



Elementary School

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Newsletter #9

Hi everyone,

We hope you enjoyed a nice long weekend and enjoyed spending time with your family on Family Day! We have had a very busy month in February with our Love To Read weeks. It was great to see the students so excited to get new books from the Book Swap and spend some time reading at home. During the week of the All Native Basketball Tournament, we were excited to have Marlene Clifton here drumming with us last Monday and our two gr. 4/5 classes both enjoyed spending an afternoon at the ANBT. As well, we enjoyed the play Ms. Thomson's class performed for the school and families of her students. They did a wonderful job which showed how hard they worked and should be very proud!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has started! 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.

Staffing: Welcome to Cierra Dennison, who is teaching one of our grade 4/5 classes and to Gurleen Kaur, who is an educational assistant in Ms. Gee's class. Welcome also to Danielle Dalton, who is our school trustee liaison.

Attendance/Illness: We know that there has been some ongoing sickness going around, and we appreciate you keeping your children home when they are sick. If they are going to be away for extended periods of time (more than a few days), please check with their teacher about work they can do at home to keep up. It is unfortunate that we will sometimes have to indicate on their report card that we don't have enough information to assess if they are away for extended periods of time. Students can always read, write and play math games while at home.

Purdys: The PAC has put out their Easter Purdys Fundraiser. Orders are due tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 24, but there may be an extension. We will let you know if there is. You can order online with this code 16866 under Pineridge fundraiser.



Love To Read: We had lots of fun with all of our reading activities during the past 2 weeks. Thanks to all the families who read with their children and returned their forms. Just a few minutes a day can make such a difference to your child's progress and to help them develop a love for reading. All students who returned their forms got a little treat. Book prizes and \$15 gift certificates for the April Book Fair were given out for each week of home reading, one name drawn per class. The lucky students were: Zaria, Myles, James P, Kylie, Erin, Lily, Ame, John, Prisa, Kennah, Sashona, Kaden, Zoey, and Cassandra. Emma Di Pascale was the winner of the Home Reading Bingo draw. As well, we had a big grand prize dog stuffie and Zoey Bolton-Wesley was the lucky winner!

Pink Shirt Day: Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting positive social relationships. Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new year 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink.

Definition of Bullying: *Bullying is a form of aggression where there is a power imbalance: the person doing the bullying has power over the person being victimized.*

We had lots of students and staff wearing pink and we met for a whole school assembly to talk about why we have Pink Shirt Day. Being kind is the main message!

Parking Lot: Our parking lot can be a busy place, so please take care if you are driving through to pick up your children. It is always a good option to park on the street and walk in to meet your children. We have placed cones around the area that is a no parking zone since the lines are not really visible anymore. A reminder that parking beyond the gate is only for staff when needed. Thank you for being patient and driving safely!



Thank you!

- Thank you to the PAC for organizing a pizza lunch and popcorn day!
- Thank you to the families for their donations for the Book Swap! The students were very excited to take home their "new" books!
- Thank you to the PAC for providing the gift certificates prizes for the *Love To Read* home reading.

Date	Event
March 4	Children's Fest at the Civic Centre 11:00-4:00
March 14	Board Meeting at 7:00
March 17	Subway lunch, free popcorn
March 17	Last day before Spring Break, report cards go home
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day: Wear Green!
March 18-April 2	Spring Break
April 3	First Day Back
April 7	Good Friday
April 10	Easter Monday
April 18	Board Meeting at 7:00
April 19-20	Early Dismissal at 1:58 Parent/Teacher Interviews, Book Fair
Friday, April 21	PROD: no school for students

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi
Pineridge Principal

Links to check out

School District #52 website: www.rupertschools.ca
Pineridge Website: <http://pineridge.rupertschools.ca/>
Facebook Page called *Pineridge Elementary School*.
Instagram account @Pineridges52.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.
- Aesop



Kindness Ninjas



Acts of Kindness; Friendship Bracelets and ice cream sundaes!

