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A note from the office ...

Cinnabar continues to be a very busy place of exceptional learning! We are seeing some real growth from our students, with happy faces on both the teachers and the students! Ms. Irving just shared with me that some of the students she was working with who weren't readers before Christmas are now reading! There is something magical about the time of year between the holiday breaks where students' familiarity with routines and their readiness to learn seems to align

and amazing things happen!

Our math goal has taken charge of the school with all students now receiving two focused math blocks a week on a specific skill area. The goal is to master this concept to improve or extend overall math fluency in addition. The groups are multi-age, with all adults participating in the instruction. It is busy when we move to these groups but the kids are doing so well with the changes. As adults

we use our PLC time on Mondays to talk about the learning and adjust where we are going. It is the inquiry process in action—and we are having fun doing it!

There are lots of special dates in February and March so please pay close attention to the calendar.

In friendship,

Ms. Charles

For More information or to report incidents of bullying please go to

<http://www.erasebullying.ca/>

Calendar Updates

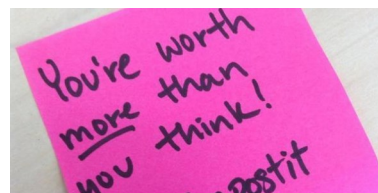
- Feb 9—PAC meeting
- Feb 9—Author Visit
- Feb 9—Kim's Cardio
- Feb 12—Valentine's Day activities
- Feb 12—Grade 4's to symphony
- Feb 18—100's Day
- Feb 18—Assembly @ 1:30
- Feb 22 and 23—Non-Instructional Day
- Feb 24—Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 24—K dental, vision and hearing screening
- Mar 1-3 Soar BC Sessions
- Mar 9—Report Cards
- Mar 14-28—Spring Break and Easter Break
- Mar 29—Schools re-open



PINK SHIRT DAY—POST IT POSITIVE

Wednesday February 24th is Pink Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear pink in support of the fight against bullying and related bullying behaviour. On top of this we will be participating in the "POST IT POSITIVE DAY" sponsored by Woodgrove Mall. Students will be giving the opportunity to write positive comments about their peers and the adults in their lives and post it on a large display area in the school. Mrs. Kristiansen's class is working on an assembly presentation for February 18th to ensure that the students have a very clear idea as to what this day is all about.

In years past students were each given a shirt for this special day however this is no longer possible. Please find something pink to wear on the 24th!



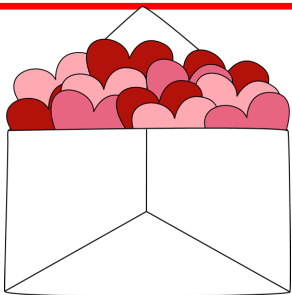
HUNDREDS DAY

Hundreds day is a very important milestone for students! This day marks the 100th day of school and it also celebrates the fact that they have been working on learning all about numbers, their values, how to count them, and what they mean. Students will also be dressing as if they are 100 years old. Please remind them that although Ms. Charles is “older” they are not to use me as a role model on what a 100 year old lady looks like! I found these images which may help instead! Happy counting!



PBIS Update

We are continuing to focus on teaching the school wide positive behaviour expectations that are the foundations of creating a safe, caring and orderly school. The January assembly focused on teaching the meaning of respect. Students learned that showing respect for places includes using the sidewalks and respecting property. They also were reminded that they can show respect for things by asking to borrow something instead of just taking and being careful with other people’s belongings. Finally, they were reminded that being respectful to people means using kinds words, respecting their personal space, and keeping their hands to themselves. At the end of the assembly names were drawn from our “second chance Valley Viper box” and 20 students were given a prize as a way of saying thank you for following our expectations. I see a real sense of pride when students receive a Valley Viper ticket for doing well with our behaviour expectations. Well done Cinnabar!



February 12 will be a day of friendship and love! Well, friendship at least ...

Classes will be celebrating Valentine’s Day on Friday February 12. Teachers will be distributing student lists where appropriate. Please remember that each class has its own plans for the day so connect with your child’s teacher prior to buying Valentine’s.

