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th) and Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 27th) during the month of February. We like to focus on treating people kindly on Pink Shirt Day and what we each can do to make the school/community/planet a better place for all of us to live. What kinds of things can you do at home to 'spread kindness like confetti'?

There are many things going on at Promontory this month so please take the time to continue reading to find out more about these activities. Events such as our Early Dismissal for conferences, Ready Set Learn for our incoming Kindergarten families, and the February PAC meeting are all opportunities for you to deepen connections with teachers and other Promontory parents. Aboriginal activities, floor hockey, Crazy Hair Day and Promontory clothing purchases are ways for kids to feel connected and have some fun too. Crazy hair won't be hard this Friday if the cold weather keeps up as all we'll need to do is pull our toques off as we come inside!

Mrs. Kasper

EARLY DISMISSAL



Our students will be dismissed at 12:00 on Thurs. February 7th so that teachers can hold Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to come in and find out how your child is progressing. Each teacher sets their own schedule and by now you should have received information as to what their plan for the afternoon is. Please contact them directly if you need information on what their schedule is. **Busses will not be running in the afternoon for Promontory bus students.** Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 12:00. Thank you.

READY, SET, LEARN



Our annual Ready, Set, Learn event will be held from 12:30-1:15 on Thurs. Feb. 7th. This is a time for our upcoming Kindergarten children to come to school with their parents/caregivers. The adults will have an opportunity to hear from our K teachers and will be given a few tips on best ways to prepare children for school. The children will be involved with some

interesting and fun activities in our gym. Please mark your calendars and invite your neighbours if they have a child coming into kindergarten. If you received an email invitation we hope you've responded if you are coming as we will be drawing one lucky name that afternoon for a fabulous gift basket!

LIBRARY NEWS

USED BOOK DONATION: If have used children or teen books that you no longer need, please consider bringing them to the library to be used in classrooms, the used book sale or in the library for Read 'n Return books. Please put your name on the box / bag so I can add your child's name to our VIP list (a free book from the Used Book Sale and first choice of books!). We will be having a used book sale in the spring of 2019.

NEXT SUPER READER ASSEMBLY

If your child is working on completing the 100 nights of reading, the next **SUPER READER ASSEMBLY** is **April 11**. This will be a combined Reading Celebration assembly with Primary and Intermediate students all together at 1:00. If you need a Super Reader booklet there are more available in the library.

MAKERSPACE NEWS

LEGO WALL NEWS:

Our staff has formed a Makerspace committee that is handling decisions about building the school Lego Wall. Together we have been researching different lego wall designs trying to find the right fit for Promontory and our students. We are pleased to announced that we have sent in a work order to the school district. Stay tuned for more news!

MAKERSPACE MATERIALS NEEDED!

We are always looking for materials to use in our Makerspace. We will take anything that a student can use to repurpose or create something new. Please bring materials to Mr. Mueller in the library. We are looking for the following items:

Cereal boxes, hand tools, fabric, felt, pipe cleaners, pom-poms, straws, dowelling, wire, string, popsicle sticks, playdough, elastic bands, styrofoam, broken toys and electronics, Lego, and K'nex.

Happy reading everyone, Mr. Mueller

ABORIGINAL DEPARTMENT NEWS:

Mr. Ingham's Grade 2's - Metis Mittens story and cultural activity

Grade 5's - Tuesdays and Thursdays noon hour friendship group/activity in the Aboriginal room

Grade 5's - Salish weaving will start in February

CONTEST: Indigenous Arts & Stories invites self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit youth (ages 6 to 29), to submit a piece of writing or artwork exploring Indigenous identity, history or culture. Know

someone who would submit? Spread the word!! <http://www.our-story.ca> WIN up to \$2,000.00! - Contest deadline is March 21, 2019.

FRIDAY FLOOR HOCKEY

Thanks to Mrs. McDuff, Mr. Alfred, and Mr. Armstrong who are running our Friday After School Floor Hockey team this year! We have a great group of kids who are working hard to show good sportsmanship and hockey skills and it's a wonderful opportunity to get some exercise too. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the away games.

Date	Home	Away
January 31 Thursday	Unsworth	Promontory
February 1	Promontory	Strathcona
February 8	Central	Promontory
February 15	Greendale	Promontory
March 1	Promontory	Sardis
March 8	East Chilliwack	Promontory

TEACHER CANDIDATES

Soon we will welcome back our UFV Teacher Candidates as they begin their extended practicums. Ms. Allenby will be back in Mr. Alfred's room, Mrs. Schokker will be back in Ms. vanDalfsen's room, and Ms. Mann will be back in Mr. Armstrong's room. They will be working and learning in our building from February 18th to May 17th and I know everyone will do a great job of making them feel welcome at Promontory.

