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PINK SHIRT DAY AND OUR KINDNESS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday, we had an assembly to celebrate Pink Shirt Day and to **promote kindness, respect, and inclusion among students, staff, and the wider community**. Thank you to the classes that presented to us and shared the message of kindness!

We launched our Kindness Challenge, called "Kaught Being Kind" to encourage our students to look for ways to make our community a better place. Staff will recognize students being kind and give them a "sparkle", which we will put up on a bulletin board in the school. At the end of the week, we will announce a random selection of students to come to the office and receive a token of recognition. We have reminded students that not every act of kindness will be seen, but that shouldn't stop us from developing the habit of kindness. Classrooms have a monthly chart of ideas for students, and we have a weekly challenge at school. This week's challenge was to thank someone for being a hard worker. Next week's challenge is to tell someone you like their smile. Try this at home!

Shout Outs to...

Eddie (Div. 15) for helping another student put her magnet higher on the Mood Meter!

Kayla (Div. 15) for helping a classmate tie her shoes!

Hayley (Div. 14) for being so helpful pushing in chairs after her conference!

Michael C. (Div. 1) for helping with gym equipment when the monitors forgot!

Jarvis (Div. 12) for holding the door for the entire class!



You can encourage your child to show **kindness to themselves** (taking a break, reading a book, playing), **kindness to others** (helping out around the house, listening to adults, managing their emotions), and **kindness to our place** (caring for the environment, cleaning up the community, respecting the land we are on). Every person is capable of being kind, no matter how young or old, and it's free! Let's work together to create a safe and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.

MAKER'S MARKET FOR FAMILIES

We hope that you were able to come to the foyer and see our display and take the opportunity to make your own bubble. If you took a bubble home, please return it once it is completed so we can add it to our board. As you can see, the number of bubbles is growing!

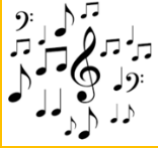


MAKERS' MARKET!

Thank you for your support of our Maker's Market! Students were so excited to create items to share and sell. It was a huge success! We hope you appreciated seeing our beautiful new library and learning about the Applied Design, Skills, and Technology (ADST) Curriculum from Kindergarten to Grade 7. We raised \$1877.16 towards our mural!

An extra thank you goes to our amazing parent volunteers! Your support was invaluable ☺

See more photos from our Maker's Market at the end of this newsletter.



BAND CONCERT FOR PARENTS – CHANGE OF TIME!

Parents of students in band, please note that we have changed the time of next week’s band concert, as it conflicted with the Burnett Basketball Tournament. The concert will now begin at **1:15pm** on Wednesday, March 6th in the gym. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY PHOTO NIGHT

There are still four spots available for family photo night on March 5! Sign up here:

[Family Photo Night - Available Spots](#)



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TALENT SHOW

At the end of May, we are going to hold another talent show to showcase the diverse hidden talents of our students! Attached to this newsletter is an application form. The deadline for forms to be submitted to the office has been extended to next Friday, March 8th. Please note that students need to be available for auditions in March as well as for rehearsals and the performance in May.

EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

CITY OF RICHMOND: PLAY STREETS IN RICHMOND

Please see the attached poster about four upcoming Play Streets events in February and March. A Play Street is an event where a neighbourhood street is temporarily closed to create a safe, open space for children to play together. All are invited to these free events, hosted by the City of Richmond and Society for Children and Youth of BC. For more information, please contact Zoe at zoe@scyofbc.org

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The city’s new Youth Advisory Committee is now accepting applications from youth aged 13-24. There are also adult positions available. See attachment for more details.

DON'T FORGET...

- **EARLY LEARNING FOR FAMILIES (ELFF)** on April 8th and 9th. See the Feb. 15th newsletter.
- **STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY FOR GR. 4 AND 7 PARENTS.** Check your email.
- Make sure your child is dressed for **COLD AND WET WEATHER.**
- Pack **CUTLERY** in your child’s lunch.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 5	Family Photo Night
March 6	Band Concert for Parents 1:15pm
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March 7	Burnett Basketball Tournament
March 8	Dufflebag Theatre: Robin Hood
March 21	PAC Meeting 7:30pm
March 22	Spirit Day
March 22	Family Teams Activity
March 25	Report Cards home
March 28	Last day of school (Thursday)
March 29	Good Friday: School Closed
April 1 - 26	Spring Break
April 29	Back to School!





CONNECT WITH SPUL'U'KWUKS PAC

If you would like to get in touch with our Spul'ukwuks PAC, use this QR Code to send a message and find out more about what PAC does and how you can get involved.

