

# c̓usq̓unel̓a News

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"Walk Together as One, Learn Together as One"

Newsletter #7 – March

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*With all of the events happening at c̓usq̓unel̓a, time moves quickly as we are through the month of February and Spring Break is just around the corner!*

*This week students are busy preparing for their student led conferences. I always enjoy seeing their work on display and how proud they are of their accomplishments! Boys and Girls basketball is well under way along with our musical production!*

*We are looking forward to some sunny weather as we head into Spring and we wish everyone a safe and happy Spring Break. We look forward to seeing you all when we return from the break on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>!*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PAC:** Please see the PAC Newsletter on page 2.

**Bookfair:** The scholastic book fair is happening now until March 6<sup>th</sup>, come support the school library by expanding your home library!

**Basketball:** Our school basketball season has wrapped up for all of our teams except our competitive girl team as they get ready for the playoffs soon. Good luck girls!

**Upcoming School Sports:** Ultimate (Frisbee) will be getting underway in April and track & field practices will begin for intermediate students in late April and early May. We're excited to get so many students involved in spring athletics at our school.

**Terry Fox:** On April 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our Terry Fox Gathering at 10:45 am, followed by our run. More information to come regarding this event and fundraising activities.

**Fundamentals Childcare Centre:** Registration for Preschool, ages 3-5, are currently open for the September 2026 – June 2027 school year.

## Upcoming Events

- 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
- Mar 13 Basketball Wrap-up Event  
11:00 am – noon  
PAC Hot lunch  
Masala Boyz & Dominos
- Mar 14-29 Spring Break
- Mar 30 Welcome Back to School!  
Gathering: 9:30 am  
PAC Hot Lunch  
Subway & Dominos
- Apr 3 Good Friday  
School not in session
- Apr 6 Easter Monday  
School not in session
- Apr 8 Reading link challenge  
In school competition  
12:45 – 1:45 pm (Hive)
- Apr 14 PAC meeting  
Zoom 7:30 pm
- Apr 15 PAC Hot Lunch
- Apr 17 Terry Fox Gathering & Run  
10:45 am
- Apr 20 PAC Ice Cream Day



# Castanella Elementary PAC

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### February Review

- The Glow Dance was such a success! Thanks to the volunteers who helped us out with this favourite family event!
- PAC funds were used to cover the cost of the traveling Science World presentation that visited last week. Ask your kids about their favourite part - we hear there were a lot of highlights!
- Thanks for supporting our Mashkiki Lifestyle Fundraiser! The money raised will be directed towards our efforts to purchase a new class set of laptops.

### Upcoming Events

#### **PAC Meeting (@ CQE)**

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm

#### **Hot Lunch (Subway/Masala Boyz)**

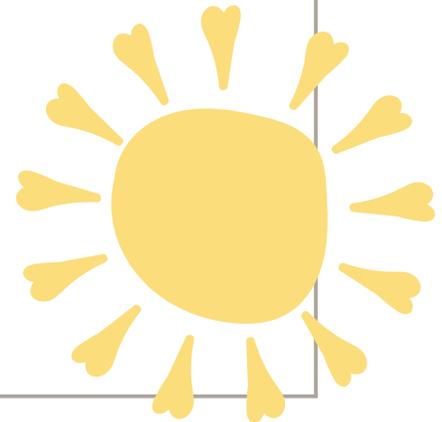
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

*Ordering closes March 3<sup>th</sup>*

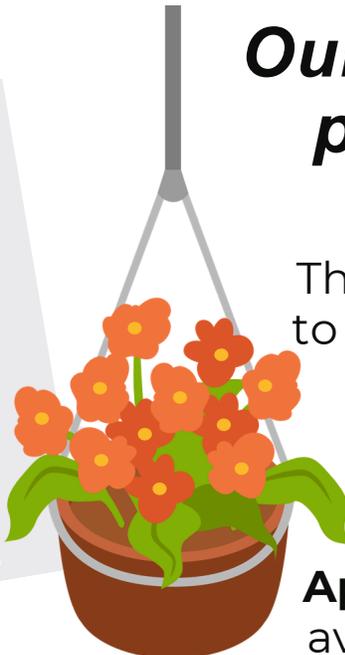
#### **Hot Lunch (Dominos/Subway)**

Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

*Ordering opens March 4<sup>th</sup>*



Shop Here:



### Our Growing Smiles plant fundraiser is open!

There are a few new plants to choose from this year, as well as some usual favourites.!

Ordering will close **April 7<sup>th</sup>** and plants will be available for pickup at the school on **April 22nd**.

## 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](mailto: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.