

DIAMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February, 2018

Dear Parents,

Happy Groundhog Day! We have certainly had some very wet weather so far this winter! We are anxiously awaiting the outcome tomorrow and hope the groundhog does not see his shadow which will indicate an early spring!

Please check the February calendar attached to this newsletter for upcoming school field trips, special events and other important dates to remember.

Student Re-registration for 2018-19

Current student re-registration forms for the 2018-19 school year have been mailed out. Applications for new students are now available online. *Please note that the deadline for re-registration (applications with all required information and fees) is due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 22nd.*

Hot Lunch Days

Special lunches in February are as follows:

Tuesday, February 13th – Pita Pit Lunch

An order form is attached to the newsletter.

Tuesday, February 27th – Umami Sushi Lunch

An order form for this lunch will be sent home later in the month.

Burn Awareness Week – February 4th – 10th

The Annual Burn Awareness Week is from February 4th – 10th and it is put on by the B.C. Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund. This web-based program is designed to teach kids to be responsible for their own safety and help make their families aware of potentially harmful situations. The program is available at www.burnfund.org and includes fire safety tip information, student activity sheets, colouring pages and animated videos.

B.C. Family Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, February 12th for the B.C. Family Day holiday.

Science World Field Trip - Grades Two and Three

On Friday, February 9th, the Grades Two and Three classes will be going to Science World in order to enhance their curriculum. Details and a permission form have already been sent home.

Valentine's Day

On Tuesday, February 14th, the students will be participating in Valentine's activities. They may choose to include red or pink in their clothing on this day or they may opt instead to wear their usual school uniform clothing. The students will be participating in special friendship activities to celebrate this occasion, and they are welcome to bring in a snack to share with the class. ***Please note that all students will require a regular lunch on this day!***

If your child intends to give out any Valentine cards, we ask that in keeping with the school's philosophy of not leaving anyone out, the students give to everyone in the class. For your convenience we have included a class list for the students. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation!

Langley Gymnastics – Kindergarten & Grade One

The Grade One class will be visiting Langley Gymnastics to participate in a program on Thursday, February 15th. In addition, the Kindergarten students will be going there to participate in a gymnastics program the following week, on Thursday, February 22nd. The permission form for these field trips are attached to the newsletter.

Chinese New Year Celebration – Friday, February 16th

Friday, February 16th is Chinese New Year, the year of the dog! In celebration of this occasion all students from Kindergarten to Grade Six are welcome to wear red, yellow or gold clothing on this day; otherwise, they can wear the regular dress code.

Bowling Excursion – Grades Four & Five

The Grades Four and Five classes will be enjoying a bowling excursion to Clover Lanes on Monday, February 19th. A permission form, along with additional information, is attached to the newsletter.

'It's Electrifying' Workshop – Grade Six

In conjunction with their Applied Design, Skills and Technologies unit, the Grade Six students will be participating in a workshop called 'It's Electrifying' conducted by the Langley Centennial Museum on Tuesday, February 20th. The form for this workshop is included.

100th Day Celebration – Kindergarten, Grades One & Two

On Wednesday, February 21st, the students in Kindergarten, Grades One and Two will celebrate the 100th day that they have been in school. There will be many fun-filled activities based around one hundred and a notice with further details will be sent home next week.

Professional Day

There will be no classes for students on Monday, February 26th, as there is a professional day scheduled.

Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day – Kindergarten to Grade Six

The annual pink shirt anti-bullying day is scheduled this year on Wednesday, February 28th. Thousands of people in seven continents in over 75 countries have participated in *Anti-Bullying Awareness Day* by wearing pink to school or work. To show our support, students and staff at Diamond School are encouraged to wear pink on this day in place of their usual dress code. More information about Pink Shirt Day can be found at <http://pinkshirtday.ca/about>.

Bullying is a sad reality for too many children and adults in British Columbia. It happens in more than just schools; it happens in workplaces, homes, and over the internet. Creating Pink Shirt Day is a way of raising public awareness and taking a stand against bullying. *Wear something pink on this day and take a stand against bullying!*

Blue Shirt Day

The Grade Seven class is organizing a schoolwide campaign to raise money to help alleviate a water crisis in Cape Town, South Africa. Currently experiencing a severe drought, Cape Town has imposed extreme water restrictions on its 3.7 million residents as the city's water supply is running dangerously low. Even with these restrictions, as of April 12th this year, all taps will be shut off, and access to water for drinking, showering, animal care and other needs will no longer be available. To help with this situation, students are collecting money in water bottles; funds will then be sent to the Red Cross who will arrange to purchase 5 litre water jugs for people in need of water. Students in all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 12 are welcome to bring in money to help fill their class water bottle. The class that raises the most money for this worthy cause will earn a *no dress code* day.

We have designated Friday, March 2nd as *Blue Shirt Day* to mark the culmination of the students' fundraising efforts. On this day, students may choose to wear blue shirts instead of regular dress code.

School Safety

Since Diamond & Relevant Schools are a community, everyone has a role to play in promoting a safe school environment. We therefore ask that if you notice anything that concerns you (i.e. in the parking lot, around the school grounds) please come in and speak to staff or administration right away.

Parking Lot Traffic Flow

We are still noticing a lot of cars who forget to pull ahead sufficiently when dropping off and picking up students, which then results in traffic backing up on Highway #10. We ask that you be considerate and follow the rules of the parking lot in order to make it safer for everyone!

Please do not hesitate to come in any time to discuss ideas, concerns or questions since parent feedback is very important to us.

Diamond School Staff