

Big Lake Elementary School

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Gavin Lake Field Trips

We enjoyed our first field trip to Gavin Lake. We will be going again on Wednesday, Feb 12th, a new permission slip will come home soon, if you have not already done so, please remember to sign and send back the Gavin Lake waiver.

Bull Mountain

We also enjoyed our first trip to Bull Mountain for cross country skiing. Remember our second trip is Feb 20th; you will not get an additional permission slip as we covered both trips on the January form.

After School Sports

We are going to start after school sports, February 11th. Sports will be on **TUESDAYS** – 2:10-3:10 in the Hall. This session will finish at Spring Break. Thank you again to Coach Brandon for making these sessions possible.

PAC News

The next PAC meeting is Feb 6th @ 2:15 pm at the Hall, zoom will be available; all parents are welcome.

Hot Food Day

Thanks to all our volunteer parents for shopping and preparing our Thursday Hot Lunches while we are at the school. The kids love these days. Remember to go back into the goggle doc and put your menu item the month prior so it can be included on the school calendar. Also remember to get a P.O. (purchase order) from the school the week before your hot lunch.



Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 13th as the 14th is a Pro-D Day. The **Citizenship Group** will be

hosting a "Formal Wear" Party. Everyone is asked to dress in their best clothes. The kids can also bring a small snack to share. We will have a Valentine's Day card exchange (this is optional, if your child wants to exchange cards, please ensure that they have a card for each child in their class - list is at the end of this newsletter).



Citizenship Group

We are still raising funds for our Ice Rink. Please spread the word that our next Bingo is on Saturday, February 8th 5-8 pm. We will have a concession and the first ball drops at 6 pm.



Pink Shirt Day

Feb 26th is Pink Shirt Day. We encourage all students to wear something pink on that day in recognition of working together and treating others with dignity and respect.

Variety Show

As part of our fine arts curriculum, we will have a Variety Show again this year. We are planning it for the afternoon of March 11th and parents will be invited to come watch. Children are expected to come up with an idea and practice for their performance at home. We encourage parents to help them with this. **We will have a "check-in" on Feb 11th** where children should be able to let us know what they will be performing.

Some ideas include:

- Magic Show
- Dance
- Singing
- Poetry Reading
- Joke Telling
- Playing an Instrument

- Puppet show
- Skit or small play

Everyone will participate and students are asked to try something different from what they did last year. Children may choose to perform either solo, with a partner or in a group.

Kindergarten Registration

The 2025-26 Kindergarten registration will begin January 27th. Parents can register their children on-line or "in person" at the school. It is important to register early as it allows the school to plan for next year's staffing. Please spread the word.

School of Choice

School of Choice applications will also open Jan 27th with a deadline of March 12th. If you wish to send your child to a school in the District that is not their catchment school you must go through this process. **This includes our Grade 6 students who wish to go to Grade 7 at Columneetza in September.** School of Choice applications will be available to complete on-line. Please see District Website for instructions or call the school if you need help.

Valentines Class List:

Primary Class

Harlow
Oliver
Raya
Marc
Thalen
Mireya
Arianna
Dane
Jayce
Lochlan
Braiden
Wren

Intermediate Class

Aeris
Julia
Charlotte
Connor
Greyson
Isadore
Leighton