



**March 2019**

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**Promontory Motto - Strong Learners, Kind Hearts**

## ABOUT PROMONTORY

**AIM-** Our vision is to inspire students to reach their individual potential, become socially responsible citizens and to develop a love of learning.

## BELIEFS

**Connecting-** positive relationships foster connections, a sense of belonging and inclusiveness

**Empowering-** opportunities inspire and engage students to be responsible learners with a passion to empower themselves and others

**Learning-** a learning environment that is flexible and purposeful allows students to achieve success

**Thinking-** creative and critical thinking leads to new understanding

## **Promontory STARS:**

**S** - Safety

**T** - Teamwork

**A** - Attitude (positive)

**R** - Respect and Responsibility

**S** - Success

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February was over in a flash. What a busy month it was! We held our Ready, Set, Learn event and were pleased to welcome some of our incoming Kindergarten students and their parents. Our Peer Leaders did a great job at running some of our stations. Thank you. In February we also celebrated Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day. Our Pink Shirt Day assembly focused on kindness, our virtue for February, and we were all encouraged to think of ways we could make the world a better place. Mrs. Dixon's Dream Dance Team also led an entire school teamwork dance and it was fantastic. Way to go team!

Our House Teams are busy playing games during lunch and the students sure get excited when it is their day to play.

We had some cold snowy days and are looking forward to

warmer spring weather. Spring Break is almost upon us. Our staff hope you have a wonderful time with your children. Enjoy every moment and keep reading with them too.

Mrs. Taryn Dixon  
Principal

## MARCH VIRTUE- Honesty

Our March virtue is honesty. Honesty is being truthful and sincere. It is important because it builds trust and let's others know you can be relied on. We all make mistakes but it is important to make it right when something happens. Often children immediately want to blame someone else for a problem. "He made me do it" or "She did it too!" At our school we work to help students own their part of the problem, make amends and move on.

## ATTENDANCE

Many thanks to those of you who call or email the school to let us know when your child will be away. It lets us know your child is safe and is a real time saver for our Office Assistants. They appreciate your messages - thank you.

If your child is coming to school please make sure they are here by 8:20. The morning begins at 8:25 and it is disruptive to the learning of others when students regularly arrive late. Thanks for your help with this.

## PLAYGROUND

You should have received information about Fundraising for our new Hillside Playground. This is a big project but super exciting. If you wish to support it please consider making a donation to the school. Our PAC will also continue to offer other fundraising options. Our Spring Carnival is on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> and all proceeds will go towards the playground. If you know of any businesses that might consider donating, please contact Mrs. Dixon at the school. Thanks in advance for all your support.

### REPORT CARDS

Term 2 is quickly drawing to a close and teachers are working on report cards. They will be sent home March 11- March 15. Please review your child's report card with him/her. All of our students have strengths and things they are working on. Take time to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments and set goals for Term 3. We use Growth Mindset Language at our school which helps our students learn that some things take longer to learn. It sounds like, "I can't do it... yet". Encourage them to keep trying, to work through the difficult tasks and to celebrate small and big successes.

### ABORIGINAL GRANT

We are so pleased to have received an aboriginal grant. A small group of staff and parents met to plan this years Aboriginal grant application proposal, and thankfully our school has been given the maximum grant of \$3000.!

- The Six Cedar Trees Book and full size poster for each classroom, from Strong Nations has been purchased. [https://www.strongnations.com/store/item\\_display.php?i=6613](https://www.strongnations.com/store/item_display.php?i=6613)
- Three circular 36" diameter cedar carvings to be displayed around the school (we will request 3 more next year). These are to reflect our new intramural animals and the related teachings from the book which are in alignment with BC core competencies: bear (balance and protection), salmon (critical thinking), orca (noble navigating), beaver (diligent collaborating), raven (creative thinking), wolf (communication). Carver artist: George Price from Seabird Island.

This project needs to be completed by May 1 so you can expect to see your book, poster, and hopefully the carvings by then ☺

Included in the grant proposal, our school commitment to the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission Education call to action #62** "This project will help our students to learn about the important historical and contemporary contributions made by Aboriginal people, as well as specific Aboriginal teachings. Students will learn respect for, and have increased knowledge and understanding about Aboriginal culture and teachings. Students will deepen their understanding (identity) of themselves and others from the teachings. Their sense of belonging and connection will increase."

### Aboriginal Activities:

Gr. 5's - Tuesday & Thursdays at Lunch:  
Beaded flowers and friendship connections group in the Aboriginal room.

Grade 5 classes - weaved bags

### ATHLETICS

Basketball season has started for boys and girls in grade 5. Many thanks to Mr. Brennan for taking time to coach the boys and Mr. Armstrong for coaching the girls. Good luck to both teams as the season begins.

Please note our practice times and game schedule below. The game schedule may be subject to change but we will keep the teams updated. Transportation for away games will not be provided by the school, so please make arrangements beforehand. During the games, students are reminded that they are representing Promontory, and as such, are expected to follow school rules and demonstrate positive behavior.

