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MS. LOMAX'S MESSAGE



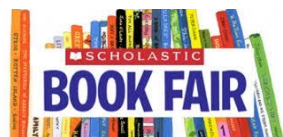
February has flown by and we're 9 school days away from spring break. It's hard to believe it's that time of the year already! This week our 2nd formal report goes home on Friday. If your child's teacher is using Freshgrade (a digital reporting platform), you'll receive a reminder to sign in and view your child's portfolio online. If not, watch for your child's Communicating Student Learning progress report this Friday.

On Thursday, March 12th, it's early dismissal at 1:32 pm. Some teachers will be holding parent-teacher conferences and others will be working on assessment. You may call the school office at 604-588-5481 to book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at any time, not just on early dismissal days. Please feel free to call the office to see if your child's teacher is booking conferences on Thursday.

FIRST PEOPLES IN RESIDENCE

Last week was a busy week at Prince Charles with a full week of daily workshops for K-7 classes related to Indigenous culture, history, perspective, principles and curriculum. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Dumont and Mrs. Leon imparted much knowledge in their teachings. The week began with a welcome assembly and potluck lunch for our guests and culminated with a thank-you assembly and an Indigenous dancer who shared and taught the ladies' fancy dance. Shyama Priya Singh wore beautifully colourful regalia and left us in awe at the beauty and complexity of her dances.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. All classes will visit and view the book fair

during their Library time this week. Shopping times for students will be as follows:

Wednesday, March 4 – 11:45 – 12:15 pm, 2:32 – 3:15 pm

Thursday, March 5 – 11:45 – 12:15 pm, 2:32 – 3:15 pm

Friday, March 6 - 11:45 – 12:15 pm only

FINE ARTS PERFORMANCE THIS WEEK

"Flyin' Bob", an ArtStarts performance for K – 7 students, visits Prince Charles this Wednesday at 1:15 pm. Parents and guardians are always welcome at our performances and assemblies.



MARCH P.A.C. MEETING

Our next P.A.C. meeting is on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Library. Please join us! You are all part of the school P.A.C. and your input is important. Babysitting is provided.

SCHOOL SPORTS



Basketball season is winding down. Our girls' team's Playday was held last week and they played some challenging games to the best of their ability. Thanks to coaches Mr. Parker and Ms. Willing for your time and commitment to the girls. Our boys' team plays this Wednesday at L.A.M. We wish the boys a great afternoon! Thanks to Mrs. Williams and Ms. Damaso for coaching our boys. They are a very passionate group playing basketball out on our courts every day.



Badminton season has already started and the students' first games are this week. Ms. Henkel is the grade 5 & 6 coach and Mrs. Santoro is coaching the grade 7 team. We're looking forward to another exciting badminton season!

CANUCK PLACE COOKIE DAY

Prince Charles participated in Canuck Place Cookie Day on February 27th. Leadership students sold \$393.30 worth of cookies! The entire amount will be donated to Canuck Place, a children's hospice that provides pediatric palliative care and other important services at no cost to families. Thank-you to Mrs. Santoro and our Leadership students who organized and hosted the treat sale. Well done!

P.A.C. CHOCOLATE SALES

Chocolate Sales are once again underway. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year and can bring in a significant amount of money that our P.A.C. puts toward your children's school experiences. Some of the activities and items that our P.A.C. has paid for over the years includes: Fine Arts performances, In-line skating, Rocks and Rings, Tennis, as well as technology and field trips.



P.A.C parents will be set up in the school entrance every day before and after school (8:20 - 8:45 am and 2:20 - 2:45pm) to collect money and hand out additional boxes to sell.

Some of the prizes available are:

- 1st Place - \$100 Best Buy Gift Card
 - 2nd Place - \$75 Guildford Towncentre Gift Card
 - 3rd Place – 3 movie passes for 2 with pop and popcorn and a one pound chocolate bar!
- Every case sold enters a draw for a chance to win a 5 pound chocolate bar!

Today was our "kickoff" assembly. Look for chocolates to be sent home this week with more information. Sellers will have until April 12th to hand in money to be eligible for prizes.

We look forward to your support! Remember, all money raised directly benefits the students of Prince Charles.

FEBRUARY KOTCHAS

Well done to the following students whose names were drawn from the Kotcha box at the end of February:

Primary – Kritika and Priya in Div. 12 for being so kind and helpful.

Intermediate – Rebecca in Div. 2 for helping set up the gym and Marie in Div. 2 for helping our Indigenous presenters carry materials from class to class.

Congratulations to our class Kotcha winner Div. 4, Mrs. Batiz's class .

Thanks to all students for your helpfulness, effort, and/or good behaviour! We're glad you were "caught" being awesome!

PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS



Do you have extra plastic grocery bags? If so, we'd be happy to take them off of your hands so kids can use them for Litter Lotto. Just drop them off at the office and we'll put them to use. Thank-you in advance for your contributions.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME IS NEXT WEEKEND!

Daylight savings time starts next Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 am. Spring forward one hour when you go to bed Saturday evening! We can all look forward to the extra daylight in the evenings.



ONLINE CASH SYSTEM

In April, our Head Secretary, Mrs. Gill, will be piloting an online cash system with Div. 3 parents when Div. 3 students go on their next field trip. This new system will allow parents to pay for field trips, hot lunch, school supplies, spiritwear, etc. online using a debit card or credit card, instead of sending cash. We look forward to seeing how many parents take advantage of this option.

STAFF PARKING LOT



Thank-you for adhering to reminders that the staff parking lot is not for student drop-off after 8:00 am and student pickup before 3:00pm. We have school district vehicles, buses, taxis and community daycare vehicles in and out. The only exception for parents and caregivers is for those with a valid handicapped vehicle sign and those with a newborn baby (a short term accommodation will be made). Please make every effort to use the gravel lot, the parking bay or a legal parking spot on 100th Avenue on the north side during these busy times. Your cooperation is appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR !



Important dates coming up:

- March 2 Chocolate Sales Kickoff assembly, 12:45 p.m.
- March 3 Class Photos
- March 3 Grade 8 L.A.M. counsellor visiting Grade 7s
- March 3 Reading Link Challenge, SPL
- March 4 – 6 Scholastic Book Fair
- March 4 Boys' basketball playday
- March 4 Flyin' Bob, 1:15 pm
- March 5 Early Dismissal, 1:32 pm
- March 6 Term 2 Reports home
- March 6 Grade 6/7s to L.A.M., B.c. Lions assembly 1:15 p.m.
- March 10 P.A.C. Meeting, 6:30 pm
- March 11 Kindergarten Hearing Screening
- March 11 Div. 6 & 14 Skating
- March 12 1:32 pm Early Dismissal
- March 13 Hot Lunch Day
- March 13 "Green Day" Spirit Day
- March 16 – 27 Spring Break
- March 30 Return to School
- April 7-8 Learn2Ride Bike Safety Program, Division 4 – 8
- April 9 Gearing Up, Div. 1, 2, 3
- April 9 Bannock & Books, 2:45 pm
- April 10 Good Friday Holiday
- April 13 Easter Monday Holiday
- April 14 P.A.C. Meeting, 6:30 pm
- April 15 Parent Night, 6:30 pm Saleema Noon, Sexual Health
- April 16, 17 Student Presentations – Sexual Health

- April 21 Div. 3 to Surrey Arts Centre
- April 22 Div. 6 & 7 to Betty Huff
- April 23 Ready, Set, Learn for 4 & 5 year olds
- April 24 Div. 6 & 7 Swimming
- April 29 Speed Control ArtStarts performance, 1:15 pm

