



Kirkbride Elementary School

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Mission Statement: The staff of Kirkbride Elementary School is committed to fostering positive, supportive relationships between students, parents and school personnel

Principal's Message:

With Spring Break just around the corner, we have a number of important events coming up. Bullying Awareness Day, Science Fair (Div.1, 2 and 5), Choral Festival, PAC Clothing Drive. Also, with basketball season winding down this week, the Grade 6 and 7's will be starting to play badminton at lunch and before/ after school until the end of April. Speaking of basketball, I'd like to congratulate our Grade 6 and 7 student athletes on a fine season. The Grade 7 boys won their play day tournament yesterday, and the Grade 6 girls did the same this past Tuesday. Good luck to our Grade 7 girls who play today at Senator Reid and our Grade 6 boys who play next Tuesday. The coaches (myself, Ms. McCaw, Mr. Copley) were very impressed with the skill development and outstanding sportsmanship shown by the Kirkbride players throughout the season. Please be sure to read this newsletter for dates and times regarding upcoming events.

The Second Term Report cards are coming home on Monday, March 10. Take the time to read this document carefully with your child, ask questions, and if you have concerns and need further clarification, phone the school and make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

Thank you to those parents who have been waiting outside in front of the school or outside the office area for their children. The reduced presence of adults in the school hallways is appreciated. The students are well aware of the appropriate identification badges the visitors should be displaying, be it school board employees or parents. If you absolutely need to go to your child's classroom, be sure to report to the office to sign in. We thank you again in helping to make Kirkbride a safe place for your children and the staff as well.

I have noticed a few children bringing their technological toys to school in the form of Ipods, GameBoy, cell phones, etc. Please let your child know that these items are best left at home, and if they choose to bring them to school, we (the school) are not responsible for the theft or damage to those items. If they choose to bring them to school, it must be stored in their bags and not left in their desks. Cell phones are to be left off and again, kept in a backpack/school bag. If any staff see a student walking around with a cell phone in their hands, on or off, it will be brought to the office and left there until 2:30, at which time it may be picked up. In case of emergency, and you need to get in direct contact with your child, please phone the school directly and the secretaries will make sure the emergent needs are dealt with. This will cause minimal disruption to all students, and allow maximal learning to occur.

Mr. J. Frank

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 21 District Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 25 PALS Session for 3 and 4 year olds
- Feb. 26 Bullying Awareness Day – Wear Pink
Science Fair from 9:00 to 11:30 am
- Feb. 27 Pizza Day \$2.00/slice
- Feb. 27 Grade 7 Parent Information Night at LA Matheson 6:45 to 8:00 pm
- Feb. 28 Choral Festival - Grade 3 and 4 from 8:40 to 11:30 AM
- March 4 Drop, Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) from 8:40 to 9:10 am – all parents welcome
- March 5 District Science Fair at Central City Mall from 4-7. ALL welcome!
- March 6 Pizza Day - \$2.00/slice
- March 10-14 PAC Clothing Drive
- March 10 2nd term Report Cards home
- March 13 **Young Entrepreneurs Show** (grade 7's in the gym from 9:40 - 1:00)
- March 14 Spring Fling Dance: Grades 5 – 7 sponsored by PAC

March 15-30 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

March 31 Back to School

D.E.A.R. – Drop, Everything and Read



Our following upcoming dates for D.E.A.R. are Tuesday, March 4, Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, May 13. All parents are welcome to attend from 8:40 to 9:10 am.

Rockin' Readers

Rockin' Reader's recognition goes to the following students: Harman B. – Div. 13; Gurleen B. – Div. 11; Anmol D. – Div. 17; Kirit A. – Div. 8; Anjelo T. – Div. 7; Connor A. – Div. 9; Ishaan S. – Div. 16; Ivan P. – Div. 1; Gurjot B. – Div. 4; Sagar R. – Div. 12; Zackay – Div. 15; Max C. – Div. 14; Lourdez A. – Div. 3 and Jared P. – Div. 6. Well done readers!

Young Entrepreneurs

Our grade 7's will be learning about how to start and operate a small business. Their products will be on sale and available to all who wish to come and visit. Products will range in cost from \$.50 to \$4.00. The **Young Entrepreneurs Show** will be on Mar. 13th in the gym from 9:40 - 1:00. All welcome.

Science Fair

On Wednesday, February 26, divisions 1, 2 and 5 will be presenting their science fair experiments.



Pizza Sales

Grade 7's are fundraising for camp. We are having pizza sales at lunch time on Thursday, February 27 and March 6.



Parking and Picking Up/Dropping Off

Once again, there is a need to remind drivers that our pick up/drop off zone is probably the most dangerous area for our students - YOUR children. Please observe the traffic signs - NO LEFT TURNS into the parking lot; drive around the block if there is no space; and preferably, park one or two blocks away so that you may come and go in a more safe fashion. The best way is to walk - it is a healthier and safer option. Please seriously consider walking to and from school with your child(ren).

Student Absentees and Lates



We really encourage students to attend school and miss as few days as possible. It makes an incredible difference to their learning. But, when children are sick they should stay at home in order to get better and to stop the spread of germs. If your child is not well enough to go outside at recess and lunch, they probably are not well enough to be at school. IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT OR LATE

FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL AT **(604) 588-5711**.

An answering machine is available 24 hours a day 7 days per week for your convenience. For the safety of your children, we have a Phone Home Program. This is an ESSENTIAL service provided by the office. If we do not have confirmation of absence from home, the office will call contact numbers available.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who will turn five years old before January 1, 2015 are eligible to begin school in September, 2014. Please bring the following documents upon registration at the school:



- **Proof of Birth Date for the student** (birth certificate or passport)
- **Proof of Guardianship** (parents / guardians as shown on birth certificate or other appropriate legal documentation such as landed immigrant paper or guardianship order)
- **Proof of Citizenship for both the parent and the student** (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card, enhanced driver's licence or enhanced identification card)
- **Proof of Residency** (purchase or rental agreement, cable, hydro or gas bill)

Documents which are helpful, but not required:

- **Health Documents** (Care card, immunization records, medical condition information)