

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome - it is good that you are here!

We are reminded of the importance of Kindness. We know we can only control ourselves, and that our actions and words have an impact on those around us. We always have a choice to be kind and are learning that even with big emotions, we can make kind choices to ourselves and others. We continue to support students by teaching about emotions and strategies they can use with a variety of feelings.

Focus of the month: Open-Hearted - We can compromise and solve this together!



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 2 - Assembly
- Feb. 6 - Ready, Set, Explore (Kindergarten 2026-2027 Event)
- Feb. 6 - Interims sent home
- Feb. 13 - Pro-D Day: No School for Students
- Feb. 16 - Family Day Stat - No School
- Feb. 20 - Fire Drill
- Feb. 25 - School Spirit Day: Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 27 - Early Dismissal @11:20am



REPORTING ABSENCES

All absences must be reported for our Safe Arrival Program. You can report 24 hours a day and future absences. You can use one of the following:

1. Download the SchoolMessenger App. Select Attendance. Then Report an Absence.
2. Access online:
<https://www.sd33.bc.ca/safe-arrival>
3. Call toll free: 1-833-698-6567



TOYS FROM HOME

Please keep all toys and equipment at home. We have plenty of items and equipment for students to use during their time at school.



HOT LUNCH

Pizza Hot Lunch will be offered once a month. Order online using www.munchalunch.com. Orders are due the week before.



WINTER WEATHER

School Closures: All closures are decided by the District and announced by 6am. See here for details on [Inclement Weather Guidelines](#)

Outside Days: With cold weather and possibly snow, have your child dress appropriately. We always go outside for recess and lunch to play.

Clothing: We recommend your child packing extra clothes to change into if they get wet while playing outside.

Snowballs & Building: We allow building and throwing snowballs in a specific area. Any students entering this space risk being hit with a snowball. We review how to make safe choices with no 'head shots' allowed. Students who do (accident or not) will no longer be allowed in the area. The playgrounds will remain free of snowball throwing.



IAT GR. 6-8 UPDATE

On Tuesday, January 6th there was an information night where families shared questions and ideas with regards to a possible transition of IAT gr. 6-8 being moved to Imagine. Our District Communications person has put together those thoughts and sent it out to our families.

Next step: The Board will be voting on if they will formally consult the public on the idea. More information to come.



PETS ON PROPERTY

Any pet on school property must be well-mannered. They need to be on leash, in control and stay with the adult owner. Dogs barking or jumping up on students will be asked to remain over at Walden Park.



PARKING ETIQUETTE

Crosswalks: Respect pedestrians and let them cross.

Follow the **flow of traffic. Drive slow & be alert.**

Drive Thru Drop Off Zone: Driver must remain in the car - student gets out on the school side.

Staff Parking: The lot attached to the school & along the Walden Street Fence is for staff use & those who need accessible parking.

