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REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



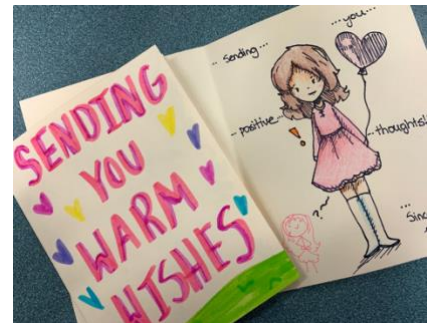
We would like to say thank you for those of you who were able to watch our assembly. Our students and staff created beautiful wreaths for our assembly in addition to their thoughtful words about our theme, "Spreading Peace Through Kindness." We also had performances by our Senior Band, songs from Div. 5, 12, and 13, artwork, readings from our Library Monitors, and short videos of remembrance and thanks for our Veterans. Even though it was a virtual event, it was still very moving. We appreciate Serena, who played O

Canada on the piano, Kate and Crystal for being our MCs, and Jessica and Gloria for the program cover art. Thank you to the organizing committee of Mr. Farrugia, Ms. Ingham, and Mr. Narbett!

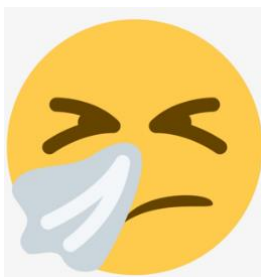
WORLD KINDNESS DAY

Tomorrow, November 13th is World Kindness Day, where people in countries all over the world make a commitment to complete random acts of kindness. How can everyone in your family make a difference? No matter how old or young, each of you can pledge to do at least one intentional act of kindness to benefit someone else.

You may have read an article in the Richmond News about a couple who are leading a clothing drive for men's clothing (<https://www.richmond-news.com/local-news/richmond-couple-hosting-mens-clothing-drive-for-homeless-shelter-4728135>). They will be collecting clothing at Quilchena Elementary tomorrow afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The focus will be on "gently-used comfort clothing, such as jackets, vests, toques, scarves, mittens, boots, shoes, pants, sweaters, hoodies and sweatpants. Socks and underwear, however, needs to be new." To support this initiative, students in Division 2, Mrs. Shackles' class, wrote cards sharing love, hope, and community to be handed out to men at the shelter.



STUDENT ILLNESS

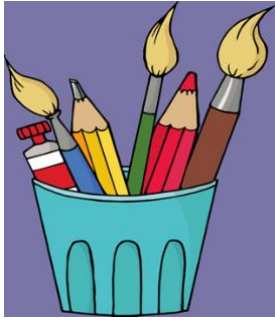


This is a reminder to keep your child at home if they are showing symptoms of illness. We have learned over the past year and a half that staying home when we are sick prevents the spread of illness and keeps our community healthier. Regular cold and flu season has arrived, and we can expect some illness to appear, so please remember that you must complete the Daily Health Declaration before you bring your children to school. The document is attached to the newsletter for your review.

HOLIDAY ZOOM EVENT

If your child attended Spul'ukwuks last year, you may remember that we had a virtual holiday celebration in the evening, as we couldn't gather at school. It was a great success, and we have planned to hold another event this year on Wednesday, December 1st. The idea of the virtual event is to have parents and children participate in the activities together at home. Before the event, you will receive a list of items you need to gather ahead of time to be ready for the games. We will have Chinese translation available again this year, so don't let limited language skills hold you back from participating!





PAC POSTER CONTEST

As part of our holiday celebration is the annual PAC poster contest! You have already received an email with the information, and the poster is attached to this newsletter in case you can't find the original email. Last year's submissions were amazing, and we hope to see high participation again this year. The deadline is Friday, November 26th and all entries should be sent electronically to spulpac@gmail.com. The winners will be announced at our Virtual Holiday Celebration.

WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSURES

In preparation for winter, we would like to prepare you with information should we have a weather event that could possibly close schools:

- The district will try to determine school **closures** due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites.

No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school **closures** will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools.

- If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day.
- If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school. If possible, we encourage parents to walk their children to school in poor weather conditions.



OPTIONAL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Attached to this newsletter, you will find information about the option to purchase accident insurance for your child. You will find a Brochure, Terms and Conditions, and a "What You Need to Know" letter. You can also visit <http://www.insuremykids.com> for additional information.

UPCOMING DATES

November 22	Professional Day – no school for students
November 24	Gr. 6/7 Immunizations
November 25	PAC Meeting 9:30am
November 26/29	Report Cards home
December 1	Virtual Holiday Celebration
December 3	Last day of school before Winter Break
*January 4	*School reopens after Winter Break. Please note that we return on a <u>Tuesday</u>