If your child’s class is having a get together that involves families sending food please consider the following:

1. We are an allergy aware school—please be cautious around items with any type of nut (peanut or tree nut) as we have students with anaphylaxis for both.
2. Please limit sugary items. Crackers and cheese or veggies are great things to share in a class party.
3. Consider that if 25 students bring items for 25 students things get very overwhelming and there is a lot of waist! Sending enough for 6-12 students is usually plenty for a class party.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

We are currently accepting in-catchment registrations for all grades as well as out-of-catchment applications for the 2016-2017 school year. In-catchment registrations can be accepted until June 16, 2016 although we appreciate getting the registrations as soon as possible to allow for accurate planning for next year. Out-of-catchment applications are due by March 31.

Families who know they will be moving or changing schools next year are asked to let the office know as soon as possible. We don't typically get a request for records until the end of June.

Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and a proof of address to any school office for registration documentation.

CEDAR HIGH SCHOOL and Bussing to John Barsby

Families are reminded that Cinnabar Valley Elementary School students will be transitioned to the newly reopening Cedar Secondary school effective September 2016. The school locator function on the School District Website has not reflected the change.

Please also note that bus service for students in the Cinnabar Valley catchment to John Barsby will end at the end of June 2016. Out of catchment students will be required to find their own transportation to John Barsby. Bussing will be available to Cedar Secondary for those students who qualify.

The NLPS is currently holding monthly meetings to discuss the transition and reopening needs for Cedar Secondary. We are in need of a parent volunteer to be part of these important discussions. If you are interested please email diane.charles@sd68.bc.ca.



Criminal Record Checks

Update on doing a criminal record check:

Visit this site:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm> You will be prompted for the NLPS access code which is as follows:
Access Code: UQ4T7XXBHE

Once you have completed and submitted the form for the online criminal record check, **please provide your school principal with your full name and date of birth.**

All adults who volunteer in any capacity in the school are required to have a Criminal Record Check. This would include all PAC members and those people who help out with Hot Lunch on Fridays.

Newsletter Listserv

We would love to be able to eliminate most paper newsletters by being able to send everything out electronically. However, for any newsletter that has commercial content of any kind (including information about out of school sports, fundraisers, school photos and hot lunch orders) we have to have permission to access email accounts. (Anti-Spam legislation).

We are asking that parents go on to our school website under newsletters and sign up for this listserv.

JOYFUL LITERACY!

I am excited to share that five staff members will be traveling to Abbotsford for a two-day in-service on early literacy intervention. Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Skarbo, Ms. Collins and Mrs. Miscavish and myself will be attending this early learning conference that will focus on inquiry methods to assess, intervene and assess literacy in our youngest learners. We want to "catch the readers before they fall" and find ways of making learning enjoyable. We are very excited to share this learning voyage with staff groups from three other elementary schools.

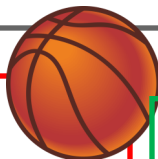
Sports update

Thanks are extended to Mrs. Kristiansen for volunteering her time once again to coach our bantam girls. The sport this time was volleyball. The girls played hard and were very competitive.

Thanks are also extended to Mrs. Rocha for volunteering to run intermurals for students in grade 4-7. The turn out has been great! It is fun to see the kids working so hard to have fun in the gym.

Our next team league is basketball. With thanks to Mr. Lyle, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Visscher we have two teams for the boys—pee wee and bantam. We look forward to cheering these enthusiastic boys on throughout the league play.

Please put April 29th on your calendar as that is our School Track Meet. We will most likely be sharing the track with another school so this will be an exciting day indeed!



ENERGY CUP CHALLENGE

\$4000 will be awarded to the school who shows the greatest effort to reduce our energy foot print from February 15 to April 30.

Our ECO CLUB will be taking the lead on this one. Please stay tuned for more information and get prepared for

LIGHTS OUT LUNCHES!

SWEATER DAYS!

ELEPHANT FOOT CAPTURES!

Plus whatever else we can come up with!



