



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

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Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Kindness Month

February has been kindness month at Tsuma-as Elementary. We have been celebrating Kindness and honouring students for their acts of kindness throughout the month. This Wednesday, February 28th is Pink Shirt Day and many classes will be participating in kindness themed activities throughout the week. Don't forget to check our school website and school app for school information and dates. 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



Kindergarten and New Student Registration

Student registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened on February 1st. If you have a child starting kindergarten in September (Born in 2019) or if you know of any new students registering with our school, please have them access registration packages online on the School District Website or visit our school office to pick up a paper package. Please note, the February 1st registration date is for catchment area students only.

Cross Boundary Requests

Just a reminder to "Out of Catchment" families attending our school, that the Out of Catchment request form must be completed annually. This form was mailed out to all Out of Catchment families at the beginning of February. If you haven't returned your completed form yet and you plan to remain at Tsuma-as Elementary, please return the form to the school office as soon as possible. All Out of Catchment requests will be reviewed and follow up contact will be made in the Spring.



Wolfpack Home Reading Sheets

At each of our month end assemblies, we celebrate students who have been tracking their home reading efforts on our school Wolfpack home reading sheet. Students who return their completed home reading WOLF are entered into classroom draws for new books! We encourage all students to participate. We have extra copies of our home reading sheets available at the office. Please see Mrs. Brooks if you would like one.

Gum & Candy

Notice to all students and families that we are a Gum Free school. Students are having a difficult time managing gum appropriately at school. Classroom teachers have reminded students of this. We also ask that candy is not sent to school. We do our best to promote healthy eating habits and ask that students and families do the same.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Shoot Out

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Basketball Shoot Out. We held grade-based competitions at the school, and then on Monday February 12th the top 4 in each age level faced off against students from other valley elementary schools. Top placing students in our district were invited to Parksville where they competed in an island wide Free Throw shoot competition. We were so proud of all our students who participated. Well done Wolf Pack!

Next PAC Meeting: Monday March 11th at 6pm in the Library. Please enter by the side library doors (out front by the large tree). We invite ALL parents, guardians, or family members to join us. Come share your ideas and hear about upcoming events and school news!

Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 28th – Pink Shirt Day
- March 5th – Pizza Day
- March 8th – Grade 6/7 Basketball Jamboree
- March 14th – Egg Drop
- March 15th – Learning Updates Home
- March 18th – 29th Spring Break
- April 1st – Easter Monday – No School
- April 2nd – School Reopens After Spring Break



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses

2 days a month...

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses

4 day a month...

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.