

**March 2020**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter Spring Break this year there is a different feeling in the building. COVID-19 is causing concern and is weighing heavily on the minds of most these days. Many staff and families have had to cancel vacation plans, so instead of heading off to a warmer climate, a cruise ship, or a fun park, they will be staying home for the two weeks now. Understandably this has caused sadness and frustration, for some a large amount of money has been lost, and for others it means not connecting with family members who live out of town. We are however, so fortunate to live in a city that offers so much in the way of natural beauty and opportunity, and so I hope that for those of you now staying home, there will be a chance to get out and explore our local trails, hikes, rivers, and lakes with family members instead and take advantage of the amazing place we get to call home. I am thankful for our place and the beauty it provides every day! Hopefully soon a sense of normalcy will return to our world, but in the meantime breathe deeply, wash your hands, and be mindful of others. We are all in this together and I hope calmness can prevail.

I will keep you updated as I receive information from the School District, including if there are any changes to our scheduled return to school date of March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for a way to share information about coronavirus with your child, this cartoon video clip was shared with administrators and you may want to show it at home:

<https://www.brainpop.com/health/diseasesinjuriesandconditions/coronavirus/>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2	Purdy's Order forms home today
March 3	Fruit and Vegie Program-Milk and Cucumbers
March 3	Boys Basketball game AWAY VS Evans Elementary
March 5	Grade 5 VMS Counsellor visit and course selection form distribution.
March 6	<b>BREAK THE RULES DAY!! \$1.00 per rule or 6 for \$5.00!</b>
March 6	Floor Hockey game AWAY VS Bernard Elementary
March 6	Hot lunch-Booster Juice 11:45 AM
March 9	Girls Basketball game HOME VS Evans Elementary
March 10	Boys Basketball game HOME VS Greendale Elementary
March 11	Girls Basketball game HOME VS Greendale Elementary
March 12	VMS Grade 5 course selections forms due back to school today
March 12	<b>SPIRIT DAY! WEAR YOUR JERSEY TO SCHOOL TODAY!</b>
March 13	<b>ACTIVITY DAY-Chillibowl Lanes and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre</b>
March 14-29	<b>SPRING BREAK-SCHOOLS CLOSED</b>
March 30	Back to School from Spring Break
March 31	Boys Basketball game AWAY VS Sardis Elementary



## 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](http://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

Cardboard boxes are still needed for our Most Magnificent Thing box project. We look forward to seeing what we can create together next month!

## PAC NEWS

Our next PAC meeting will be **Monday, April 20 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 new gym sound system! A big thank you to our PAC volunteers for coordinating and distributing our Fruit, Vegie and Milk program (we are all enjoying our monthly, healthy treats) as well as those who help with the Hot Lunch program. We appreciate you and the opportunities you provide for our students!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**BTR Friday March 6**-Break The Rules Day! \$1.00 per rule or \$5.00 to break 6 rules.  
Forms to be returned to school by Thursday, March 5 to classroom teacher.

**Spirit Day Thursday, March 12**-Wear your favourite team jersey today! Do you enjoy rugby? Hockey? Maybe a Whitecaps or Chilliwack Chiefs game now and then? Show your spirit and wear your jersey today!

**Activity Day Friday March 13**- Our students are getting active today and visiting the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre or Chillibowl Lanes.

## REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, March 13, before spring break. Report cards are a snapshot of your child's progress in relation to the curricular learning standards taught in Term 2. You will read about all the great things your child can do, some things they might be working on, and ways that the school and home can help your child continue to develop and grow. Teachers and EAs take a lot of time to give you a clear picture of how your child is doing, on the

regular report card and on IEP progress reports for those students who have one, so we hope you will take some time to discuss the report with your child to celebrate the successes and discuss goals for the final term.

## ARE YOU MOVING?

If you have moved or are moving, please update your family addresses and phone numbers at the office. Also, if you intend on moving and know that your child(ren) will not be attending Tyson Elementary next year, we would appreciate you letting the office know about your move. If you are going to register at another school, we suggest you do that online as soon as possible.

## SPORTS TEAMS

**BASKETBALL**-Our girls and boys basketball teams are doing an excellent job of representing Tyson Elementary in the District League. Thank you to our dedicated coaches, Mrs. Klassen, Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Gorby.

**FLOOR HOCKEY**-Thank you to Mrs. Kasper for dedicating her Friday afternoons to our floor hockey team. Our hockey players have exhibited skill, heart and sportsmanship during these Friday games.

