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## January 19, 2018

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Jan 22-26**

Literacy Week

We would like to welcome all of our new families to the Kinnikinnick community. In total, we have had ten new students arrive since the winter break and we are anticipating one more! With Janet's retirement, we welcome Leah Petty as our new administrative assistant and we welcome Moira Quinn as our new student support teacher.

**Thur, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>**

Family Read in the gym 8:30-9:00

Next week is our annual Literacy Week celebration. There is an activity planned for each day of the week. On Monday and Wednesday there will be oral storytelling. On Tuesday morning our primary students will participate in a sing-a-long with Charlotte Diamond. Parents and guardians will want to note the Family Read in the gym taking place first thing Thursday morning. On Friday we will be reading in the dark – spooooooooky. Please see the attached poster!

**Fri, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

Popcorn Day

**Fri, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Sand Northrup, a District-sponsored "one-woman circus" will be performing in the gym for all students

The results from the Foundation Skills Assessment that occurred in October and November are back. Only grade 4 and 7 students participated. A letter will go home with the grade 4 and 7 students who completed the assessments showing the results. Parents/guardians who would like to see their student's response booklet may contact Mr. Marshall to do so.

**Fri, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-D Day  
No school for students

Mrs. Campbell has started to prepare the 2017-18 yearbook. Every year we are lucky to have some businesses and families who choose to sponsor a page for \$30 to help keep the cost down for students. We have attached a sponsor page for those interested.

**Mon, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>**

Family Day  
No school for students

Our PAC, in cooperation with the Sechelt Community School, is able to provide a sit-down breakfast of toast, cereal and fruit every morning. If you are able to come help some mornings, even if only occasionally, please contact Leah at the school she will connect you with Ted Chisholm our Community School Coordinator.

**Tues, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

Author visit by Sigmund Brouwer

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PAC meeting  
6-7 pm in the library

We are also seeking support by someone who holds Food Safe certification to coordinate our fruits and veggie program. This role involves less than two hours commitment, about once a month.

**Feb 19-23**

Kindergarten  
Registration Week

On Feb 5 and 15, our school counsellor, Ms. Suzanne Strom will be collaborating with certified sexual health educator Ms. Jessica Wollen and the classroom teachers to deliver portions of the health curriculum. The lessons are adjusted to be age-appropriate. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne at the school.

All SD46 schools, in cooperation with Vancouver Coastal Health, will soon be participating in a program to screen for radon, a naturally occurring gas that can be found in water, rock and water. There is no evidence that there is currently a problem with radon in any of our sites. Please see the attached letter and information sheet for further details, including how you can do the same screening in your own home.

Every year, all BC grade 4 and grade 7 students and their parents/guardians are invited to participate in a Student Learning Survey. The on-line survey will be open from mid-February until the end of April. Information will be coming home to parents/guardians of grade 4 and 7 students soon.

We would like to thank you for calling the school in the morning to let us know if your child has an excused absence for illness or other reasons. If we haven't heard from you by about 8:45 we will call to ensure you know your child did not show up to school. In the winter, with so much illness, the list of homes to call can be long so when you call us early, it is most appreciated as it saves a great deal of time.

Also, may we ask that if you have a message for your child at the end of the day that you call before 1:50 PM. The front office becomes very busy near dismissal and messages that arrive then are often difficult to process in time to get word to the children.

Please remember that this year we are going outside every day for our recess and lunch breaks. Please try to get the children to school with boots and wet weather jackets if it looks like rain.

Please check around your home for any overdue library books. If you are returning books on a rainy day – please protect them in a plastic bag inside your child's backpack.

Mmmmmmm: Next Friday Mr. Bisset's class will be holding a popcorn sale to raise money for their year-end field trip. The cost is 50 cents per bag.

The PAC is hoping to be able to offer a movie night and/or a family fun night in February, so please wait for more news on that.