



Elementary School

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Newsletter #6



Dear parents,

Hope everyone is well. We have a good start to the new year and students have been working hard and enjoying being back at school.

Special Events This Month
Persistence Fun Day: Feb. 5
Pink Shirt Day: Feb. 24
PAC Meeting (Zoom): Feb. 25 at 6:30

Things to Note:

Staff Changes

Ms. Moore is off right now until Spring Break, possibly and Mr. Fitzgerald is filling in for her. Ms. Hubbell, Ms. Fabbi and Mr. Wick are now doing the prep classes.

COVID Safety

These are challenging times, especially when COVID has now made it to Prince Rupert. We want to reassure you that Pineridge continues to be very diligent and persistent in continuing our safety measures. Students that are here are enjoying school and both their academic and mental health are benefitting. Things to note:

- There continues to be frequent handwashing and/or sanitizing for both students and staff.
- Adults are wearing masks in all high traffic areas (hallway, staffroom, etc.), as well as when working with different Learning Groups (ie: LST, prep, TTOC's, etc.). Many children are wearing masks and any child is welcome to wear one if they wish.
- Hallways and playground are very quiet with controlled traffic flow, staggered entry and dismissal times, as well as staggered recess and lunchtime
- No large group gatherings
- Frequent cleaning of high contact areas
- No visitors coming in to the school building
- All adults do a daily health check before coming in to work
- Distancing is maintained as much as possible
- It is important to know that although there have been COVID exposures in some of our schools, there has been no transmission **within** the schools. The cases have come from community exposure, so our school safety plans are working
- It is also important to note that transmission of COVID from or between children is rare

We understand why there is anxiety within the community, but we want you to know that our school safety plan is working and we are looking forward to seeing all of our children at school

soon! We are happy to talk with you and encourage you to call the school if you would like to discuss further.

Pineridge is SUPER! (Safe, Understanding, Persistent, Engaged, Respectful)

January was SUPER PERSISTENT month! We are recognizing students for showing persistence in trying things that are difficult, learning from their mistakes and not giving up with their names put up on our bulletin boards and put in for a draw at the end of the month. During February, we will focus on showing kind and caring behavior to fit with Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day.

Kindergarten Registration Feb. 1-12

Kindergarten registration will be starting next week! So make sure you get your child registered and spread the word. It is really helpful to know how many kindergarten students will be coming when planning our school organization for next year. This year, we are asking families to phone ahead to check on a good time to pick up the registration package, fill the package in at home and then return it to school. See attached letter with further details.

Cross Boundary

If you are planning on changing to a school other than your neighbourhood school, you will need to complete a cross boundary form by February 28. If your child already attends Pineridge, there is no need to fill in another form. Kindergarten students **do** need to fill in this form though, even if their brother or sister already attends. You will want to do that ASAP, since they are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.



Persistence Fun Day

We are planning a Fun Day on Friday, Feb. 5. This will focus on a variety of STEM activities where students will have a goal to work towards. Looking forward to lots of planning, creating, fun and persistence!



Valentine's Day

This special day is fast approaching and is always an exciting time for students! Friday, Feb. 12 is the last school day before Valentine's Day. Students are welcome to bring Valentines to school. The data on paper transmission of COVID indicates that this will be safe. Students can bring individually wrapped candies to share if they wish, but not homemade treats unfortunately.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

The next meeting is February 25 at 6:30. Our meetings are now be through Zoom, so hoping to see lots of you online! If you would like to participate, please send an E-mail to pineridgepac@gmail.com for the zoom link. Also, please check out the Pineridge PAC facebook page.



Student Acknowledgement

During the month of December, we focused on U is for Understanding and during January, we have focused on P is for Persistent from our *Pineridge is Super!* We had many students

recognized on the Monday announcements, some of them more than once! We will list the students for January in our next newsletter.

For December, all the names were put in for a draw and these students were the lucky ones selected!

Sawyer LS, Darian, Sawyer C, Kasandra, Winona, Tanner and Aaron.

Congrats to all! During February, we will be focusing on kind and caring behaviour, so hoping to see lots of kindness and caring.

Important Dates to Remember....



February 4	Annual Budget Consultation Meeting Zoom at 7:00. Details on the District Website.
February 5	Persistence Fun Day
February 9	Board Meeting at 7:00 (zoom)
February 12	Subway forms due
February 15	Family Day, no school for students
February 19	Subway Lunch
February 24	Pink Shirt Day
February 25	PAC meeting at 6:30 (zoom)
March 12	Last day before Spring Break, reports home

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi
Principal

Mackenzie Hubbell
Vice Principal

Please call the office if you would like the newsletters emailed to you. We are always available for your questions/concerns.



Links to check out

School District #52 website: www.rupertschools.ca

Pineridge Website: <http://pineridge.rupertschools.ca/>



Happy Birthday Mr. Campbell!



Crazy hat and Hair Day!

