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Dear École Willow Point families,

Happy New Year!

The staff is feeling refreshed and eager to start off the new year with many exciting activities. Our first school-wide event this year is coming up this Thursday, January 16. Don't forget to send money (and a bag) with your child to buy books (\$1 per book or \$20 for a bag of books) from our annual Used Book Sale. Classes have been competing to see which class can donate the greatest number of books. As a school, we are trying to reach our goal of 10 000 book donations! PAC is still accepting books until Tuesday.

This month, the staff is fortunate to be taking part in professional development in Math with a well-respected math educator, Carole Fullerton. We are also lucky to be working with Shelley Moore who is a highly sought after teacher, researcher, consultant and storyteller who works with school districts to bring in effective practices of inclusion, special education, curriculum and teacher professional development.

At the end of this month, we have fun activities planned for literacy week. One of the highlights of that week will be dressing up as a book character on Thursday, January 30. Our librarian, Mme Alex, is also encouraging students to take a picture of themselves reading so she can post them on the bulletin board. We are excited to see what our school community is reading and where our reading journeys will take us!

Warm regards,

Carrie La Pierre & Nancy Hwang

#### **CROSS CATCHMENT TRANSFER**

Applications for Cross Catchment transfers are due for consideration by the last Friday in February (February 28th), 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

Moving a student from one program to another requires careful consideration. The French Immersion program is inclusive of all learners and school teams work to support all students so that they successfully complete the French Immersion program. A student or parent can request to move out of the French Immersion program by speaking with the school principal (or a school counsellor at middle or secondary school).

### Kindergarten Registration 2025/2026

#### Kindergarten registration will take place February 3rd-February 7th.

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.



# Events & Special Dates

## **EWP School Clothing Sale**

The PAC will be selling new EWP School Clothing January 20-24th. Order forms and more information to come.



### Drop Everything and Read!

Parents/guardians or grandparents are encouraged to come read with children at the school from 8:30-8:45 on <u>January 27th</u> for "Drop Everything and Read"



Dress up as a favourite character from a book on Jan 30th.

### <u>100 Day!</u>

On February 11th the school will celebrate 100 days of school. Dress up as if you are 100 years old !

Lunar New Year January 29- Feb 16th.



#### FAMILY LITERACY WEEK AT EWP "LET'S LEARN TO BE GREEN, TOGETHER!"

#### Hello Families,

The week of January 27th to January 31st is Family Literacy week. The theme this year is "Let's learn to be green, together". At EWP, we will have activities to celebrate every day that week.

#### Monday

Families are invited to join their child in their classroom for a Drop Everything and Read from 8:30am to 8:45am. Come and start the day on a nice note by reading with your child!

#### Tuesday

"Wear your plan to be green" day! The students will be asked to fill out simple templates that can be taped onto their clothing. Students can write or draw one thing they plan to do to be more environmentally friendly this year. Please help your child think of things they can do to be more green . 01/28

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#### Wednesday

Volunteers from the Rotary Club will come and read a story to most classes in the morning.



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#### Thursday

Dress as a character from a book day. Students are invited to come to school dressed like a character from a book they love.



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#### All Week -Get Caught Reading Draw

Catch your child reading and take a picture to enter a draw for book prizes. You can either send us a colour photo of your child reading, or you can email a photo to alessandra.simonut@sd72.bc.ca. (Photos printed at school will be printed in black and white.) Each student that submits a photo by Friday Jan. 31st will be entered in a draw for a book and all the photos will be displayed on a bulletin board outside the library to celebrate students reading this week.

(Only one photo per student please)









# Bake Sale Fundraiser



### Items available for \$2 minimum donation

# ted by Pa F BRING YOUR OWN BAG **\$1.00 PER BOOK \$20.00 FOR A BAG OF BOOKS CASH ONLY SALES** RSU 16THWORLD MAP LLOW POINT SCHOOL GYMNAS ECOLE WI 250 Larwood Road - Enter through the Gymnasium doors

# **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 2:30PM-7:30PM**

# Bonne Fête! January Birthdays

Parker 01	Jade 01
Olin 02	Anna O2
Zachary O3	Elliot 03
Julian 06	Celeste O6
Mason O8	Leah 08 Grey 10
Lucas 12	Anna 12
Ben P 16	Jonah 17
Theodore 17	Rowan 18
Evie 18	Hayden 18
Vivian 20	Ronin/Troy 21
Errol 24	Ellie 24 Elijah 27 Hermione 28
Declan 30	Rickson 31 Ivan 31 Heidi 31





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5	6	7	8	<b>3</b> Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16 Book Sale 8:30-7:30 pm Hot lunch Sub- way	17 PRO D No students in attendance	18		
19	20 PAC Meeting 6:00 pm	21	22 Pizza Lunch	23 Hot LunchBar Burrito	24	25		
26	27 Early French Immersion Meeting @ 425 Pinecrest 5:00 pm	28	29	<b>30</b> Dress up as your favourite Character. Hot Lunch- Booster Juice	31			
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FEB 3-7th, 2025								