#### **Practices:**

Boys:

Monday- 7:40-8:15

Tuesday- 12:15-12:40

Girls:

Monday – 12:15 – 12:40

Thursday – 2:15 – 3:15

#### **Boys' Games:**

Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>- vs. Evans (Home)

Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>- vs. Unsworth (Home)

Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>- vs. Vedder (Location TBD)

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>- vs. Sardis (Home)

Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>- vs. Kent (Home)

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>- Tournament

#### **Girls Games:**

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>- vs. Evans

Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>- vs. Sardis

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>- vs. Watson

Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>- vs. Tyson

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>- vs. Vedder

Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> – Tournament

**\*\*An updated schedule will be sent home with the girls specifying the location (home vs. away) for each game.\*\***



### Dates to Remember



Mar. 8	-Mismatch Day
Mar. 11	-Report Cards go home this week
Mar. 15	- Hot Lunch
	- Last day of School before Spring Break
Apr. 1	- School Re-opens
Apr. 5	- Hot Lunch
Apr. 11	-1:00pm – Super Reader Assembly
	-7:00pm – PAC Meeting
Apr. 12	-Twin Day
Apr. 16	- School Picture Day
Apr. 19	- Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Apr. 22	-Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Apr. 25	- 2:30 – Volunteer Tea
Apr. 26	- Hot Lunch

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration has been ongoing at Promontory since November. If you live in the Promontory catchment and your child will be five on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 please register him/her online, at the following website:

[www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration](http://www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration)

You will need a Birth Certificate and a Proof of Address (Utility Bill, Rental Agreement etc...)

### ARE YOU MOVING? CHANGING SCHOOLS?



We are now in the process of looking at staffing for the 2019/20 school year. In order to determine our staffing allocation, **it is very important that we have an accurate accounting of our enrolment. If your family is moving, or you are not intending to have your child(ren) attend Promontory Elementary School, we need to hear from you now. Please contact our office, or inform your child's teacher of this information. If you are changing schools within our school district, we would need to know which school your child will be attending.** Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

### GRADE 5 NEWS

It may seem early, but the transition to Middle School is beginning. The majority of our students will be attending Mount Slesse, however, some are going to Vedder Middle for French Immersion or perhaps other reasons. Please see the dates below. This is the start of the transition process to Middle School and hopefully you will be able to attend with your child. It is definitely an exciting time for our Grade 5 students.



### Library Updates

**Books over March Break:** Intermediate students will be permitted to have two fiction books checked out over March break. These books must be chapter books or just right books. All nonfiction books must be returned to the library by March 11. All primary student library books are due during the week of March 11th to 15th. Community accounts will be permitted to keep their books out over the March break.

**Reading Link Challenge for Grade 4/5:** This year we are had enough students to form four Reading Link Challenge teams. All participating students are expected to have read a minimum of 3 of the 6 books. The teams meet on Fridays from 12:45 – 1:25 in the Library. We will be having our school competition Friday March 1. The winning team from our school will go on to participate in the district wide challenge in April.

### Reading Link Challenge Teams:

Bacon Readers: Brynna, Hayden, Royce, Alyssa, Grayson, and Kiefer

Ungifted Readers: Ella, Leah, Mia, Adriana, Olivia and Monique

The Last Words: Nathan, Maggee, Nick, Gavin, Anthony, and Maddie

Book Bandit's: Isa, Junaid, Alexa, Brecken, Cianna, and Isabella

**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 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.

**200 Nights Of Reading:** 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. At this assembly we will also be celebrating our intermediate students reaching their Accelerated Reading goals.

**Lego Wall News:** Our Makerspace committee has finalized our Lego wall plans. We have plans to build a Lego wall in the Makerspace and also build a portable Lego signboard to be used around the school for events. The committee is in process of purchase Lego and baseplates for our wall. Once all the pieces arrive, the work order will be completed.

**Makerspace Instagram:** Want to see what our students are making in the makerspace? You can now check out our Makerspace online. We have an Instagram account. Follow us @promontorymakerspace

**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.

## PAC NEWS

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser **Deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Delivery Date** – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> – 3:00pm @ the school

\*there are extra order forms in the office if needed\*

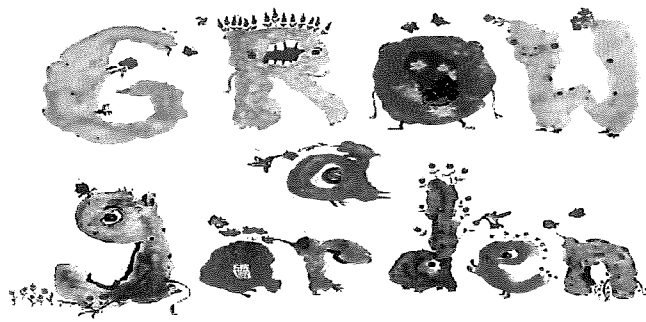
## Hot Lunch

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.





## NOTICE TO PARENTS

### Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting your child's growth as a gardener! By nurturing early involvement in gardening, you could be starting your child off to a lifelong satisfying, healthy and rewarding hobby. Many parents have commented that in the process of helping their child they have learned a great deal themselves! Here are a few ways that you can help your child raise a successful garden.

- Please read over the instructions with your child(ren) and give guidance and assistance to make sure they are following the instructions correctly. This is an important part of the educational aspect of the program.
- Make sure they have suitable tools (child sizes are available), sticks, strings, ruler, scissors, and permanent markers for signs and labels.
- The youngest children need the most help but that help lessens as the child matures, so that senior gardeners are doing all the work themselves.
- Younger children need to be shown how to plant the seeds according the instructions, but the older ones should be able to follow the instructions without assistance.
- We encourage the students to be creative with their signs and labels but it is important to make sure they are rain and sun proof.

**Happy gardening!**

Thank you for supporting your child's participation in The Chilliwack Schools Garden Program.

