



# February News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb. 10 -Hot Lunch (Jim's Pizza)
- Feb. 14 -Pink/Red/White Day
- Feb. 16 -Early Dismissal @11:20am**
- Feb. 17 -Pro-D Day, No School
- Feb. 20 -Family Day, No School
- Feb. 22 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 24 -Hot Lunch (White Spot)
- Mar. 3 -Hot Lunch (Chopped Leaf)
- Mar. 10 -Western Day
- Mar. 16 -Rock your Socks Day!
- Mar. 17 -Hot Lunch (Jim's Pizza)
- Mar. 20 -April 2 – Spring Break
- Apr. 3 -School Re-Opens

"What do you want to be  
when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

-Charlie Mackey: The Boy, the Mole,  
the Fox, the Horse

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

The arrival of February brings a number of special events for students. This month one of our focuses being MINDFUL and how our words and actions affect others. We are encouraging everyone at Promontory to continue to smile, give compliments, offer help and to sharing their kindness. Please join us as we all do our best to model this way of interacting for our young people.

As a school we will be undertaking several acts of 'Kindness' and turning our words into actions from wearing pink on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to take a stand against bullying, the Helping Hands Team will be out sharing a number of ways to help and offer assistance to others, our Kindness Squad will be greeting students and families in our parking lot every Tuesday morning. As well, today students participated in Jump Rope for Heart as part of their commitment to putting their kindness into action through service. We would like to thank you for everyone for their donations for this very important cause!

We are now mid-way through Term 2 and this is prime learning time between now and Spring Break. It is also a good point to check up on your child's progress, as we are halfway through the school year. We look forward to meeting with students and families on our Early Dismissal Day, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. ☺

## SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU WILL FIND ON OUR WEBSITE



**BELL TIMES**  
[CLICK HERE](#)



**CALENDAR**  
[CLICK HERE](#)



**NEWSLETTERS**  
[CLICK HERE](#)



**ABSENCE**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

## IN/OUT DAYS

**WE WILL GO OUTSIDE MOST DAYS.** With the colder weather on its way, we can expect more frequent cold, wet weather. Even on days with drizzle or light rain, children will 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.** If your family is facing financial hardship and purchasing winter clothes is a struggle, please read the Affordability Fund section below.



*We appreciate everyone's patience with our very busy school parking lot.*

**PARKING  
LOT**




**SAFETY**

### Couple of Reminders:

- double parking for staff only (due to limited parking stalls)
- be mindful of not blocking drive through lane
- park in designated areas *ONLY*
- remain with vehicle unless in a designated parking spot

**CAR PARKING**



**2023**  
  
**2024**

The proposed Local School Calendar for the 2023/2024 school year is now available and the Board of Education is seeking feedback.

The Chilliwack Board of Education wishes to ensure that parents, employees, students, community members and partners are aware of the DRAFT 2023 - 2024 Local School Calendar. We invite you to complete a short survey to provide feedback.

View the Calendar, [Here](#). Complete the Survey, [Here](#).

We continue to Support families at our school in a variety of ways! Please see the information below.

**AFFORDABILITY FUND**



The Government of BC recently announced that school districts would be receiving funds that would directly support families who are currently facing financial hardships. These funds can be used to improve students' access to nutritional food before, during and after the school day, and to directly off-set costs to parents, guardians, and students, such as school supplies, field trips, winter clothing, or other cost pressures. If your family is in need, we are ready and able to help. Simply contact any member of our office staff or another staff member with whom you feel comfortable, and we can help. This will be handled privately and with discretion.

The Therapy Dog program provides opportunities for individuals to:

- Talk with the volunteer and the dog
- Feel, touch, pet and cuddle the dog
- Receive unconditional love from the dog
- Carry-out or practice an activity in the presence of the dog

Therapy dogs are known to help reduce these feelings by offering affection and emotional support.

Help soothe feelings/emotions – regulate.

Set off to work with a wag of their tails, eager to brighten the days of visitors by turning fears into smiles.

Stress and tension always seem to decrease when they are on site. We could have a room full of anxious children but with one lap around the space from one of our furry friends and the entire room lightens up.”

Everyone benefits and lights up with a visit from Abi -our newest furry community member.



