



Hello Thompson families,  
For those of you celebrating Lunar New Year “Kung Hei Fat Choi!!”

Today we gathered in the Gym for a story about Chinese New Year and related the characteristics of the Chinese Zodiac animals to Values like loyalty, kindness, creativity, accountability etc. Then, students in their family teams learned and explored their own values and labelled them on a paper backpack that will be hung in the hallways. Perhaps you can have a look when you come for family conferences.

Please see below for some upcoming events and announcements.

## Learning Updates- Conferences#2

By now you will have received information from your child’s teacher about learning update conferences this week. These learning updates are important as they will provide you with information on your child’s progress, and how to support your child’s learning in numeracy, literacy and social emotional growth. Please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Hoffinger if you are unsure of your appointment time.

## “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. Feb. 5th- 16th our focus is:

### “Use Polite Words”

We will be explicitly teaching when to use words and phrases like “Please”, “Thank you”, “Excuse me”, and “Pardon me”. In addition, we will be bringing the students together in their family teams on Friday to learn and think about what values are important to students and to our school community.

## Reminder:

This is a friendly reminder that students must store their cell phones in their backpacks when they enter the school, and take them out only when school is over and when they are outside of the building or at the office. Student **cell phone** use, including using an **Apple Watch or similar device**, to text or access the internet or Social Media **is not allowed at school at any time**. If students need to contact their families during school hours they may come to the office to request the

use of the office phone. Cell phones or watches that are used during the day will be stored in the office until the end of the day, and parents will be notified.



## **Important Dates:**

**February 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**

**Feb. 28th: Pink Shirt Day**

**Feb. 28th: PAC meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the library**

**March 1: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch**

**March 6th and 7th: Basketball Tournament at Burnett**

**March 8th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch**

**March 14th: Last day before Spring Break**

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,

Mrs. Sharon Hoffinger

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