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WE SPARKLE!

Our first week of doing kind acts for others was a huge success...Our students took up the challenge and amazed us with their kindness! There is always a place for kindness!

Our school-wide theme this week was to tell someone you like their smile. Next week's challenge will be to "share one of your favourite memories with a friend. Ask about their favourite memory". We challenge our families to take on our school-wide challenge each week in addition to doing individual, random acts of kindness.

Kindness Shout Outs to ...

Xuanyu (Div. 15) for helping a student with a nosebleed! Harvey (Div. 10) for helping clean dirt off the floor of the classroom! Ayumi (Div. 3) for being helpful in class!

Oscar (Div. 10) for helping translate instructions for a friend in class! **Ryan** (Div. 12) for helping to pick up garbage in the garden area! **Chloe C.** (Div. 15) for teaching a classmate how to tie her shoelaces!

MULTIFAITH DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION CALENDAR

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a multifaith DEI calendar with links for the many events and observances happening in the month of March. We encourage families to explore this list together to learn more about what is important to others in our community. Knowing more about each other builds a stronger community!

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have a community fridge that is intended to provide food security for all who need it. Now that we have experienced having the fridge, we are seeing some issues with its use, specifically that students are taking food when there is not a need.

We ask two things of parents and guardians. The first is to speak with your child to see if they have enough food at school. If they say they need more (i.e., some don't bring a snack) and if you are able, please send more.

The second is to please have a conversation with your child about the use of the fridge with the following in mind:

- Our choices affect the whole school
- There is only a certain amount of food each delivery. When it runs out, there is no more food until the next delivery.
- The food is SHARED
- We are all responsible for making sure those who need food get it
- There is not enough for everyone, because we know that not everyone NEEDS it. We do not use the fridge because we don't like our lunch or because we "feel like" having a snack.
- We don't take from the fridge just because it is "free"

Thank you for your support!



EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

PACIFIC INSTITUTE FOR THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

The 24th Annual Elementary Grades Math Contest (ELMACON) is taking place at UBC on Saturday, May 4th. The contest is open to students in Grades 5-7. See the attached flyer.

SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS

On May 11, also at UBC, is the Science Rendezvous for the whole family. There will be lots to see and do. Information for this event is included on the same flyer as the math contest.

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 21 PAC Meeting 7:30pm on Zoom
- March 22 School 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 Spring Break
- April 29 Back to School!



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

