



Hello Thompson families,

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a wonderful holiday filled with fun and rest. It's hard to believe, but this is the time of year that schools begin plans for the following school year. A very important part of those plans are knowing which students are going to continue to be here the following year, and which students are not. While we understand that plans can change, **please complete and return the "Intent to Attend" form** that was sent home this week, with your best understanding of your plans at this point in time. All of our staffing allocations are based on knowing our student population for the upcoming school year. Do you know of families living in our catchment with children who will be starting Kindergarten in September? Kindergarten registrations need to be received by Friday, January 19th for the best chance of attending their catchment school. Families can register online at [www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten](http://www.sd38.bc.ca/kindergarten).

**Please see below for some further events and announcements.**

## [Grade 6/7 Band Concert for Divisions 1 and 2](#)

**January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Burnett Secondary School**

The students of Thompson, Blair, Quilchena, Spul'u'kwuks and Burnett will be presenting a collaborative Band Concert, featuring pieces that they have been learning together. Everyone is welcome to attend this concert. An email with the details has been sent today to Div. 1 and 2 students and their caregivers.

## [Grade 7 Parent Information Night for students attending Burnett next year:](#)

**Date : Wednesday January 24th at 7 p.m.**

Location: Virtual- please see the attached poster for more information and the webinar link.

## [Important Presentation for Parents- Safer Space: Date To Be Determined](#)

**Due to the Burnett Band Concert we will be rescheduling this event, along with the evening PAC meeting. Stay tuned for a revised date.**

Safer Space for Adults is a 60-minute interactive workshop designed to help parents, care givers, and service providers to better understand how to help children stay safe online.

“安全空间”是一个六十分钟、面向成年人的互动工作坊，旨在帮助家长和看护孩童的人士更好地理解如何帮助孩子安全上网。

This presentation is split into three sections: “Online exploitation” – overview, “App Literacy” – learning how to safely navigate today’s most popular apps, “How to Talk About It”- how to have these difficult conversations with your children/clients and what to discuss.

讲座分为三个部分：“网上盘剥”：概览；“应用程序常识”：学习如何安全使用当下最受欢迎的应用程序；“如何开口谈论”：如何就难以启齿的话题和孩童或者是客户进行讨论。

Please join us for this presentation. A brief PAC meeting will be held before the presentation, at 6:30 p.m. Babysitting will be provided. Date and Time TBA.

## **Basketball Season Begins!**

Basketball **notices went home today** with all intermediate students that have expressed an interest in joining the basketball team. Practices begin the week of January 15th, and notices will need to be returned at that time. A big thank you to Mr. Twyford and Mr. Rollins who will be coaching this year.

## **“Pawsitive” Practices**

As part of our school Focus this year we will be explicitly teaching some “Pawsitive Practices” to encourage friendly, kind behaviour that builds our sense of community and belonging. For the next two weeks our focus will be on friendly greetings:

For example

- Saying hello, making eye contact, and using someone’s name
- Using greetings like “Happy New Year”, “Nice to See you” or “How are you?”
- Avoiding slang, “put downs” and inappropriate language at school

As always, your partnership, support and encouragement with these learning opportunities and initiatives will help our students to be successful. Thompson is a wonderful, caring and innovative school and we are so proud of our staff and students for continually seeking ways to grow and learn. Go Tigers!

## **Important Dates:**

**Jan. 19th: Priority 1 Deadline for Kindergarten registration**

**Jan. 19th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch**

**Jan. 23rd: Band Concert at Burnett (6:30)**

**Jan. 24th at 7 p.m.: Burnett Information night for Gr.7 parents (online)**

**Jan. 26th: Pro-D Day, no school for students**

**Feb. 2nd: Pre ordered Hot Lunch**

**Feb. 6th : Camp Meeting for Grade 6 and 7 parents at 5 p.m. More Information to follow.**

**Feb. 9th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch**

**Feb. 14th and 15th: Early Dismissal at 1:45 for Learning Update Conferences**

**Feb. 16th: Pro D Day- no school for students**

**Feb. 19th: Family Day-school not in session**

**Feb. 23rd: Pre-Ordered Hot Lunch**

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the school at 604-668-6420 or email me at [shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:shoffinger@sd38.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

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