



## Weekly Update from Cinnabar Valley Elementary School

February 16, 2018

### What a busy week!

It seems like our short weeks, in regards to the number of days in session, turn out to be our most action packed in the way of events! This week is no exception. Please enjoy some photos that capture some of the excitement.

Luv2Groove with Ms. Christine was a huge hit on Thursday. This was her second visit to Cinnabar as part of the Artist in the Schools program (graciously supported by the PAC!) All classes had an opportunity to work on their Hip Hop skills. Our students were amazing – kind, caring, cooperative and enthusiastic! Ms. Christine can't wait to come back again.



We celebrated Flag Day with an official ceremony of raising a new Canadian and BC Flag. Thank you Mr. Dodd for helping out, and to our Kindergartens for being so respectful and formal in handling the flags.

We sang O Canada as the flags were raised into position – and even worked on using the new words, “in all of us command”!

Cupid was very busy delivering Valentines on Wednesday! It was wonderful to see the younger students so excited at reading their cards from their friends!





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Students are 100 days smarter as celebrated today with our primary students. I am not sure who actually showed up to teach the students though!

We got into the spirit of the 100-Day celebration in our morning aerobics as we tried to do 100 repetitions or seconds of a various exercises before we ran out of time! Our students worked so hard! Can you do multiple rounds of push-ups, sit ups, jumping jacks, and plank without a break? They sure showed they were willing to give it a great effort!

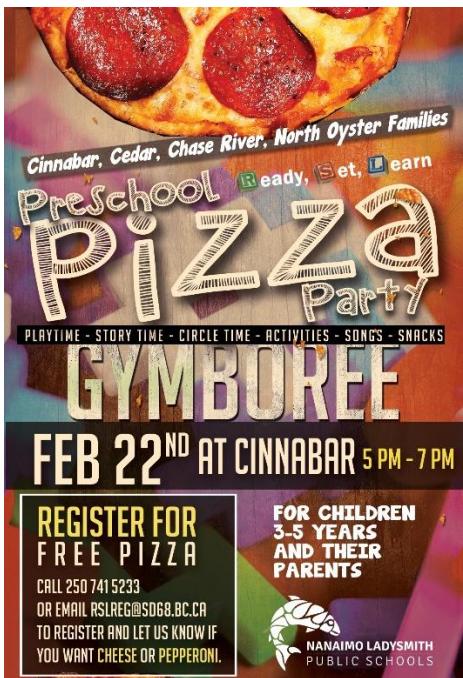
### Remember!



Monday and Tuesday are Professional Days – school is not in session. Cinnabar is closed on Monday as most teachers and administrators will be Dover Bay for the District Professional Day. Tuesday is a school-based day of learning.



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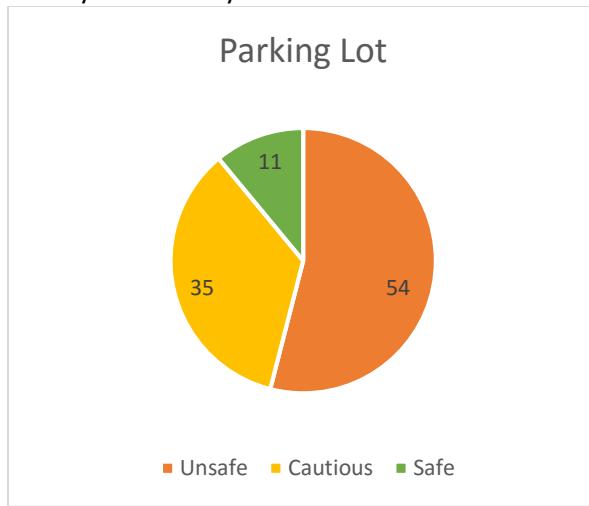
Calling all preschoolers and their parents! Join us on Thursday evening in the gym!

Don't forget to register!

### School Climate Survey

I am in the final stages of completing a two-part school climate survey involving all students in the school. The purpose of the survey is to inform our practice, address concerns, and work for continuous improvement in creating a safe, caring, orderly and inclusive school environment where students are able to learn at their best each day.

Part of the survey process had students classify up to 40 different areas inside and outside the school as being safe (green), requiring caution (yellow) and unsafe (red). I would like to draw one part of the results to your attention. 54% of the students report feeling unsafe in the parking lot, while 35% are cautious and only 11% are safe. If we consider that many students must travel through the parking lot or walk beside the parking lot on their way to and from school, this is significant. The students are uneasy before they even make it inside the door!



I appreciate the efforts that have been made to date in improving the flow of traffic, especially with the reduction of double parking on the upper area of the parking lot. However, I do think we can still do better as a school community in supporting one another in making the drop off and pick up times safer and calmer for everyone.



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I am including this photo taken earlier this week on a day when we were expecting a school bus to arrive to drop off our grade 1 students who had been skating. This photo is of Ohio, the short road before the driveway. The bus did not make it into the parking lot. Instead, the bus stopped at the upper gate on Richardson Road, and the students had to walk back down the hill into the school.

I am sure that we, as a community of caring adults, can do better.

### Busses next week:

Wednesday afternoon – 12:00 and 2:30; Friday morning – 8:45 and 11:00.

### Maple Sugar Festival

Students in Division 11-13 will be experiencing a touch of French Canadian Culture on Wednesday when they travel to Beban Park for the annual Maple Sugar Festival. This is a wonderful chance for our senior students to practice some of their French vocabulary, learn about some of the French traditions, and eat some amazing food (they are most excited about the food). Parents, students need their permission slips at school on Wednesday to participate! There is no cost for this event as bussing is being covered by the District French as a Second Language program, and the school is covering the rest (through our French Language budget). Click on the link for more information. The festival is open to the public – I highly recommend a visit!

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### Calendar Updates February 19-23, 2018

Professional Day	Monday, February 19
Professional Day	Tuesday, February 20
Maple Sugar Festival	Wednesday, February 21 – Div 11, 12 and 13
Ready Set Learn! Preschool Pizza Party	Thursday, February 22
Hot Lunch	Friday, February 23