**RAINY WEATHER, WATER BOTTLES AND PLASTIC BAGS**

Rain, winter weather and water bottles can be very harmful for our library books. If a book is returned with water damage, it will need to be replaced. Please take precautions to ensure you child's backpack is waterproof and will not leak. Please avoid storing any water bottles inside of backpacks. Putting a book in a plastic bag can create a layer of protection around the book.

We are looking for donations of plastic grocery bags. During the rainy winter, we go through plastic bags very fast. Many teachers and students utilize them every day. If you have any clean plastic grocery bags that we can re-use, please send them with your child to school.

**FEBRUARY BOOK FAIR NEWS – SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR HOURS**

Monday, February 6	8:20am – 2:20pm	Thursday, February 8	8:20am – 1:00pm
Tuesday, February 7	8:20am – 2:20pm	<b>Parent Shopping time is Feb 6,7,8 @ 1:50pm – 2:20pm</b>	
Wednesday, February 8	8:20am – 2:20pm		



- M/C, Visa, debit, and cash are accepted as payment.
- Each class has a book fair browsing session during the week.
- All purchases help our school. Proceeds are invested back into school Library Reading Programs and fundraising projects.
- **Shop online! Scan the QR CODE to start shopping online from Feb 6 to 10. → →**
- **Free Shipping, all orders sent to the school!**



The Kiwanis Super Reader program is more than just winning prizes. This reading program is designed to make reading part of your daily routine. Every night a student reads or listens to their parent reading (for a minimum of 15 minutes) they can check off a square in the green reading logbook. Students enjoy checking off the days as they make their way through the reading logbook. Making the Super Reader program as part of your daily routine will help you children become lifelong readers.

I would like to thank the Kiwanis club for supporting our school buy donating reading prizes. Prizes were awarded in the library between Jan 24 - 30. During this window students will receive their prizes and get their picture taken. Families will receive a copy of the picture and one will be used in the school. We will be having a Super Reader assembly sometime after March Break. At the assembly we plan on thanking the Kiwanis club members and watching a slide show of the winners.

It is not too late to make it to 100 nights of reading. Please make sure that you child has shown their teacher their green Super Reader logbook when they have completed the task. This year I gave the students an extra month to hand in their logbooks. Extra green logbooks are available at the library and outside the office. Please note that if you child has missed a prize day, they will receive during their next classroom visit to the library.


**How does Super Reader Program work?**

Every night a child reads for 15 minutes they receive a check mark in their green reading log booklet. Every 50 nights of reading, please return the booklet back to your classroom teacher for a reading prize.

If your child has lost or misplaced their green Super Reader booklet, some extras are available at the library. You can also send a note or an email to your child's classroom teacher once they have reached a level.



**PRIZE ALERT: The earliest date for 150 nights is February 2<sup>th</sup> at 150 nights students win a small toy.**

<u>50 Nights</u>	<u>100 Nights</u>	<u>150 Nights</u>	<u>200 Nights</u>	<u>250 Nights</u>
Bookmark, Sticker Or Temporary Tattoo	<b>K</b> – T shirt & goodie bag <b>1</b> – Picture book & goodie bag <b>2</b> – Chapter book & goodie bag <b>3</b> – Clipboard & McD Coupon <b>4</b> – Clipboard & McD Coupon <b>5</b> – Stylus Pen & McD coupon + New book!	Toy – New Toys for this year!! They will be showcased in the New Year. While supplies last.	Book Prize 	\$7 Cole's gift certificate

**READING LINK CHALLENGE 2022-2023 (BATTLE OF THE BOOKS)**



Get ready to join in the fun and participate in the sport of reading! Promontory will be participating in the FVRL Reading Link Challenge again this year. This competition is open to students in Grade 4 and 5 who are strong readers.


Last year our school won both the Chilliwack and Fraser Valley Challenges. Can we do it again this year?

