



Vedder Elementary School Newsletter



Chilliwack
School District

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Please note:

All newsletters will be published **online** at the school website, on the **first Friday** of every month.

Our virtue for the month of February is **Kindness**. Students will be taught that kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. **You can further support these teachings at home by reinforcing the following signs of success in showing kindness:**

- I give gentle attention to someone who is sad or needs help
- I do things to give others happiness
- I resist temptation to be cruel
- I accept people who are different

School Registration Moving to An Online System:

The Chilliwack School District will be moving to a centralized electronic registration system effective, January 15th, 2018. The new online process provides parents and guardians an option to register their child at any time of the day including during the summer break. The purpose of the electronic registration system is for the registration of new students to the Chilliwack School District, students who want to request a transition to a school of choice for the new school year, and for kindergarten registration. Further information can be found on the district website: www.sd33.bc.ca/e-registration.

Visitors Please Check in at Office

Just a reminder of our school policy that **all parents and other guests please check in at the office during school hours**. We have this policy in place for three main reasons: it helps to ensure that learning time in our classes is not disrupted; it helps maintain the safety of our students while they are at school; and lastly we simply like to greet all of our guests. ☺ If your child has a lunch or other items that need to be delivered to them, you can drop them off at the office and our friendly clerical staff will ensure that your child receives them. **Thank you in advance for your assistance in following this procedure.**

Excel Martial Arts

We would like to once again thank **Adam Gibson from Excel Martial Arts** who will be teaching our students some of his finest martial arts moves on **February 5 and 6**. Mr. Gibson continuously seeks out ways to give back to his community, coming to Vedder to teach our students for free is just one of them. We are very grateful! The kids are going to love it!

Library News:

Mrs. Chand is supporting the **City Wide Literacy Challenge**. Get ready to read 20 minutes a day and join the [City-Wide Literacy Challenge](#), February 1-28. Mrs. Chand has a ballot for your child to record their reading on. Completed ballots can be returned to Mrs. Chand. Try out a new reading format, such as audiobooks, magazines, or graphic novels. Hosted by Fraser Valley Regional Library and Chilliwack Learning Society.



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Grade 5 & 6 Middle School Transition Information:

Here are some important dates to help you better understand the transition plan for students to middle school (MSMS).

Feb. 16 – MSMS Counsellors visit gr. 5 & 6 students at VES

Feb. 22 - course selection forms due to VES office

March 7 – 7:00 p.m. - Parent Information Night at MSMS (see attachment for details)

May 17 – Grade 5 & 6 students go to MSMS for school tour and electives demos

Aug. 29 – W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) Program for **grade 5 students**

Aug. 30 – W.E.B. (Where Everyone Belongs) Program for **grade 6 students**

Thinking Beyond Ourselves

Each month, we will highlight ways that our Vedder Bears have decided to “think beyond themselves”. This month we will be hosting a **shoe drive**. **Demi Mackinnon-Westrop** and her family will be collecting **gently-used shoes** for the **Soles-4-Soles** organization. They will be accepting donations from **Feb. 5-22**. Shoes can be dropped off in the **bin, in the front foyer**. Stay tuned for updates on our progress of collections.

Ready, Set, Learn – Feb. 8 & Feb. 9

If you know anyone with a 3 or 4 years old at home, please let them know about our Ready, Set, Learn event that is happening on **Thursday, February 8 at Vedder Elementary school**. The event will take place from **12:45-1:45**. It will allow children to explore fun learning centers and teachers will share valuable “school-readiness” tips. All participants will also leave with a take home bag of goodies.

This year we are also hosting an **Aboriginal themed Ready, Set, Learn** event on **Friday, February 9 at Tzeachten Hall** from **11:30-1:00**. We will start by sharing a lunch at 11:30 then allow some time for guests to learn about school-readiness skills and interact at various centers. Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP for either event to Shelley at VES: 604-858-4759

Spirit Day – February 22

On **Thursday, February 22**, you can earn spirit points for your classroom, all you need to do is dress up as a **Blast From the Past**. The eighties were my personal favourite, but that doesn’t need to be yours. Check out the spirit day bulletin board in the hallway for up to date point totals.

PAC Sponsored Skating – February 20 & 27:

Thank you so much to our amazing PAC who has fully funded a school-wide skating adventure at Twin Rinks! Because we have so many kids at our school, we are going to spread this event over two days. Students will be able to go skating on either February 20 or February 27. Teachers will be provided with a schedule in the very near future. Watch for communication from your child’s teacher about which date their class will be attending.

Mobile Dairy Classroom – February 26

On February 26, all primary classes will enjoy a visit from the Mobile Dairy Classroom. A local farmer will pull their trailer up to outside the hockey court and students will go to visit the cow and learn about the dairy farm industry.

February 28 – Pink Shirt Day

On February 28, 2018, we encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities and online. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school.



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February School Closures

February 12 - BC Family Day - enjoy your time with family

February 23 - Professional Development Day

Hot Lunch Dates:

Friday, February 2 – Taco Del Mar

Friday, February 16 – J's Pizza

PAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 21 – 6:30pm – in the library

Month at a Glance

- Feb. 2 – PAC Movie Night – Fundraiser for Grade 6 students **Journey to the Center of the Earth 2**
- Feb. 2 - Hot Lunch – Taco Del Mar
- Feb. 5 & 6 - Excel Martial Arts at VES
- Feb. 5-22 - Soles-4-Soles Shoe Drive
- Feb. 7 - Fire Department comes to visit students at the soup program
- Feb. 8 - **Ready, Set, Learn** 12:45-1:45 (3 & 4 year olds) RSVP to Shelley: 604-858-4759
- Feb. 9 - **Aboriginal-themed Ready, Set, Learn** 11:30-1:00 at Tzeachten Hall. RSVP to Shelley: 604-858-4759
- Feb. 12 - **School Closed – Family Day**
- Feb. 16 -Mount Selesse Middle School Counsellors at VES to talk to grade 5 & 6 students – course forms home
- Feb. 16 -Hot Lunch – J's Pizza
- Feb. 20 -PAC sponsored skating for some classes – Twin Rinks
- Feb. 21 -6:30p.m. PAC Meeting in library
- Feb. 22 -**Spirit Day – Blast From the Past**
- Feb. 22 - MSMS Demographic forms due to office for grade 5 & 6 students
- Feb. 23 -**School closed – Professional Development Day**
- Feb. 26 -Mobile Dairy Classroom at VES for Primary classes
- Feb. 27 -PAC sponsored skating for some classes – Twin Rinks
- Feb. 28 -**Pink Shirt Day**