



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

April 12, 2024
Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Ms. Girard's Message ...

Happy Spring everyone! We are ready for sunshine and warmer weather. Many classes have reengaged with outdoor learning. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by endless outdoor learning opportunities just outside our doorstep or a quick bus ride away. Thank you to the many parent helpers who support these learning opportunities in so many ways.

This April newsletter will outline the main events and activities happening in our school over the next month. Please read it carefully – especially the calendar of dates at the end. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this newsletter or information found on our website, please contact Ms. Girard through the office or email. mgirard@sd70.bc.ca

School Sports



It is the season of Elementary School Badminton & Rugby. Many grade 4 – 7 students have joined these sports. Rugby practices run Mondays and Wednesdays after school. Badminton practices run Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool. If you have any questions about general team information or schedules, please reach out to the teacher sponsor specifically.



Badminton – Ms. Girard

Rugby – Mrs. Anker & Mrs. Martell

We would also like to thank Gin Donovan & Tim Anker for coaching the badminton team and John Symington, Todd Daradics, Bob Brown and Shean Terepocki from the local Black Sheep Rugby Club for leading our Rugby practices & games. We couldn't make these things happen without all this support!



Family Movie Night

Ms. Williams' grade 5/6 class has been working hard to fundraise for their learning on the land experiences. To continue their fundraising efforts, they will be hosting a Family Movie Night for our school. Mark your calendar!!!

Thursday April 25th @ 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:45pm)

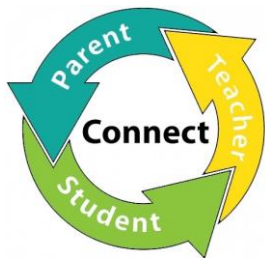
We will be showing "The Lorax."

You are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs to lay back and enjoy a movie with your family. Suggested movie donation is \$2 per person. Ms. Williams' class will host a concession stand with goodies, and a 50/50 draw. CASH only. We hope to see you there!

*Please note * students must attend with a parent or adult.

Indigenous Drumming & Song

Tsuma-as Elementary is excited to welcome back Mr. Martin Watts! Martin has been an inspirational guide and mentor for our school in teaching us about local Indigenous culture and protocol, specifically the power of our voice. He will continue to lead instruction in drumming and singing local First Nations songs. Partnering with Ms. Russell, Martin will lead classroom instruction and a lunch time drumming club.



Early Dismissal & Student/Teacher/Parent Learning Conferences

Learning conferences will be taking place May 1st & 2nd. This means students will be dismissed at 11:50 am. Regular bus routes will remain (just leaving school earlier). Like before, families will be contacted by email with instructions of how to schedule their learning conference. Parents will be scheduling their own learning conferences through our online system. If you require support to do so, please contact Mrs. Brooks at the office. Some teachers may have alternate plans for learning conferences. If this is the case, your child's teacher will send home a separate letter with further information.

Spring Maker Market ~ Grade 7 Fundraiser

Our grade 7 students are eager to share that they will be hosting a Spring Maker Market on Saturday May 25th. A Maker Market is an event like a craft fair or farmer's market. This is an opportunity for our students to create products they would like to sell to the public. Some examples could be soap, jewellery, dog treats, candles, toys, bath bombs, art, bookmarks, hair scrunchies etc. Interested students would apply to "rent" a table space to display and sell their items. Students (with family help) would prepare their products, set up their displays and sell their items including making appropriate change. The grade 7s will use table "rent", raffle draws and a concession stand to help raise money for their year end trip. Detailed application forms will be available in the office late next week.



Book Fair

Our Spring book fair will be running April 29th-May 2nd. Students will have an opportunity to browse during library time and students may bring home a "wish list" to show parents what they are interested in and the cost.



**It's
Book Fair
Time!**

The book fair will be open for buying on:

Monday April 29th - 12:10 - 12:30 and 2:20-3:30

Tuesday April 30th - 12:10 - 12:30 and 2:20- 3:30

Wednesday May 1st- 12:30- 3:30pm (open during learning conferences)

Thursday May 2nd - 12:30 - 3:30pm (open during learning conferences)



Sutra Sauces Fundraiser Returns!!!

Sutra Sauces are back! Indulge your taste buds while giving back to our school community with Sutra Sauces. Created with love and crafted with care, these delectable sauces offer a burst of flavor in every bite. With 4 flavors to choose from - Korma, Butter Chicken, Rose, and Thai - there's something to satisfy every craving! Priced at just \$8.00 each, these culinary delights are not only a treat for your palate but also a fantastic way to support our school. Every purchase goes towards funding initiatives that benefit our students! A HUGE heartfelt thank you goes out to the amazing Gill family for their unwavering support and generosity. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference while enjoying some truly delicious sauces. This fundraiser starts April 15th and closes April 26th. Watch for order forms coming home soon!



Next PAC Meeting: Monday May 6 @ 6pm in the library Please enter through the side library doors (out front by the large tree). We invite ALL parents, guardians, or family members. Come share your ideas or listen to upcoming events and school news!

School Clothing

We are excited to announce that we have new school clothing for sale this spring (t-shirts & hoodies). Later this month, order forms will be emailed to families & handed out to students. We plan to run clothing order sales from April 22nd to May 8th. Watch for further information coming home soon. Samples of colours and sizes will be available to view in the office soon. Swing by and check out our new school clothing!



Upcoming Dates:

April 15th – 26th - Sutra Sauces Fundraiser

April 18th – Hotdog Day

April 19th – Pro D Day – No School for Students

April 22nd – May 8th – School Clothing Order Sales

April 23rd – Kindergarten Hearing Screening

April 25th – Class Photo Day

April 25th – Family Movie Night @ 6 pm (doors open at 5:45pm)

Apr 29 – May 2 – Book Fair -

May 1st & 2nd – Early Dismissal @ 11:50am ~ Learning Conferences

May 6th – PAC Meeting @ 6 pm

May 13th – Pro D Day – No School for Students