**How does the FVRL Reading Link Challenge Work?** - Students will read up to 6 specially selected books. Their job is to pay attention to the details of the story. Students then practice with their teams by taking turns asking and answers questions. All questions will be short answer, multiple choice, and true or false questions. Parents can help too! Read the books. Encourage your child. Help quiz your child about the details of the books. For more information visit: [www.readinglinkchallenge.ca](http://www.readinglinkchallenge.ca)

<b><u>CATERPILLAR</u></b> <b><u>SUMMER</u></b> By: Gillian McDunn	<b><u>DRAGONS IN A</u></b> <b><u>BAG</u></b> By: Zetta Elliot	<b><u>JADA SLY, ARTIST</u></b> <b><u>AND SPY</u></b> By: Sherri Winston	<b><u>REZ DOGS</u></b> By: Joseph Bruchac	<b><u>SONG FOR A</u></b> <b><u>WHALE</u></b> By: Lynne Kelly	<b><u>THE WILD ROBOT</u></b> By: Peter Brown
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We currently have six copies of each book at the Promontory Library. Additional copies are also available from the FVRL Chilliwack and Sardis Branches. The Chilliwack Library has acquired 10 additional copies of each of this year's RLC titles! These copies are not catalogued like the rest of the collection, but instead live at the Information Desk at the Chilliwack Library (the downtown branch). Students can get a copy by going down to the library and talking to one of the friendly staff members. Also, there are ebooks, & audio books for some titles, which can be found on FVRL Tumblebooks or from FVRL Overdrive site.

**FAMILY READING AND BOOK EXCHANGE SCHEDULE**

	<b>Feb 3- Closed for Book Fair set up.</b>	<b>Feb 10- Closed for Book Fair take down.</b>	<b>Feb 17- Closed for Pro-D Day.</b>
<b>Feb 24- Open for family book exchange. Story read aloud @ 8:35am</b>	<b>March 3- Open for family book exchange. Story read aloud @ 8:35am</b>	<b>March 10- Open for family book exchange. No read aloud.</b>	<b>March 17 - CLOSED</b>



**THE BOOKMAN:**

We have a Promontory Library account set up there. Please donate the credits you receive, and we are then able to buy good used books at great prices! Thank you to the families that did that this past year.

**Mature Content books:** If your child in Grade 4 or Grade 5 would like to take out the 'mature content – teen books' we have in the library, he or she may get a library permission slip. These are books that have some violence, coarse language or mature subject matter e.g. The Hunger Games, Five Nights at Freddy's, and some various comic books and popular manga series (Maximum Ride, My Hero Academia, Dragon Ball Z). This only needs to be done once, as it is kept on file.

<b>MAKERSPACE NEWS</b> Check out what we are making in the Makerspace! Please visit our Instagram page: "Promontorymakerspace"	<b>SUPPLIES NEEDED</b> Magnets                  Popsicle sticks- Large or Small Pipe Cleaners          Beads Elastics                  Nails/Screws Toothpicks              Thread, String, Ribbon
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<b>PAC NEWS</b> Welcome February! Promontory has had a great start to 2023, the Elementary students enjoyed the Chilliwack Cultural Cinderella play, that was generously paid for, via the Affordability Fund. On behalf of the parents and guardians, we want to say a huge thank you to the Administration and staff for making it possible for all children to attend. At our last PAC meeting Samantha Piper, Safety Specialist for the City of Chilliwack did a presentation on how to improve the parking lot issue and road safety for our children. The city will be placing permanent pylon cones on the corner of Stoneview and Teskey to ensure that buses will be able to safely make the right turn without impeding traffic or causing damage to parked cars that are parked too close to the intersection.  email: <a href="mailto:promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca">promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca</a>	<b>WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade 5 yearbook</li> <li>• Grade 5 fundraising</li> <li>• Popcorn Tuesday</li> <li>• Fruit &amp; Veggie Day</li> <li>• Lost &amp; Found committee</li> <li>• Spring Carnival &amp; Market</li> </ul>
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Upcoming Events:

1. Meet & Greet with Ms. Kass and Mr. Moore (TBA)
2. Global Coffee Fundraiser is underway. Order your coffee today and help support our school. There are two ways to order, online and paper orders that can be handed in at the school or your child's teacher. [www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/promontory](http://www.globalcoffeefundraising.ca/promontory)
3. Carnival Planning is on its way. If you would like to be involved with the planning, set up or volunteering, please email: [promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:promontory-pac@sd33.bc.ca)

**PAC Meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:45am in the meeting room, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**HOT LUNCH**

**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 from there.
- 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 only order for the dates you intend to pay for. Munch A Lunch does not accept partial payments. Thank you!**

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 office; 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. Coordinators – Karmen/Lisa – promontoryhotlunch@gmail.com

<u>February 10 2023</u>	<u>February 24 2023</u>	<u>March 3 2023</u>	<u>March 17 2023</u>
			