



## February 2024 Newsletter

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The month of **February** is often associated with love and kindness. February is **Black History Month**. **Pink Shirt Day** is February 28<sup>nd</sup>. Although Black History Month and Pink Shirt Day only come around once a year, we practice our values of kindness, equity and inclusion every day throughout the year by acknowledging and appreciating diversity. We have many great things going on at Cultus Lake Community School which is only possible because of the kind and caring ways the members of our school treat each other.



### FAMILY CONFERENCES

Family conferences are an important way for teachers to communicate student learning, celebrate growth and develop goals with students and their parent/guardian. In order for us to provide conference times and a format that are most accessible for our community, we have a survey that we would like you to complete. The survey will stay **open until February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Once we have the results from the survey, we will provide you with our conference date, time and format. Thank you in advance for your input.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5N9NJZ>

### STAFFING UPDATES

We have one new EA that has joined our school – **Ms. Leroux** has replaced Ms. Games who has gone back to further her education.

### EARLY LEARNING

#### **KINDERGARTEN REMINDER!**

If your child turns 5 in 2024, please remember to register them for Kindergarten. Registration is open online – just remember you will need to provide a valid email address and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of residency.

**For more information, please visit SD 33 – Registration**



### SAVE THE DATES!

We look forward to meeting our early learners (and their adults) at the following events:

**PALS (Parents as Learning Supporters) – March 12 or 14 (Date to be confirmed)**

**Ready, Set, Learn - April 16 from 12:45 to 1:45 at the Soowahlie Hall**

**Kinderfair – June 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:45 to 1:45 at the school library**

## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

**Elder in Residence** – we are excited to welcome Thelma Orgill as our Elder in Residence. Thelma holds great knowledge that we are looking forward to her sharing with our staff and students.

**Grade 5 Drum Project** – last week, we had Ms. Julian and Ms. McGhee teach the grade 5 students how to make drums. The drums are going to be the students' legacy project that they will gift to the school. Once the drums are complete, Ms. Julian will teach the students how to drum.

## PAC

We have opened a **fundraiser for Westcoast Seeds**

**How to order:**

1. Visit <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/collections/all>
2. At check-out select organization as "Cultus Lake PAC"
3. Orders will all bulk ship to school and you will be notified when you can pick up

**Hot Lunch for Feb is open**

**Order Here:** <https://munchalunch.com/login?fbclid=IwAR3Ubj-VSUTm2MI9-CFSKkjTLkCXXXILAgF5DcK5rV7zZeR3aeUDE6tQvUJ>

**Volunteer Here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D49AEA62DA2FA7-46163267-february>

## SCHOOL SPORTS



Triple Ball is in full swing! Thank you to Ms. Hnatiw and Mrs. Harrison for coaching!

Basketball will start after Triple Ball wraps up – thank you to Ms. Pollock, Mrs. Davis, and Mr. Vanderveen for coaching!



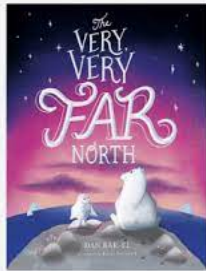
## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On **Wednesday Feb. 14, 2024** our school will be participating in a Jump Rope For Heart Event.

Over the next two weeks, families can choose to fundraise donations for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. We have a School Fundraising Page. On this page guardians can sign their child or family up to fundraise. There are also healthy living tips and activities located on the website. Please see **attached handout** for instructions on how to sign up.

On the day of the event, Ms. Pollock, Ms. Tester and Mrs. Daly will have organized fun Jump Rope activities for the students to participate in. They will also learn more about healthy living.

## FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY MRS. KNODEL



What a fun couple of weeks we have had reading "The Very, Very Far North" together. We are sad that it's almost over! Thank you for sharing the book with your kids - we hope you have enjoyed it too.

We are so looking forward to having some Zoom sessions with the author, Dan Bar-El, on Feb. 6. On this day, students should also come dressed in the theme of the far north. They can wear white, or even wear pink and purple like the cover of the book. Also, don't forget to design some art work or create a word search or crossword puzzle as a family. This can be done on the sheet that came home in the envelope with the book.

Finally, don't forget to send pictures of your family enjoying the book together as we post these on the TV in the school. These can be sent to [jodi\\_knodel@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:jodi_knodel@sd33.bc.ca) or on Instagram to jklibrarian.

## PAC NEWS



The next PAC meeting is **Feb 6** at 6:00 in the library. Here is the link if you would like to join this meeting virtually: <https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62398576277>

## CULTUS LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INFO

If you are looking for after school programs for your child, please contact Melissa Giles at the Cultus Lake Community School Association – [csclacultuslake@gmail.com](mailto:csclacultuslake@gmail.com). All community school programs run out of Portable #1.

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Tues. Feb 6	Author visit
Tues. Feb 6	PAC Meeting in library at 6:00 (zoom option: <a href="https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62398576277">https://sd33-ca.zoom.us/j/62398576277</a> )
Wed. Feb 7	Survey closes (for Family Conference input) <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5N9NJZ">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N5N9NJZ</a>
Sat. Feb 10 - 17	Chinese New Year 
Wed. Feb 14	Jump Rope for Heart (see attached information)
Fri. Feb 16	District Pro-D – no school for students
Mon. Feb 19	Family Day – no school for students
Wed. Feb 28	
Fri. March 1	Early Dismissal at 10:59

***\*Family Conference date and time will be determined after results of survey***