

Weekly Update from Cinnabar Valley Elementary School



February 23, 2018

Snow!

Snow always adds an interesting element to schools. We used to have a long list of things that students could NOT do in the snow, yet the DON'Ts never really help with the DO's! Under the expectations of safe, responsible and respectful, we encourage the following:

Do build with snow – be as creative as possible

Do decide when you have had enough of your structure and have fun knocking it down

Do respect the work of others

Do dress for the weather and bring extra clothes to change into if case you get wet

Do slide being mindful of others – go down on one part of the hill and up on another

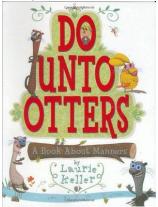
Do take turns when sliding

Do use your voice to let others know you are coming (especially if you are going fast)

Students who have a hard time following these "do's" will be given an alternate place to spend their recess breaks. We must be safe outside and throwing snow is hard to fit in the list of do's.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday February 28th is PINK SHIRT DAY. On this day, students are encouraged to wear PINK as a symbol that they are willing to stand up to bullying. We will be marking this day with a multi-age activity, combining students from K-7 into groups to work on our school focus of "Treat others the way you want to be treated" (also known as the Golden Rule). We will be revisiting the book we started the year with,



Students will work on creating paper doll chains – where they will decorate one doll as themselves and the next as the other person. They will also make long paper chains (on pink paper) focusing on, "I want others to So I will ..." Pink Shirt Day is a wonderful culmination of the February Virtue of Friendliness.

Upcoming School Presentations

In keeping with the content of the BC Curriculum, we will be having some special guests present to students in the near future. Kerri Isham will be returning right after Spring Break to work with our primary students. She will be covering the learning standards for the sexual health and safety. I will send home additional information on these sessions prior to Spring Break. Thank you to PAC and Hot Lunch for the financial support of this program.

In keeping with Ministry of Education expectations around social responsibility and valuing diversity, students in grades 5-7 will be part of the "Out in Schools" presentation on Thursday morning.



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Finally, member of the VIHA team responsible for the kindergarten screening for vision, hearing and dental will return to the school on March 9th to catch students who were not here on their first visit.

Registrations for 2018-2019

The District is continuing to accept registrations for students NEW to Cinnabar (or other schools in NLPS) for the upcoming school year. Applications for out of catchment requests are due by March 31. Please note that the District is anticipating LIMITED ability to honour these requests in most schools due to increases in enrollment and changes to class size and class composition levels. All registrations and out of catchment applications are completed through the registration portal on the School District website.

Please let the office know if your child will not be returning to Cinnabar in the fall. The more accurate our enrollments numbers are the easier it is to plan for an efficient start to the school year! We are very close to 300 students right now and are anticipating being over that number next year!

Buses next week:

Tuesday 12:30 and 2:30 for Division 3 and 4 (skating). Friday 8:50 and 11:10 for swimming.

Calendar Updates February 26 to March 2

Skating Lessons – Division 3 and 4 Out in Schools Grade 5-7 Hot Lunch Tuesday, February 27 Thursday, March 1 Friday, March 2