



January 9, 2024

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope you made happy memories over the winter break.

On Monday January 9, school staff spent an incredible day learning and talking about Indigenous worldviews, perspectives, histories, and lived experiences at the Pro D day at Timberline. We continue to have much to learn as educators and intend to do this work with an open heart.

Teachers have been completing the second round of literacy screeners with students this week. At class review meetings we will look at the data and determine learning supports for students with emerging literacy skills, as well as ways to be responsive to diverse learning needs.

It came to our attention that the learning updates that were sent home in December did not include a description of the proficiency scale indicators. Apologies!

The Provincial Proficiency Scale	EMERGING	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXTENDING
	The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.	The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

We are pleased to be welcoming Don Pennell, a retired teacher, to lead our students and staff in building line dancing skills this month. Stay tuned for information about a performance in February. Thank you to our PAC, for sponsoring this learning opportunity.

We are looking forward to our annual Used Book Sale on January 26th. This is a terrific chance to pick up books at a minimal cost (\$1 per book or \$20 for a bag of books). Our wonderful PAC is organizing this event.

Thank you for your continued trust in us, to guide and lead your children in their learning.

Rachel Black, Vice-Principal (on behalf of Hendrick Horsthuis, Principal)

### **CROSS CATCHMENT TRANSFER**

Applications for Cross Catchment transfers are due for consideration by the last Friday in February ( February 23rd), Please note that students must be registered in their area school before applying for a Cross Catchment Transfer. The forms can be found on the District website. This also applies if your child will be going into the English Program at Phoenix or Southgate rather than continuing in the French program at Phoenix.

### **French Immersion Transfer**

If you are considering a transfer of program for your child (i.e. from French Immersion into English), please review our French Immersion exit protocol . You need to request a meeting with us prior to registering your child in another school. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Exit Protocol link: <https://www.sd72.bc.ca/Programs/FrenchImmersion/Flexitprotocols/>

## ***Kindergarten Registration 2023/2024***

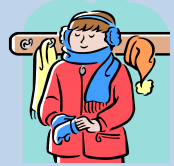
**Kindergarten registration will take place January 29th - February 2nd**

Please pass this on to anyone you know with a Kindergarten age child. You will need a Birth Certificate, Care Card and proof of address. Registrations will be accepted online or at the school. Even if you already have a child at EWP, please register your Kindergarten child by the deadline as well.



### Warm Clothing

With Winter in full swing, we ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the unpredictable Campbell River weather. It is very important to keep little hands, feet, and heads warm. If your child tends to get wet outside, please consider packing an extra set of clothing in their backpack. We will send the students out in all weather at recess and lunch unless extremely bad.



### PAC NEWS AND DATES TO NOTE

January 15 th, PAC meeting , 6:00 pm

Daycare available

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We had another very successful Hamper Fund campaign. Our food & gift donations filled the back of an SUV and we also received \$ 329.00 in cash donations to hand over to the Knights of Columbus, as well as over \$1000.00 from the PAC from the Santa's Workshop. Thank you so much to everyone for the generous donations !

*Merci!*

### ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from school, please call the attendance line @ 923-4311 and leave a message. Please be sure to leave the REASON for the absence. We need to track all sickness absences so this is very important information.



## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH FOOD

Want your child to feel good about themselves, enjoy eating healthy foods and have a healthy body weight? Help them develop a healthy relationship with food.

**A healthy relationship with food means trusting children to know how much they need to eat in order to grow the way nature intended.**

Ways to help your child develop a healthy relationship with food:

Serve meals and snacks at about the same time each day so children know what to expect.

Offer a variety of healthy foods. Offer your child the same foods as the rest of the family.

**Let your child decide how much to eat from the foods offered. Offer him small portions and provide more if he is still hungry.**

Trust your child to know how much to eat. If your child refuses to eat, remove uneaten food without comment. A skipped meal will not harm a healthy child.

Never force or bribe your child to eat.

Do not withhold food as punishment or offer it as a reward.

Healthy foods served in a relaxed family atmosphere are the best way to help children develop a healthy relationship with food:

Sit down and eat with your child

Turn off the TV, cell phones and other devices

Keep family meals positive and supportive

Enjoy food together

For more information:

Your local [Public Health Unit](#)

[HealthLinkBC and Dietitian Services](#) or dial 8-1-1 and ask to speak to a Registered Dietitian (a free call)

[Healthy Families BC](#)

[Better Together BC](#)

[www.ellynsatter.com](http://www.ellynsatter.com)

[Canada's Food Guide](#)





**Students taking a movement break to release some of that Holiday energy!!**







STUDENTS WERE WELCOMED IN THE  
MORNING BY OUR HOLIDAY "JINGLERS"





**IT WAS A FUN WAY TO START THE MORNING!  
JINGLE ALL THE WAY!**







A few moments from our Holiday Concert, it was a great success, thanks to the hard work of staff and students.









# Bonne Fête! January Birthdays

Parker 01	Jade 01
Olin 02	Anna 02
Zachary 03	Elliot 03
Julian 06	Celeste 06
Mason 08	Leah 08
Lucas 12	Anna 12
Ben P 16	Rowan 18
Evie 18	Ronin/Troy 21
Errol 24	Ellie 24
Bianca 26	Elijah 27




Thank you again to Shelly  
Jepps for the super cute  
January Birthday Board!







# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PAC Book Fair 8:00 am	27
28	29	30	31 Pizza lunch 			
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION				JANUARY 29th– FEB 2nd		