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NEWSLETTER

A Word from Your Principal

My apologies for the delay in sending out our March Newsletter. The days may be getting longer in daylight, but the time to accomplish everything seems to be shrinking!

We are bringing this term to a fantastic close and want to thank you for your ongoing support, patience, diligence and care. This week brought some special events including another yummy PAC hot lunch, as well as our annual Cardboard Design Challenge! Many of you have helped us accumulate cardboard, and students did a fantastic job with the planning and design process. The event happened Thursday, and it was a most excellent day of creativity and fun.

This event is part of our curriculum called ADST (Applied Design, Skills and Technology). It is a wonderful addition to our official curricular goals, K-7, and is part of a competency-based curriculum where students engage in critical and creative thinking and find different ways to communicate their learning. Classes shared their designs in the afternoon through a Gallery Walk. Your child will have had lots to share after the event on Thursday, and hopefully brought the final design home to proudly display in your home.

On Thursday, your child also brought home their paper CSL (Communicating Student Learning) report card or a reminder to check their digital portfolio (Freshgrade or Spaces). Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions. We are partners in your child's education, and the more we work together, the greater your child's success.

Some of you may be travelling for the first time in months or years over Spring Break. Whether you remain close to home or are heading abroad, I wish you a rejuvenating time with your family.

Safe travels, and happy trails.

Ms. Christensen

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 11th – Last Day before Spring Break



Mar. 28th – Welcome Back to School!

Mar. 28th – **Purdy's School Fundraiser Order Deadline**

Mar. 30th – 1pm "How Raven Stole the Sun" K-7 Live Theatre Performance in the gym

Mar. 31st – **Fire Drill #6 of 6**

Apr. 4th – 14th Scholastic Online Book Fair

Apr. 7th – **Tentative** Class Photo Day (in the gym)

Apr. 8th – Entrepreneurial Fair (hosted by divisions 1 and 4) in the gym

Apr. 12th – **Earthquake Drill #2** (and evacuate to the gravel field)

Apr. 15th – Good Friday – School is closed

Apr. 18th – Easter Monday – School is closed

Apr. 19th – 22nd – Deep Dive into Outdoor Learning, K-7

Apr. 22nd – **Earth Day!**

Please refer to the calendar on the Bothwell school website for updates or changes:

<http://www.surreyschools.ca/schools/bothwell>

Daylight Savings

A reminder to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 13th



PURDYS CHOCOLATES EASTER FUNDRAISER

From now until **Monday, March 28th**, you can order Purdys treats from our fundraiser by joining our campaign and browsing the tastiest selection of chocolates online. To order:

1. Go to our fundraising website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1500489-93110>
2. Click "Join Campaign"
3. Shop, shop, shop away!



Funds raised go Bothwell's Principal Account. Funds from this discretionary account are used to support items for students K-7 (e.g. student leadership, family ice cream social, sport jerseys, etc.) plus students in need.

Thank you EVERYONE for your support. Even if you can't buy chocolates from us, it would mean the world if you could share this fundraiser link to your family and friends!

PAC Corner

Upcoming Hot Lunch dates with new options! Online orders will open through Munch a Lunch early next week.

- April 7 - Boston Pizza
- April 21 - Pizza Hut

PAC seeks your feedback on hot lunches. If you have not already had a chance to complete this survey, please go to the following link sometime this week. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/RK6qFD8qY2oHw7Mv8>

Many thanks to PAC for funding two wonderful, upcoming school-wide events:

- ◆ "How Raven Stole the Sun" is a live event scheduled after spring break for all students, K-7. Three Crows Productions is a local Indigenous storytelling theatre group that has received excellent acclaim. We are excited to come together for our first live performance in over two years.
- ◆ Three days of live Zumba coming for all grades later in May. It's time to shake out any winter blues that may be lingering!

Save the Date:

May 31st is our 2nd PAC Chipotle Fundraiser. Ordering details to follow.



