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Home of the Road Runners

# **February Newsletter**

A Message from your Principal: Wow, how did we get to February so fast. We are having an excellent start to our 2025. Students are engaging well in their studies and there is some fantastic learning happening in our classrooms. We are working hard with our literacy and numeracy initiatives, and we are starting to see some real growth.

Mr. Doug Brown, Principal

# **Big Thank You:**

**Thank you** to Neutral Roofing and Sheet Metal for their time and effort spent fixing our rink over the Christmas break. A wonderful crew of people with hearts of gold. The students are loving the rink. Also, a big thank you to John Rowat and NorWest for coming and flooding the rink for us, you rock!



### **Communication & Reminders:**

**Student of the Week at Chilcotin Road:** We have changed things up this year and we are celebrating students a little differently! Every adult that is connected to our building has a week that they are asked to pick one student that they feel goes above and beyond or, they feel the student is trying hard both with academics and behaviour. This does not replace all of the good celebrations in the classroom, it only helps build and strengthen it. The student receives a certificate for a small pizza from Panago, a \$10 gift card to open book and a picture with a write up of why the adult picked them. This picture is then displayed on our student of the week board and celebrated at the end of each month. This is going really well and we are very happy with how our students are responding.

#### **District Plan for Learner Success:**

The District Plan has been approved by the Board and posted to the school district website [Home page ---Our District --- District Plan For Learner Success]. There is a page for how staff, students, parents and caregivers, and community members can engage with and support the work of the

plan. Go and check out all of the wonderful posts about Chilcotin Road and all the good learning happening here.

**Safe Arrival Program:** Chilcotin Road will continue to use the student absence reporting system called **"SafeArrival".** If you need help with the program, please call our office. Please have clear communication with your child's teacher about absences and other classroom issues. This helps us cut down on calls to the office.



**Code of Conduct:** Families should review the Code of Conduct and the Family Handbook located on our school website. Both documents have been sent out via email as well. Hard copies are available in the office as needed. Our revised Code of Conduct frames all behaviour as communication, with the Circle of Courage at the center. This is a strength based, resilience-focused approach rooted in the principle that to be emotionally healthy, all youth need a sense of

belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Please review at home with your whole family. Common language supports our collective good work.

**School Food Program:** We are pleased to continue to offer a school food program for students who need it. Breakfast is served every morning now out of our canteen and food is available for those that need it at lunch. There is **no cost** to this program, and **no need to contact** the school office. If you're interested in helping with our program or have any questions, please contact Doug Brown in the office. If kids are hungry, we will feed them.

**Munchalunch:** Thank you to our secretary Brandy for her work in coordinating this and to Lisa Ruyter for helping take the pressure off.

# Mark your Calendars / Events:

PAC Meeting: Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Staffroom – all parents/guardian's welcome!
Feb 3-7: Candy-Gram sales
Feb 07: Bubble-gum Day
Feb 13: Valentines Day
Feb 14: ProD
Feb 17: Family Day (Stat)
Feb 26: Pink shirt Day

# \*Please mark your calendars as well with skate days and ski days! Classroom teachers would have sent home the information on this.

**You can also find our Chilcotin Road PAC on Facebook: "**Chilcotin Road PAC" - This is a good resource to check for new or updated school celebrations of school community and culture. We ask that only parents of Chilcotin Road Elementary join this page.