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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems like we just got back from winter break and here we are 50% of the way through the year!

Last week you would have received your child's report card. This is a good opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and discuss areas that might need more focus in the second term. This is also a good time to remind families to set a regular reading time. Kids who get into the reading habit will do better throughout their school years. Set aside some time each day when you can read to and with your child.

Here are a few suggestions to reflect on this past term and to plan for the next term:

"What were some important things you have learned so far this year?" or "What have been your favourite moments up to now?" Write these positive memories in the planner or in a journal.

What would you like to be able to do better? How can we work together to help you meet your goals? Review planners and notebooks for ideas.

As we continue through the second half of the year, you can expect ongoing communication of your child's learning from their classroom teacher before the final report card. This can come in a number of forms, but will show some kind of evidence of learning, information about the related learning standards, teacher and student feedback.

I hope you all have a nice Family Day Weekend and are able to spend time enjoying some fun activities together.

Sincerely,

David Cooper



SCHOOL MASCOT—SONIC

Last year we introduced our mascot Sonic. At first he was just a fun logo, but he is now a stuffy that is starting to spend time in classrooms. Recently he spent some time reading on Family Literacy Day with Ms. Addison's class. He is going to keep popping up in classrooms and school events throughout the year.



RUNNING CLUB

Our classes continue to participate in our running club. They are running through all of British Columbia discovering the many First Nations language territories.

Here is an update of distances and where in BC the groups have run to:

- ♦ Greenway/Preston –3890 km – just past Kennedy
- ♦ Eyres/Ducklow – 3032 km – Between Skidegate and Prince Rupert
- ♦ Schlitz/James/Weber – 3085 km – Between Skidegate and Prince Rupert
- ♦ Lepage/Weber/Hornby/Armstrong - 1792 km— Just past Sechelt
- ♦ Currie/Phelan/Addison – 1491 km - Just outside of Kamloops



STAFFING UPDATE

We have some happy and sad news with our staffing. Mr. Hornby is now back with us full time again. Though this means we have to say goodbye to Mrs. Armstrong. She has been a regular at Chase River since the fall of 2021. During her time here she made a positive impact on the students she worked with and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her future plans.



PINK SHIRT DAY

On Wednesday, February 23rd we would like to encourage students to wear pink to school for Pink Shirt Day.

The message for us this year is to Spread Kindness. Part of the message is letting students know that bullying is not going to be stopped by them wearing pink shirts. They have to be aware of their actions and words, and how they treat others. This means looking at how they make others feel.

The word bullying tends to be used for any wrongdoing or “mean” comment. This is not the case. There can be conflict between two people without it necessarily being bullying. This does not excuse these actions, but labeling them as “bullying” when they are not waters the term down.

Students will be reminded that bullying is:

- Simply put, bullying is a repeated pattern of unwelcome or aggressive behaviour.
- Often with the goal of making others uncomfortable, scared or hurt.



The person bullying is seeking power, control, or material things.

What Bullying is Not:

Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management.

Mutual conflict: involves an argument or disagreement between people but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.

Social rejection or dislike: is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

Single episode acts: of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If someone is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different people is not the same as bullying. However, this does not mean that single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression should be ignored or condoned as these are unacceptable behaviours.

Our goal is to work with students to understand the impact unkind behaviours can have on someone, while at the same time realize the kindness they give someone can have a real positive impact.

It is important that all students recognize that they are each responsible for helping to create a safe, caring, and respectful environment at Chase River.

The provincial ERASE website will be shared with students. This site has many resources for students, families, and educators. The link to the site is: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase>



IMPORTANT DATES

These are key dates at this time. We will update families about events as they arise. Also check the school website regularly. Our calendar there is updated frequently.



BC Family Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. Feb 21
Last Day before Spring Break	Fri. March 11
First Day Back after Spring Break	Mon. March 28
Good Friday	Fri. April 15
Easter Monday	Mon. April 18
Curriculum Implementation Day	Thurs, May 5
Professional Day (Students do not attend)	Fri. May 6
Victoria Day (Students do not attend)	Mon. May 23
Summative Report Issued	Tues. June 29
Last Day of School (Dismissal at 2:15)	Wed, June 30
Administration Day	Thur, June 30

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



It is an annual event at Chase River to participate in Jump Rope for Heart. The skip-a-thon took place on Thursday & Friday, February 10th & 11th. Students were jumping in memory of our beloved bus driver, Martin, who passed away of heart disease this past November. You can still donate until February 22nd if you would like. All donations are done online. Go to jumpropeforheart.ca go to “Families’ Corner,” then “Families’ Get Started” and join our school’s page.



CONFETTI CLUB (CC)

Chase River's Confetti Club (CC) members would like to thank our PAC and school community for supporting us as we find creative ways to "Spread kindness and cheer throughout the year." Confetti Club (CC) Ambassadors are expanding their positive efforts to include families and friends with monthly Confetti Club (CC) Challenges. This month we have paired up with Volunteer Nanaimo/Angel Network in sharing out their 2nd Annual Family Day "BINGO" Activity. There is a free book and bag for families who pick up their Bingo Card in person by March 17th at Volunteer Nanaimo (3148 Baron's Road; Monday to Thursday 9am-3pm including Family Day).

Every family who completes just two lines of activities on their Bingo Card and returns it to Volunteer Nanaimo by March 24th, 2022 will get a board game, puzzle or other fun activity to keep. They are then entered into a draw for prizes like a scooter, gift cards and more. The final draw date is March 31st, 2022.

Any Chase River community families who send in a copy of their Bingo Card by email or with your child to our school (Attention: Ms Milk Shake) will be entered in our Confetti Club (CC) Challenge for additional prizes. If you have questions, please email Kendra Van Shaik @ kendra.vanshaik@sd68.bc.ca



February 2022 Volunteer Nanaimo NEWSLETTER

Angel Network Serving our Community

Join us!

2nd Annual Family Day Celebration

Bring your child in to pick up a book and sign up for our **Spring Break Activities.**

Play Bingo and turn in your card for a family game or activity package.
Enter our draw for a chance at an even bigger prize!

Drop by our offices at 3148 Barons Road
 Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm
 (Including Family Day on Feb 21!)
 Monday, Feb 7 through Thursday, March 17

Final draw on Thursday, March 31

In partnership with PacificCARE

BINGO

1. Pick up a book	2. Sign up for Spring Break Activities	3. Play Bingo	4. Turn in your card
5. Complete 2 lines	6. Complete 3 lines	7. Complete 4 lines	8. Complete 5 lines
9. Complete 6 lines	10. Complete 7 lines	11. Complete 8 lines	12. Complete 9 lines
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PAC NEWS

UPCOMING EASTER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER

Easter Purdy's campaign will open up on March 1st, 2022 for our Chase River families. Information will be sent out to families at that time with the customer number and fundraising link. Easy one stop Easter egg shopping!



Have a Wonderful Month

ENERGY CUP



For the first time Chase River participated in the NLPS Energy Cup. This is a fun competition to bring awareness to saving energy and think about sustainability in schools. The Chase River team was led by Abby, Alicia, Anwar, Damion, Elizabeth, Emma, Hazel, Josie, Malia, and Milly. We participated in 3 activities – remembering to turn off lights when leaving a classroom or gym, Sweater Week – where the temperature in the school was one degree cooler, and Lights out Lunch – where lights were out during eating time and natural light was the light source. This was a great event to get everyone thinking about conserving energy and the benefits to it. Even though the competition is now over the team will continue to encourage energy saving measures.