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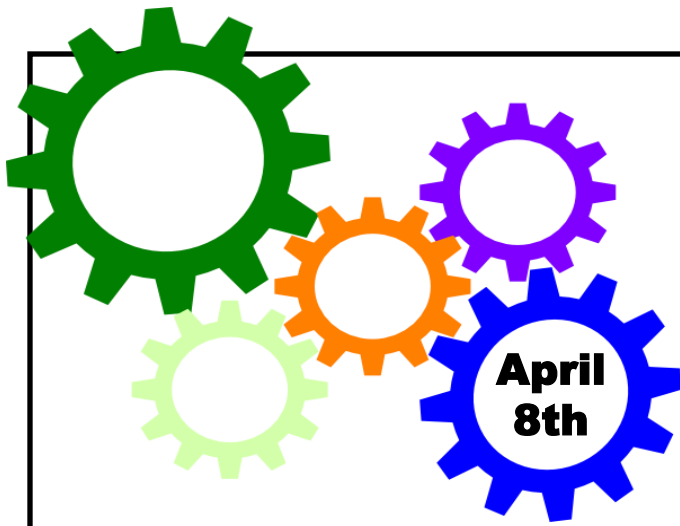
Thank you for making our parking lots safe for your children!

We have one of the shortest "rush hours" in Surrey! Every car that parks a few metres down the block makes it less chaotic, and ultimately safer. Thank you for your efforts. They make a tremendous difference.

Badminton Season is Underway!

Many thanks to coaches Marounek and Scott for heading up our grade 5/6 and 6/7 badminton teams. We are permitted to play against other schools and notices have been sent home seeking permission, along with expectations of play and permission for parent drivers. We anticipate having opportunities to end the year with some track and field events as well.





Entrepreneur Fair

Students in Mr. Scott's and Ms. Sabell's classes have been diligently preparing their business plans and preparing for the school-wide Entrepreneur Fair. Students will have an opportunity to visit the gym during the day to purchase the amazing offerings made by their peers. We hope to open the gym after school to parents and families as well. Stay tuned for details!

Kindergarten in September

If you have a child born in 2017 it is time to register for Kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opened on January 10th. **Please don't wait to get your child register**, we need to ensure our staffing for September can accommodate our number of students.

You can register online at:

<https://www.surreyschools.ca/K-12Schools/StudentRegistration/Pages/default.aspx#Kindergarten>

Should you need assistance with the process please do not hesitate to email or call the School.



K-12 Health and Safety Guidelines

As of March 1st, provincial restrictions eased and we were happy that our K-12 district guidelines were adjusted. This included:

- Visitors are permitted to help with events such as field trips;
- School-wide assemblies can be hosted in the gym;
- Events that include guests and parents can be hosted at 50% capacity;
- Sports events amongst schools may resume.

As of March 10th, the provincial government lifted additional public health orders. The following excerpt explains new guidelines for masks in schools, effective March 28, 2022:

COVID-19 guidelines are being adjusted to advise that mask use is no longer required when K-12 students return from spring break. Dates for return from spring break vary by school district. Similarly, public health is working with the child care sector to revise guidelines. However, students and staff are supported to continue to use masks and other layers of protection based on their own comfort and risk factors.

We will let you know should there be any new information that impacts school return after spring break.

In the meantime, thank you for your understanding, compassion and support over the last two years helping us to manage the impact of the pandemic in our school. Our staff is grateful for your diligence



OUR VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING BACK to BOTHWELL ELEMENTARY: April 4th – 14th

- We are excited to announce this year's VIRTUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR!
- From April 4 to April 14, discover new and bestselling titles which will help to keep kids reading and will support our school.
- YOU could start exploring some of the advertised titles and watch the book trailers from the Virtual Book Fair Page:
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5171194>
- The site will be active for shopping beginning at the midnight on the start date and it will be open 24 hours.
- Our school will receive 20% of the net sales back in product rewards which could be used to support our students' learning.
- Orders placed online will be shipped free to the school for distribution.
- Each order will be individually packaged, with the credit card holder's name, e-mail address, and order number.
- You could watch Book Highlights and start a Wish List at:
<https://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/resources/parents>
- You could explore featured books and start a Wish List at:
https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0439/4369/0393/files/BF_SpringBooklist_2022_web_1.pdf?v=1642586980
and at
<https://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featuredbooks>

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!