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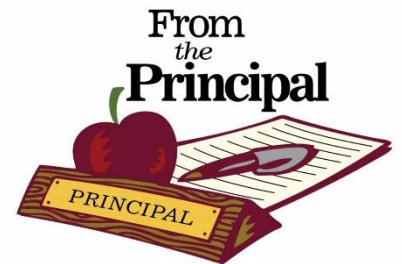
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Newsletter #4

January 31, 2019

Principal's Message

As we return from the Christmas Break, students and teachers have been busy getting back to our regular routines. Classes are full of energy and the students are engaged in great learning opportunities. Just this week, we have had zumba lessons in the gym and we are busy planning for our First Peoples in Residence week which starts on Monday February 4th.



As we move into February, we will be preparing for anti-bullying day on Wednesday Feb 27. As a staff at Lena Shaw, we care very much for the safety and well being of every students in our care. At Lena Shaw, we believe that every day is and should be anti-bullying day. For the month of February we will be looking at the theme of kindness and how everyday is an opportunity for us to take care of one another. Stay tuned for shirt orders that reflect this "Be Kind" message.

As Ms. Baldry and myself settle into our new roles, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lena Shaw community for making us feel so welcomed and supported. Please know our doors are always open for you to come by and ask questions or even just to say hi. Have a great February!

First Peoples in Residence Week – February 4 to February 8

Our school team has been very busy planning and organizing our First People's in Residence week which is taking place Monday, February 4th to Friday, February 8th 2019. During this week, we will have a variety of Elders and presentors joining us and working with our classes to enhance our learning and understanding of First People's culture. To start this incredible week, we will be having a welcome ceremony hosted by Ms. Madelaine McCallum and Mr. Farley Antone on Monday at 9:00 in the am. During this ceremony, we will be revealing some very special plaques that have been crafted for our school by Mr. Brandon Gabriel. We look forward to an amazing week ahead! I want to take the opportunity to thank Mr. MacLennan, Ms. Brajak, Ms. King, Ms. Chomechko, Ms. McCuaig, Ms. Gill and Ms. Neda Roberts for their time and hard work in planning for this amazing learning opportunity.

Important Dates Ahead:

Aboriginal Week	Mon-Fri, February 4 - 8
Early Dismissal @ 1:30pm	Wednesday, February 13
Family Day – school closed	Monday, February 18
Hot Lunch Day	Thursday, February 21
Non-Instructional Day – school closed	Friday, February 22
PAC Meeting @ 8:45am	Monday, February 25
Pink Shirt Day	Wednesday, February 27

Early Dismissal - Wednesday, February 13

Just a reminder to all parents that we have an early Dismissal at 1:30 pm on February 13. All students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. Students need to be picked up no later than 1:45 pm.

Family Day- School Closed
Monday February 18
Classes will not be in session on this day.

School Closed – Non Instructional Day
Friday, February 22
Classes will not be in session on this day.

PAC Meeting
Monday, February 25th - 8:45 am
All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

PINK SHIRT DAY – Wednesday, February 27th



In 2007, two Nova Scotia students decided to take action after witnessing a younger student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. The students bought 50 pink t-shirts and encouraged schoolmates to wear them and send a powerful message of solidarity to the bully. As a result, Anti-Bullying Day became a day

when people wear a pink, blue, or purple shirt to symbolise a stand against bullying. At Lena Shaw, we work actively to reduce the incidence of bullying and would like to ask parents/guardians to please help us in this effort. If your child has online access or uses a phone, he or she may very well be the victim of cyberbullying or may be harming others.





What is cyberbullying? Bullying through electronic means. There are many forms, including harassment, impersonation, outing, cyberstalking, and denigration, but all exist – at least in part – in the digital world. Cyberbullying can often feel even more overwhelming than traditional bullying, because access to a target is 24/7. If you think that it is not happening to your child and they have unlimited phone use...you are likely misinformed. We have many students at our school who use their phones throughout the night to communicate with others. Please ensure that our students do not have phones in their bedrooms and please monitor their texting and on-line use. Should you find that your child is being bullied or may be causing harm to others, we are here to help. Please contact your child's teacher, Ms. Baldry or Mr. Chambers.

Keeping student information up to date

Please help the school keep your student's information up to date by contacting the office if you move, get a new phone number or would like to add/change a contact to your student's record.

School Link- District Mobile App

The official FREE District mobile app called "School Link" ([Apple](#) or [Android](#)) provides news, announcements, alerts, school closure reminders, urgent notifications, contact information and featured stories from the District and schools you choose. The app keeps you up to date with the schools that are important to you.

Giving our Student the Best Chance to Learn

School success is based on the students' ability to be ready for learning: to be ready to fully engage in the activities and experiences that our amazing teachers prepare each day. To be ready for learning, students need to:

- Be on time for school so that they do not miss out on the vital transitions to the school day, social time and the sharing of the day's expectations and goals; the research is clear that students who are late to school have significantly increased rates of school failure and dropout later in life, the patterns and expectations they live up to today impact the future
- Be at school every day to ensure they do not miss critical learning and find themselves in a state of perpetual 'catch up' and disconnectedness
- Be well rested and fed (10-11 hours of sleep a night for students ages 5-12)

**Thank you for your support at home
to help students be ready for learning each day!**

Basketball

Our basketball teams have been practicing for the past few weeks. We look forward to our basketball season and the District Playdays to be hosted at our school on February 27 and 28. GO ORCAS!



Lost and Found

There are many, many clothing items in our lost and found bin. Please encourage your child to look for their lost coats, jackets and other pieces of clothing. Parents/Guardians are welcome to come to retrieve lost items. Unfortunately, we do not have space to store the lost and found items. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated to others at the end of February.

Parking

Just a friendly reminder to parents that the parking lot is for staff members only. There are not enough parking spaces for all of our staff members to park and as a result many of our staff already have to park on the street and walk to the building. If parents can help us out by dropping students off at the front of the school only, it would be a huge help in lowering the congestion in our parking lot.

Strong Start Start Time Update:

Are you a parent in our Strong Start Program, or know a family that is? Our start times on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are changing from 1:15 pm to 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Please help us pass on this updated start time to anyone you know who is in the program.

Will your child turn 5 years old in 2018?

Kindergarten Registration started on January 14, 2019.

Now is the time to prepare for Kindergarten Registration for September 2019! Registrations will begin at 10am and continue until 2pm everyday starting on January 14, 2019. Please bring all of the documents mentioned below to complete your registration. The documents required to register are:

1. Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport).
2. Proof of guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant document or guardianship order).
3. Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and student (Canadian Birth Certificate, Citizenship Card, Passport, Landed Immigrant Document, Permanent Resident Card, Enhanced Driver's License or Enhanced Identification Card).
4. Proof of residence (e.g., ordinarily resident) of parent/guardian in BC:
 - a. Three pieces of identification showing the address of residence (purchase or rental agreement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
 - b. One of the three pieces above must be government issued in order to complete the registration process (BC driver's license, BC Services Card, BCID or BC Care Card of parent/legal guardian).
5. Immunization records
6. Care card.

