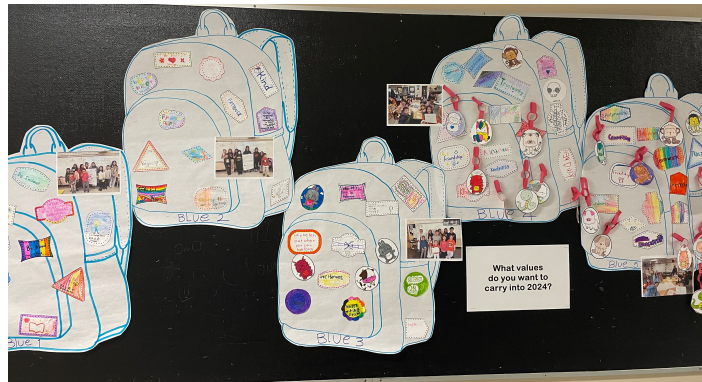
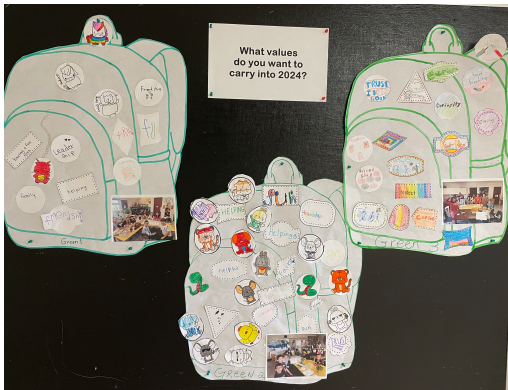




Hello Thompson families,

It was wonderful seeing so many parents and caregivers in the school yesterday and today to explore their child's learning at school. You may have noticed some paper "backpacks" in the hallways. We have been learning about and exploring our values- what is important to us, what guides our decisions, and what qualities do we desire at Thompson? Students created a "tag" or "patch" for their teams' backpack that has a value that they think is important to them. We are making a paper backpack for parents and caregivers to share your values too as your voice is important. If you didn't get a chance to share a value today or yesterday, you still can, by clicking on this link :

<https://forms.gle/HS97fezVTxgbCkUW6>



## Tiger Wear

All students received their school clothing that they ordered today. A huge thank you to Mrs. Fung and Mrs. Ng-Tam for organizing and distributing the orders. If you have any questions regarding your order, please contact the office.

## "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. 20th - March 1st our focus is:

**"Clean up without being asked"**

## **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 or brought out during the day will be stored in the office until the end of the day, and parents will be notified.

## **Important Dates:**

**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 4th and 5th: Basketball Tournament at Richmond High (Boys only)**

**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

Principal, James Thompson Elementary School

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