



January 31st, 2025

Dear Dogwood Families,

Happy “Nearly February”! To all our families who are celebrating Lunar New Year, we wish you much happiness and prosperity. February is such a “lovely” month—we celebrate Valentine’s Day, observe Family Day, and honour Pink Shirt Day.

This weekend, we may also be “celebrating” our first snow of the season. What fun! (I grew up in Prince George and love snow. ☺) Surrey Schools are rarely closed due to snow; however, it sometimes happens. Please see the attached infographic regarding weather-related school closures.

At Dogwood our Superpower of the month is being Kind and Assertive. Dolphins are considerate and friendly, and they do things that make others feel supported and happy. They can also stand up for themselves and others with kindness.

To support this Superpower, we have started a Kindness Challenge. Students are trying to complete 2025 kind acts at school! Classroom teachers will record the kind acts that were done, seen, or felt in their classes each day. If, as a school, we reach our goal, then the students will get to watch a short movie and an extra recess! Please encourage your child to think of ways to be kind at home and in the community as well.

In other news, our PAC (aka you ☺) is busy raising money for our new playground. Thank you to everyone who has supported initiatives like lunch and snack days. We will be having a Family Movie Night in March – a fun way to spend time as a family and support the PAC’s fundraising efforts. More details will be coming from your PAC as the date draws near.

Finally, a quick note about school safety. Please remember to walk your scooter or bicycle once you get to the school grounds. Before and after school, when there are so many people walking and standing around, a scooter or bike can present a dangerous situation. Thank you for your help with this.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend. Stay safe and warm!

Sincerely,

Ms. Diana Ellis
Principal

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 6th. Early Dismissal at 1:30
Feb 14th. Valentine's Day. Wear Red/ white/ pink.
Feb 17th Family Day holiday
Feb 21st Pro-D Day—students do not come to school
Feb 26th Pink Shirt Day
Feb 26th Boys' Basketball Playday
Feb 27th Girls' Basketball Playday

March 12th PAC Family Movie Night
March 13th Second Term Reports go home
March 17th- 28th School Closed for Spring Break
March 31st School opens again

April 3rd Young Entrepreneur Fair
April 7th-11th First Persons in Residence Week
April 9th Ready Set Learn (Numeracy) 11am
April 15th Class Photo Day
April 16th PAC Meeting (6pm)
April 18th Good Friday (schools closed)
April 21st Easter Monday (schools closed)
April 9th Ready Set Learn (Literacy) 11am

May 2 Pro D Day
May 6th early dismissal
May 7th Spring Concert
May 12-14th Grade 7 Camp
May 19th Victoria Day
May 21st Welcome to Kindergarten (4pm)
May 26th Pro-D Day

June 19th Grade Seven Leaving Ceremony
June 26th Last Day for Students (dismissal at 1:30)
June 26th Summative Report Cards go home
June 27th Administrative Day for staff