



## Elementary School

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## Newsletter #8

### Special Events This Month

PAC Meeting: Jan. 17 at 6:30

PROD: **Monday**, Jan. 23 no school for students

Indigenous Implementation Day: Feb. 17

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome back! Hoping you all had a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families and friends! We had a wonderful and busy December with lots of special events and we are happy to see everyone back.

### Kindergarten Registration Feb. 1-15

Kindergarten registration will be starting soon! 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.

### 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 the end of February. 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.

### StrongStart Program

Just a reminder that Pineridge has a StrongStart Program which provides high quality early learning for children, aged birth to five accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Qualified early childhood educators lead learning activities where children find opportunities to make friends and interact with others of similar ages. This program promotes the physical health and well-being, social and emotional development, language and cognitive development and the communication skills of preschool-aged children. Learning opportunities and experience with Indigenous knowledge are interwoven into the program. StrongStart provides opportunities for parents/caregivers to continue the bond between parent/caregiver and child and school. Encourages connections and to observe and practice activities that support early learning. At no cost to families, this early learning drop-in program helps prepare children for success in Kindergarten.

StrongStart includes the following activities:

- Organized activities such as story time in the library, music, puzzles;

- Access to books, art materials and puzzles;
- Play activities and areas that promote creativity and exploration, including individual and group activities;
- Movement and large muscle play activities on the playground or gymnasium;
- Healthy snacks (includes a baking day) that model healthy eating in keeping with the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC schools

The StrongStart hours at Pineridge are: Monday to Friday 9-11:30 a.m. Please contact the StrongStart coordinator at the school for more information. Anne- Marie Helin at Pineridge 250 627-5801 and Rupert Square Outreach 604 551-2880



**Thank you!**

- Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Children's Bazaar. It was a great success!
- Thank you to the PAC for providing the free Subway lunch and free popcorn in December. Always a treat!
- Thank you to the families for their donations for the Christmas baskets and purchasing tickets for them, as well as the 50/50 and dessert auction. We were able to raise about \$1500, which is awesome!

Date	Event
Jan. 17	PAC Meeting at 6:30, board meeting at 7:00
Monday, Jan. 23	PROD for Elementary and PRMS
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Thursday, Feb. 16	<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE IN SESSION, PROD for Secondary only.</b>
Friday, Feb. 17	Indigenous Implementation Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Monday, Feb. 20	Family Day: School Closed
March 17	Last day before Spring Break, report cards go home
March 18-April 2	Spring Break
April 3	First Day Back
April 7	Good Friday
April 10	Easter Monday
April 19-20	Early Dismissal at 1:58
Friday, April 21	PROD: no school for students

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi  
Pineridge Principal

**Links to check out**

School District #52 website: [www.rupertschools.ca](http://www.rupertschools.ca)  
Pineridge Website: <http://pineridge.rupertschools.ca/>  
Facebook Page called *Pineridge Elementary School*.  
Instagram account @Pineridgesd52.

# December Memories