CHILDREN THAT ARE ILL



Everyone is mindful of how quickly illness can spread through a class or the school. It is important to note that if your child is ill, keep them home. Please do not send a sick child to school hoping that they may get better. Err on the side of caution, and keep your child home to help prevent others from becoming sick. This goes for other contagious ailments as well, such as pink eye.

Kindergarten Registration and Registration for 2019-2020

If you have a child turning 5 before Dec. 31, 2019 and have not yet registered your child please do so as soon as possible. We will soon be starting our September 2019 planning and it is helpful to have as many of our students registered as possible. If you are moving out of the Promontory catchment or have

moved out of the Promontory catchment, you will need to register at your neighbourhood school. Promontory is a closed catchment school and we want to make sure we have classroom space for students who live in our area. All registration is completed online. You will need a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Proof of Address. Thanks so much. For registration information please check out the parent information section on school district website. All registrations are completed online. <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration>

PROMONTORY PAC

Please join us for our February PAC Meeting- **Wednesday Feb. 13th @ 7:00pm** in the Library.

Our Excel Martial Arts Fundraiser has been extended. You are now able to use the passes into the month of March. The fundraiser with Excel Martial Arts will provide 100% of the funds raised to our school!

Promontory T-Shirts & Hoodies:

We have T-shirts and Hoodies available for purchase at the school office, in sizes small & medium only.

Pricing as follows: **T-Shirts - \$13.00 Hoodies - \$29.25**



OUT DAYS

WE WILL ENCOURAGE OUT DAYS. With the winter weather, we can expect more frequent wet, windy weather and maybe even some snow. Even on days with drizzle or light rain children may be sent out for a period of time to get fresh air. The day is long and children do crave exercise and fresh air.



PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES AND ENSURE THEY ARE DRESSED PROPERLY FOR THE WEATHER. It is cold this week and our students will need to wear a warm coat.

At this time of year boots are a great option. Our fields are muddy. Please make sure your child has a clean pair of inside shoes to change into. It makes a huge difference to the cleanliness of our school and makes the learning environment inside the classrooms much more pleasant. It would be helpful for students to put a change of clothes in their backpacks. (socks, pants) Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1st – Hot Lunch

February 4-6th – Boys Volleyball Tournament 3-5pm at Cheam Centre

February 5-7th – Girls Volleyball Tournament 3-5pm at Cheam Centre

February 7th – Early Dismissal at 12:00- **Busses are not running**

February 7th – Ready Set Learn 12:30-1:15pm

February 8th – Crazy Hair Day

February 13th – PAC Meeting at 7:00pm
February 15th – Hot Lunch
February 18th – Family Day, Schools Closed
February 22nd – District Pro-D day, Schools Closed
March 1st – Hot Lunch
March 8th – Mismatch Day
March 11-15th – Report Cards sent home
March 15th – Hot Lunch
March 15th – Last day before spring break!
March 18-29 – Spring Break, Schools Closed
April 1st – First day back to school



HOT LUNCH

Our ordering system is going **GREEN!** Instead of filling out a paper order form, parents will place their hot lunch orders **online only** using **MunchaLunch.com!**

Orders can be paid for online with Visa or Mastercard, pre-paid credit card or visa debit. Cash or cheque may be dropped off at the school.

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/PromontoryHeights/>
- 2) Click the **“Register Here”** button (as shown below). The system will guide you through
- 3) After adding your children, click the green **“Order Lunch!”** button to order
- 4) Next time, just click the **“Login Here”** button to access your account.



ORDERING DETAILS:

- Online ordering will be open at least by the 1st of each month until 1 week before date of hot lunch
- Orders are paid for using credit card online through munch a lunch secure system. Or brought to school by ordering date deadline. If payment is not received by deadline you will be notified of your order cancellation.

Please note if your child is ill on a lunch date, you are welcome to come and pick up their lunch at 12 pm from the downstairs kitchen; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch. Consistent with previous years, there are NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our hot lunch program as the funds go towards needs of the school and general fundraising within the school. We are always in need of **Volunteers!** There is a volunteer page in the online system where you can checkmark which dates you are available. The lunch coordinator will then contact you with a proposed schedule.



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association

Email: phecsa@phecsa.ca

Website: www.phecsa.ca

Winter 2019 Programs: Registration is opening soon for the following programs, register now to avoid great programs being cancelled.

Preschool Programs

- Baking Buddies

School Aged Programs

- Delicious Dessert Creations
- Guitar Lessons
- Karate
- Lego Robotics: Physical & Space Sciences
- Robotics; Intro

Adult Programs:

- Guitar lessons
- Pickle Ball
- Zumba

Movie Nights PHECSA and PAC are going to be offering monthly Movie nights,

More info to come soon.

Please click on the link for further information on Inclement Weather School Closure Guidelines <http://sd33.bc.ca/>



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INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions and general condition of buildings.

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. (Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).

All inclement weather information may be found on the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca