



Hello Thompson families,
Congratulations to our Division 1 and 2 Bands on a successful concert at Burnett this week. Term two is filled with learning opportunities for our students, families and staff.

Please see below for some upcoming events and announcements.

Important Presentation for Parents- Safer Space: Wednesday Jan. 31st 7 p.m. in the library

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.**

“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. Jan. 22- Feb.2nd our focus will be on

“Allowing others to go before you.”

Here are some examples of how to do this at school, home or out in the community. As always, any learning initiative will be more successful when modelled and supported at home. Thank you for encouraging your children to engage in these “Pawsi-

tive Practise”. If you have further ideas or examples, please feel free to share them with Mrs. Hoffinger!

- When lining up to go outside or come inside, allow someone to take the spot in front of you, or offer to be at the back
- Open and hold the door for another
- When walking in the hallway or on a sidewalk move to the side, so that others may pass
- Encourage others to put their hand up
- Let someone ahead of you in line at a store
- Wait, so that someone else gets the first piece of pizza
- Offer to help someone with their learning assignment if you finished early
- Anticipate someone else’s need, like bringing a classmate their jacket, or leaving the sharp pencil for the next person
- Leave the last cookie for someone else
- When playing a game, try letting others go first if that is new to you
- In basketball, look to pass the ball to an open team mate so that they have the opportunity to score
- -in choir, encourage someone else to try a solo
- If you are always first on the swing or slide, let someone go before you



Get REDI

Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with Richmond School District

A webinar series on Zoom for parents and caregivers to understand and support SD38 initiatives around inclusion and belonging.

This initial 60-minute session is designed to help you understand the district's commitment to reconciliation, equity, diversity and inclusion, and the values and language that inform our practices in schools. The facilitator, Destine Lord, will draw on the district's strategic plan to drive the conversation and make connections between the plan, the district's vision, and introductory concepts of anti-oppression.

By building the language, you can help support your learner as they move between home and school and back again. There will be opportunities with future sessions to further explore REDI concepts.

Registration - *please see the attached poster*

January 30, 2024 at 11 a.m.

Important Dates:

Jan. 31st PAC meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Jan 31st "Safer Spaces" Presentation 7 p.m. in the library after the PAC meeting

Feb. 2nd: Pre ordered Hot Lunch

Feb. 6th : Camp Meeting for Grade 6 and 7 parents at 5 p.m.

Feb. 9th: Pre-ordered Hot Lunch

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

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sharon Hoffinger

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