

Principal's Message ~ December 2nd – 6th

This Week at Lord Tweedsmuir

Thursday December 5th, 2024

Good morning Panthers!

I hope that everyone is well and that you are enjoying the clear, crisp sunny afternoons that we are experiencing this week. Winter is in the air and much is “on the go” this season. Each day at school, our students are provided powerful learning opportunities and our staff support our students with care and professionalism. The community we build together is such a significant part of our lives; we are all very fortunate. Thank you to all Panthers for your contribution to our school. Panther Pride is alive and well!



Recently, our school's Environment Club was busy with their invasive plant species removal project at Greenaway Park. A large group of students and staff were hard at work and making a difference in our community. The removal of Himalayan Blackberry bushes will be very helpful for the natural vegetation in the park. Great thanks to Mr. Ferrier for organizing this opportunity!





Our Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary Hamper Drive started this week. Our students and staff are collecting donations for the Cloverdale Community Kitchen. Thank you in advance to all Panthers for your generosity and assistance in supporting families in need in our community. Also, special thanks to our wonderful Student Council for your work in organizing this special event. Our Hamper Drive is a very important tradition for our school and directly demonstrates the social responsibility and citizenship of our Panthers. Thank you!

This week our Simon Fraser University Student Teachers completed their first semester practicum. Congratulations to this special cohort of future teachers and thank you for all you have contributed to our students and our school. You have chosen a very honourable and meaningful profession. We are very grateful for your dedication to our future generations and wish you all the very best in the years ahead.

On Wednesday, our school had the opportunity to practice our “Lockdown” drill. Great thanks to all students and staff for your participation and commitment to this important protocol. The drill went well, with our hallways emptying very quickly, and students and staff following the established protocols. Good job everyone!

This evening, we are hosting our “Winter Formal” dance for senior students. We are looking forward to an evening of good food, dancing, friendship and fun. This is a special evening of building school spirit and celebration. I know that our students will demonstrate their appreciation of this opportunity through their cooperation, respect and positivity. We are very proud of our students and their leadership. We look forward to celebrating your membership within our caring community of excellence.

Our Lord Tweedsmuir Library is hosting a “Book Tasting”! 📖 Come down to the library, preview books from different genres, and leave with something to read over the Winter holiday!



As the darker and shorter days have arrived, I would like to thank all drivers for your increased care and attention on the road and around the school. As we are all aware, there are many students making their way to/from school. We greatly appreciate your efforts in ensuring the safety of all Panthers.



Have a happy and productive Friday and enjoy your weekend. See you next week!

Ken



Traffic and Student Parking

All Panthers are reminded that traffic around the school and parking on school property will be very busy with our increased enrollment and Extended Day schedule. All student drivers are reminded that it is very important to drive with care and attention while on or near school property. Safety is our first priority. Please drive safely and responsibly, be aware of pedestrians, and follow all traffic regulations.

If possible, all families are asked to consider alternative transportation options. Please walk or bike to school if possible. It would also be helpful if students are dropped off a couple of blocks away from the school and vehicles do not enter our school's parking lot.

Please note that this year, students are only permitted to park in the Student Lot on the right side of our parking lot near our Portable classrooms. Students are not permitted to park in the Staff Lot.

All students wishing to park on school property must apply for a Parking pass. Application forms may be picked up at the office. Students must park in their designated stall.

Parking passes must be displayed on your car's windshield at all times while on school property. Parking privileges will be revoked for any students not following our parking regulations or for unsafe driving.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in responding to our increased traffic challenges and protecting the safety of our community members.