

čəsqənelə News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #6 - February



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is a busy and exciting month at our school, filled with learning, connection, and community spirit. We are looking forward to several events that our students always enjoy.

Our Glow Dance is sure to be a highlight, offering a fun and memorable opportunity for students to come together. We are excited to welcome Science World presentations, which bring hands-on learning and curiosity to our students. We will also proudly recognize Pink Shirt Day, reminding us of the importance of kindness, inclusion, and respect for one another.

In addition, February is full of experiences that enrich social life, including field trips, basketball games, hot lunches, and treat days.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff and parent community for their ongoing support and dedication. Your involvement and care play a critical role in making our school such a positive and welcoming place for students.

Thank you for all you do to make our school community strong. I look forward to a wonderful month ahead.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PAC: Please see the PAC Newsletter on page 2.

Basketball: The school basketball season is well underway, and we are now about halfway through. We currently have four teams, including a competitive girls' team, a competitive boys' team, and two recreational boys' teams. Good luck to all the teams as they finish out their season.

Science World: We are excited to have two mobile Science World presentations visiting our school on February 17th & 18th. Intermediate students will participate in the Fantastic Forces Show, while the primary students will participate in the How2Science Show.

Pink Shirt Day: Please wear a pink shirt on February 25th to help promote kindness.

Upcoming School Sports: Watch for announcements regarding ultimate frisbee in April, and spring cross-country in May.

Bookfair: The scholastic book fair is coming to the Hive March 2 - 6th, keep an eye out for more information!

Upcoming Events

- Feb 1-8 Treat Day ordering open on Munchalunch
- Feb 6 Indigenous Intramurals ~ Intermediate
- Feb 9 PAC Hot Lunch Opa/Dominos
- Feb 10 PAC meeting 7:30 ~Zoom
- Feb 10-17 PAC Hot Lunch ordering open on Munchalunch
- Feb 12 PAC Glow Dance 6-8pm
- Feb 13 Non-Instructional Day No school for students
- Feb 16 Family Day School Closed
- Feb 17&18 Science World Presentation
- Feb 19 PAC Treat Day Booster Juice
- Feb 20 Spirit Day – Neon Day
- Feb 21-28 PAC Hot Lunch ordering open on Munchalunch
- Feb 25 Pink Shirt Day PAC Hot Lunch Dominos & Subway
- Mar 2-6 Scholastic Bookfair
- Mar 5 Early Dismissal 11:30 am Conferences
- Mar 6 Conferences No School for Students
- Mar 10 PAC Meeting In-person 7:30 pm



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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

January Review

- A great month back to school after the holidays! Hosting a hot lunch on the first day back was a huge hit.
- Committees have been working on planning for exciting upcoming events like the Glow Dance and Fun Day.
 - It's not too late to help! If you're interested in joining a committee or would like to help at either of these events, please email us at kusqunelapac@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting (via ZOOM)
Tuesday, Feb 10th @7:30pm

Glow Dance
Thursday, Feb 12th @6-8pm
RSVP & more info on Facebook

Hot Lunch (Opa/Dominoes)
Monday, Feb 9th
Ordering closed

Treat Day (Booster Juice)
Friday, Feb 20th
Ordering opens Feb 1st

Hot Lunch (Dominos/Subway)
Wednesday, Feb 25th
Ordering opens Feb 10th

Did
You
Know



If your child is sick or away on a hot lunch or treat day, their orders will be available to pick up at the office between 12:15-2:00pm.

Any orders left at 2:00pm will be distributed to students in need.

Hot Lunch Email:
kusqunelahotlunch@gmail.com

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS...

Arrival and Departure: Please ensure your child is going in their pod door in the morning and leaving through pod doors in the afternoon. Students must check in at the office after 8:40 am. **Parents should never be in the building or going to classrooms without first checking in at the office, this includes the portables.**

Parking Lot: Please remember that our parking lot is **one-way with designated lanes for parking, kiss and go drop off/pick-up, and thru traffic.** It typically takes 10-15 minutes for the congestion to dissipate in the morning and afternoon. If we all remain patient and kind this will go much faster. Please see the attached map if you are unsure of the parking lot guidelines.

Litter-less Lunches: To help teach the students how to better take care of the environment ćəsqənelə has a litter-less lunch policy. As part of this process students are asked to pack out whatever they don't eat from their lunch each day including wrappers from packaged goods. Please note: There are no utensils, and no microwaves in the school for student use. Please send items that need to be hot in a thermos and send utensils.

Bikes and Scooters: Students have been asked to walk, not ride, scooters and bikes on school property and we request they get locked up on the bike racks found around the school. E-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed on school property. Please note, the school is not liable for any lost or stolen bikes or scooters.

After School Arrangements: To minimize phone calls to the office and class disruption, please ensure that your children are aware of lunch and/or after school arrangements when they arrive to school in the morning. Notes in your child's planner or emails to the teacher are great communication options as well. All teacher emails can be located under the staff tab on the school website. We are pleased to be of assistance when unexpected problems arise, however, we do appreciate your efforts to keep those occurrences minimal. Thank you for understanding.

ćəsqənelə Tuesday: Wear your ćəsqənelə Spirit Wear, shirts with kind messages, Terry Fox or orange shirts on Tuesdays to help your class win a visit from Spark, our resident eagle.

PAC: ćəsqənelə PAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month, with a few exceptions, please come to a meeting, let your voice be heard and help do good things for our students! The PAC also has a Facebook group that is updated frequently, you will need to ask to join and fill out questions prior to approval, this ensures the safety of our staff and students. Email: cusqunelapac@gmail.com
Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2769354153092188>

Parent complaints: If a parent is concerned about a decision made by a teacher, the parent first has an obligation to raise the concern with the teacher directly. If the concern is not resolved, the parent may request a meeting with the teacher and the principal to discuss the issue. If after this meeting, the parent is still dissatisfied with the decision made or action taken, a meeting with the principal and the assistant superintendent may be requested to resolve the matter. This information can be found in your child's planner as well as on the SD42 website: <https://www.sd42.ca/appeal-process/>

Lost and Found: The lost and found boxes are located by the gym doors. Please feel free to come look through the bins to find your child's missing items. Please be sure to label your child's clothing items, especially coats, to help enable these items return to your family!

Medical Alerts: Just a reminder that if you have a child with health-related issues that may need medical intervention while at school, this includes any short-term medication, proper paperwork is required to be updated *each year*. Please drop by the office to complete the necessary forms.

Parent Portal: It is easy to "unsubscribe" from portal communications, if you stop receiving regular messages please check your status.

Dress for the Weather: It is important your child is sent to school dressed appropriately. As well, an extra set of clothes kept at the school will enable your child to change should they get wet or muddy while playing during recess or lunch. We send the students out during these breaks no matter the weather. Please encourage them to dress for the weather.