

January Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to welcome all our staff and students back to school last week! We did not leave for the Winter Break in the best shape but we are off to a fantastic start to Term 2. I would like to thank families for their support at the end of December and for continuing to keep students home when they are showing symptoms of illness. To help reduce the spread of germs teachers are doing mini-lessons and frequent reminders about handwashing and coughing etiquette to help keep our school community healthy.

Wisdom / Beaver



On our first day back, we gathered in the gym to reconnect, review school rules and expectations, and introduce our **whole-school focus for Term 2**. Throughout the term, our conversations and learning activities will centre on the teachings of the Beaver.

Beaver teaches us about planning ahead and considering the long-term impact of our actions. Beaver reminds us that steady, thoughtful work matters and that our choices ripple outward, affecting others and our community. Wisdom is more than knowledge. It includes critical thinking, reflection, and learning from both our successes and our mistakes.



Review & Reset

In our first week back staff took time to help students get back into routine by reviewing school rules and the code of conduct. A big portion of the discussions have been around winter related rules and routines such as snow stays on the ground, play fairly, respect others' snow creations, when sliding stay in a sitting position and the importance of patience in taking turns on the sliding hill to prevent injuries. Teachers also had classroom discussions around kind words and actions, gentle hands and feet and strategies for peaceful problem solving.

Students are always encouraged to report concerns to a trusted adult or to use the anonymous reporting tool (link can also be found on the bottom left on our District main page)

[Anonymous reporting tool for students | Report It Erase](#)

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Supporting From Home

Our primary classes often use the acronym “Use Your WITS” to help students solve conflicts in peaceful and respectful ways. This is especially important as children continue to develop social skills on the playground and in less structured settings.



As part of this learning, students are also developing an understanding of social boundaries. Please encourage your child to use their words and confidently say “no” if someone is making them uncomfortable. It is equally important to practice respecting others’ boundaries by stopping any behaviour that is unwanted—even with friends.

If a classmate or friend does not respect a clearly stated boundary, students are encouraged to tell a trusted adult so we can help support them.



You’re The BEST!

Our Breakfast for Lunch with a special guest was a festive hit. Big smiles and full tummies all around. Thank you to all the volunteers who came in to make this a special day for our students. All your support is greatly appreciated!



Family Literacy Week

January 25 - February 1 is Family Literacy Week. This year's theme is "Make Mealttime Family Learning Time" encouraging families to turn mealtime into opportunities for connection and learning. More information coming on what our school has planned in honour of this week. See the link for more great information and ideas about supporting literacy - [Family Literacy Week - Decoda Literacy Solutions](#)

Important Dates

In-Progress	21 Shoot Out (gr. 4-7)
Jan. 20	Skating
Jan. 21	PAC Lunch - Pizza
Jan. 23	SkiSkool - Ms. Fast's Class (Tentative)
Jan. 26	Kindergarten Registration Opens
TBA	Basketball Practice (gr. 5-7)