

# **February Newsletter**

Issue No. 4



#### Principal's message

I trust this message finds you well. As we move into February, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements of the past month, particularly our inaugural winter concert. Despite the chilly weather, we had an incredible turnout, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents who braved the cold to support our students. Your presence truly made the event special.

A big thank you as well to our dedicated staff and hardworking students who put in so much effort to prepare and deliver such outstanding performances. Your passion and commitment were evident, and we are incredibly proud of all of you.

would like to express my gratitude to all the parents who participated in the recent Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting and, contributing to quality of discussions.

February is not only a month to celebrate important events like Valentine's Day, Pink Shirt Day, and Black History Month, but it's also Literacy Month! This month, we encourage all families to engage in reading together. Whether it's a story before bed or a fun reading challenge, let's make literacy a priority in our homes. Reading is an essential skill, and your support in fostering a love for reading in your child is invaluable.

Finally, a gentle reminder to complete the readmission form by February 21st if your child will be returning next year. After this date, we will begin offering spots to students on our waiting list.

Let's make this Literacy Month a memorable one by reading together and celebrating the joy of learning. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the month ahead!





### Core value and Learner attribute of the Month

### creativity

We value creativity as it leads to noble ways of thinking and creating. It motivates us to set high goals and work towards resolving and achieving them.

#### **IB** Learner attribute

#### Open minded

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

# Important announcements

# **Literacy Month**

February is Literacy Month, and it's the perfect time to emphasize the importance of reading, not just as an academic skill, but as a gateway to imagination, empathy, and lifelong learning. Reading plays a crucial role in your child's cognitive development, vocabulary building, and overall academic success. This month, we encourage all families to make reading a fun and consistent part of their daily routines. Whether it's reading together at home or encouraging independent reading, every page turned helps fuel curiosity and expand horizons. On March 7th teachers will literacy month winners based on who has read most books or pages. Please follow google classroom for your child's age and class challenge.

To further support our commitment to literacy, we're excited to host Literacy Night for Parents on Feb 28th. This event will provide valuable insights into how parents can support their child's literacy journey at home. Our teachers will share effective literacy strategies, tips for fostering a love of reading, and ways to help students develop strong reading habits.

#### Dates to remember

Skiing trips

For Jr Kindergarten- Gr 1 s please see updates on Google classroom for updates

Feb 06: Grade 4 and 5 - 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Feb 07 :Grade 2A & B - 9:30AM to 11:30AM Grade 3A & B - 11:30AM to 1:30PM

Picture day

Feb 10: KGs and Gr 1s

Feb 14: Jr Kindergarteners, Gr 2-5

Trip to Big AI's Aquarium Super-centre

Feb 6: KG B Feb 10: KG C Feb 11: KG D Feb 12: KG A

'Feb 6 and 13: Gr 2 visit to Senior's home

Feb 5th, 12th, 19 & 26 - Gr 2-5 Indoor Soccer at Millennium Place.

Feb 17: No school family day

Feb 18th: PD day no school for students Feb 26th: Pink shirt day - Wear pink Shirt

Feb 28th: Family literacy night

Please check Google classroom everyday updates

#### Pink Shirt day

Pink shirt Day is a campaign against bullying. Pink Shirt Day began with two teenagers in Canada in 2007. David Shepherd and Travis Price, both of Nova Scotia, were troubled by witnessing one of their peers being bullied for wearing pink shirt to school. David and Travis decided to respond. They brought pink shirts for fellow students and handed them out at school to show their support. Today, Pink shirt day is a stance against bullying and a visible reminder to be kind to everyone and is recognized around the world. We encourage everyone to wear a pink shirt to participate in Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025

## Happy Valentine's day

Tue, Feb 14, 2025 we will be celebrating valentine's day by showing caring attitude toward everyone.

# **Black History Month**

As described on the Government of Canada website, every February, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada a culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous country. This month students will be learning about various Black Heros who have brought positive change in our world.



Bento style Lunch box

# Hot Lunch provided every Friday

We are bless to have nutritious hot lunches (Langar) to students every Friday. Our ultimate aim is to provide healthy hot lunches more often, and we seek parental support for this initiative. A document will be shared with you to coordinate volunteering schedules, donations, and other details. In our efforts to minimize disposable waste, kindly pack your child's healthy snacks in a Bento-style lunch kit, enabling us to serve lunch directly in their kit.