



"WEEK AT A GLANCE" May 11-15

Monday, May 11

- Discus 1pm for any Gr 6 and 7 students who are interested in qualifying
- PAC meeting 6:30

Tuesday, May 12

- Class photo day

Wednesday, May 13

- Pro D day: No school for students

Thursday, May 14

Friday, May 15

- Div.15 Stable Harvest Farm all day

May 17th was named the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. This day was chosen to honour May 17, 1990, the date the World Health Organization made the landmark decision to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. It is a day to recognize hard-earned progress, while also addressing the pursuit of equality.

Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and additional sexually and gender diverse communities continue to face adversity and challenges in their pursuit of rights and inclusion. A disproportionate percentage of these communities continue to report experiencing discrimination and harassment.



Class Placement Parent Input

We are beginning to create our classes for next year. Please be assured that staff devote considerable time, care and attention to this process. This very complex and lengthy responsibility occurs over several weeks and continues into September when class placements are finalized.

Throughout the year, there have been many opportunities for parents and teachers to discuss each child. Staff work together to consider the following criteria very carefully: social emotional skills and relationships, as well as learning styles, strengths and needs. Our goal is to create safe and engaging inclusive classrooms that balance these factors, as equitably as possible.

If you feel there is further information to consider about your child, you may submit input in writing via email to Nicole_neggers@sd42.ca by May 15th.

Any input stating specific teachers, or peers by name will not be accepted.



This month is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Mental Health Awareness Month takes place across Canada in May every year. During this month, Canadians can learn about mental illnesses and how they affect people's lives in different ways. In addition, the public can learn more about how to reduce the stigma around mental illnesses.

We will be providing some education on Mental Health this month!

Warmer Weather Attire and Safe Shoes

As the warmer weather becomes more the norm (hopefully), our thoughts are starting to turn to Spring and Summer clothing. Please remember our dress code, in which we ask students to wear appropriate clothing to school. Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for an elementary school. The school district is committed to providing students with learning environments that are safe, responsive, and inclusive. The district recognizes that decisions about dress reflect individual expression of identity, socio-cultural norms, and that they are personal.

Students may attend school and school-related functions in dress of their choice provided that their choices:

- Conform with established health and safety requirements for the intended activity;
- Do not represent or promote weapons, gang culture, and controlled substances including but not limited to drugs, alcohol or tobacco;
- Use respectful language;
- Do not depict or promote violence, racism, sexism or discrimination; and
- Are not intimidating to others.

Staff may use their discretion if they believe an article of clothing is not appropriate for an elementary school. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress guidelines when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discretely and given an opportunity to meet school district guidelines.