



April 2022 Newsletter



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Early Dismissal Days next week!



Please notice that we will be having 2 early dismissal days next week, on April 13th and 14th. Students will be dismissed 1 hour earlier than normal (at 1:15 instead of the regular 2:15) on both of these two days for all schools in our district.

Parent Volunteers for our Breakfast Snack and Safe Arrival programs

Our breakfast snack and safe arrival programs are both critical programs that take place every day at our school. Over the past two years these programs have been run by school staff. However, prior to COVID-19, our school breakfast and safe arrival programs were run by parent volunteers. At that time, we had five different parent/guardian volunteers in place, one for each day of the week. Volunteers would prepare breakfast snacks for our students and would clean up afterwards. They would also make phone calls home on students who are absent but whose parents have not informed us that they would be absent. With the recent loosening of COVID-19 restrictions, we are, once again, able to invite parent/guardian volunteers to help us with this program. If you are interested in helping out, please e-mail or call Mr. Doolan (mark.doolan@sd27.bc.ca or 250-397-2962). The time commitment would be approximately 1 hour per morning.



A special thank you

Speaking of parent volunteers, I would like to acknowledge and thank Melanie McMaster for all she does for our school. Melanie has been a steady helper with our CPAC recycling program, she does noon hour supervision, volunteers for our breakfast program, and can always be counted on for decorating the school for special events such as Christmas, Valentines, St. Patrick's Day and, most recently, Easter. Thank you, Melanie, for all of the big and little things you do to make our school a better place.



Hot Lunch this month





This month's Hot Lunch (cheese pizza) will take place on Wednesday, April 20th.



Orange Shirts are coming soon!



Last school year we came up with the idea that we should design and make orange shirts for our staff and students to wear on Orange Shirt Day, September 30th. We held a school-wide design contest in the Spring to create a logo that we could use on these shirts. Contest winners were chosen on June 21st (National Aboriginal Day) and, as you probably know by now, the winning designs (original and digitized versions shown below) were made by Callie Gilbert and Marissa Taylor. I would like to thank all the students who participated in our design contest and would like to, once again, congratulate Callie and Marissa on their winning designs!

<p>Callie Gilbert's design of hands and feathers (front of shirt)</p>	<p>Marissa Taylor's design of a girl with a drum using some of the traditional indigenous art shapes (right shoulder)</p>
 	 

In September we secured funding to go ahead with the purchase of a shirt for every student and staff member at the school. Unfortunately, it turned out that orange shirts were in such high demand in September that we could not find any to purchase at that time. Sue Fryer, who is making our shirts for us, has been monitoring the situation. The good news is that Sue was finally able to access orange shirts, and she has begun the printing process!

We will be wearing our new Orange Shirts at the end of this month.

Earlier this school year, we made a commitment as a school, to wear orange shirts on the 30th of each month (or closest school day to the 30th) as a gesture to acknowledge the recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation commission. We are planning to unveil our new "hot off the press" shirts on Friday, April 28th!



A Special Easter Event is being held Saturday April 16th, between the hours of 12 and 2 at the Outdoor Rink/Tennis Courts (the old Jr./Sr. Secondary School site on Cedar Ave). They would like everyone to know that there is an **Easter Bonnet Contest** for all ages, so even your staff members, parents and family members of the students can participate.

The Easter Event will have Peter Rabbit attending, and there will be numerous fun games and activities for the kids to do!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 PAC Meeting (5:30 PM)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Early Dismissal	14 Early Dismissal	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Monday	19	20 Hot Lunch	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25 <i>Festival of the Arts begins</i>	26	27 Spirit Day (Squishmallow Day)	28 New Orange Shirts today	29 Not in Session Day (Pro D) <i>(Last Day for School Survey)</i>	30

Important Upcoming Dates in May

- May 2nd (Monday) **CPAC Meeting (5:30 PM via ZOOM)**
- May 8th (Sunday) **Mother's Day**
- May 18th (Wednesday) **Hot Lunch**
- May 19th (Thursday) **Cross Country Run at FG Elem (all South End Schools)**
- May 23rd (Monday) **Victoria Day holiday**
- May 28th (Saturday) **PAC Bottle Drive at the school (10 AM - 2 PM)**