



February 2020

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February is a month when we think about friendships, kindness, and inclusion. At Tyson we want all students to feel they belong and try to offer opportunities for all to get involved in some way. These opportunities include (but are not limited to): our lunch clubs with Ms. Hoogeveen, a variety of sports teams, Reading Link Challenge groups, peer leadership opportunities, Spirit Days, monthly House Team celebrations, and special assemblies. This month as we recognize that it's 'Pink Shirt Day' on the 26th, we will be sharing a message of kindness and what that can look like at our school as we endeavor to 'lift each other up'. Our PAC is organizing a special candy bag sale so that students will have the opportunity to purchase a small bag to share with friends, with funds going to help get a new projector, screen, and sound system in our gym. Watch for more information coming in my Sunday email about that!

Following up on my resolution of gratitude that I mentioned last month, I would like to thank all of our coaches and special club leaders who give of their personal time to provide these opportunities for our kids throughout the year. Sometimes students and parents take it for granted that schools will offer these extracurricular opportunities, but without staff members who are willing to take these groups on, they wouldn't happen. We are very fortunate to have the dedicated staff we do and I appreciate their time and dedication!

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 5, 2020	Art Starts Performance
February 11	Special Olympics presentations Grades 3-5
February 11	Fruit and Vegie Program-Apples and milk
February 14	EARLY DISMISSAL DAY 11:13 AM
February 14	Spirit Day-Wear pink, red or purple day!
February 14	Ready, Set and Learn Open House 1:00 pm
February 17	Family Day-SCHOOLS CLOSED
February 18	Excel Martial Arts-School wide activity
February 21	Professional Development Day-SCHOOLS CLOSED
February 24	PAC Meeting 6:00 PM in the Library
February 26	Pink Shirt Day
February 27	Chilliwack Youth Orchestra presentation
February 28	Floor Hockey game vs. Rosedale @ Tyson



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Full Day Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is now underway. If your child will be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2020, please register on-line at www.sd33.bc.ca. You will need to scan and attach your child's birth certificate and proof of residence when registering. We are strongly encouraging all of our families who wish to register at Tyson Elementary to do so as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Link Challenge 2020 has begun! Eager grade 4 & 5 students are getting ready to participate in the Reading Link Challenge sponsored by the Fraser Valley Regional Library. These students are reading the six books selected for this year's challenge and practicing trivia questions about these books. On Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00 pm in the school library we will have our In-school battle. The winning team will go on to represent our school at the District challenge being held at the Yarrow Community Hall on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00 am. Parents are welcome to attend both events.



PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be Monday, February 24 at 6:00 pm in the Library. Join our fun group to work together for Tyson Elementary students. Thank you to our PAC for funding our most recent One School One Book program!

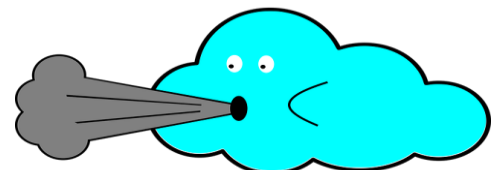
Ms. Willow Reichelt, our School District Trustee, will be joining us for this meeting and I know she would appreciate meeting you and hearing your thoughts on what she can do to support our school!



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES

With the change in seasons, we can often experience changes in the weather. We will still be sending students outside most days, even if it is raining a little, so please remember to have your child dressed for outside play even on wet or cold days. You can check the School District website, the Tyson Elementary website, or listen to STAR FM or The Drive to see if schools are closed due to extreme weather conditions. This link provides more information on school closure guidelines from the District if you would like to read more about inclement weather school closure guidelines:

<https://sd33.bc.ca/inclement-weather-school-closure-guidelines> .



READY, SET, LEARN OPEN HOUSE

February 14, 2020

1:00-1:45 pm

The Ready, Set, Learn event is a great opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighbourhood school. There will be interactive stations and a take home bag with activities and a storybook, as well as some information sharing from our current Kindergarten teachers and Librarian. Our Ready, Set, Learn event will include a school tour, visits to the school library, interactive play activities for children and their parents, information sessions for parents and caregivers, and other activities that support preschool aged children's learning.



CELL PHONES

Please remember that students at the elementary school level should not be using cell phones at school. If you feel your child requires a cell phone for safety reasons (i.e. travelling to and from school), please be aware that the school policy is that cell phones must be turned off and remain in student backpacks during the school day. As with other electronic devices, the school does not take responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen cell phones, or other electronic devices.

LUNCH DROP OFF

If you are leaving a lunch for a student before 11:45 AM, please remember to label the lunch with the first and last name of the student and leave it on the counter at the office for pick up. Mrs. Libby will let the classroom teacher know that a lunch is at the office, which will avoid classroom interruptions. If you arrive after the 11:45 AM lunch bell, please find a noon hour supervisor to assist you in getting the lunch to the correct classroom for your child.

FLOOR HOCKEY

Our boys' and girls' floor hockey team is doing a great job of participating in the School District floor hockey Friday games. It has been a long time since Tyson Elementary has participated in this team sport, so a big thank you goes to Mrs. Kasper for taking on this coaching role for our team.



PINK SHIRT DAY

Wear your Pink Shirt on February 26! In a world of diversity, it is more important than ever to focus on being kind to one another. This Pink Shirt Day and every day, let's Lift Each Other Up! For free resources and ideas check out: <https://www.pinkshirtday>.

