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January 11

PAC Hot Lunch

January 16

CPF Meeting 7:00 in the Library

"**Reading** aloud with **children** is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to **read**."

January is Literacy Month

This month our school will be focusing on fostering the love of reading in each classroom. Our hopes for our students is that they see reading as a pleasure instead of a chore. When a student finishes a book, either at home or at school, they will write the book title on a piece of paper and then add it to a chain. We're going to see how many books our students have read in the month of January by the length of the chain. For those students who are not yet reading, if an adult reads a book with them they can write the book title and draw a picture of the book on the piece of paper and add it to the chain. Paper for the chain links can be found at the front bulletin board.



TMRES Hoodies

We've received a limited number of student hoodies to sell. We have sizes Youth Small, Youth Medium and Youth Large. Hoodies are \$35 each and available from the office. First come, first served.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have any children or know of any families who are planning on attending our school in the fall of 2018, registration begins on February 1st. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Canadian Parents for French:

The next CPF meeting will be held in the TM Roberts Library Tuesday, January 16 from 7-8pm. If you would like to attend via telephone, please contact Shanda at shandaf@shaw.ca.

Out of Catchment letters

The annual out-of-catchment letters will be coming home Monday, January 15th. This does not apply to out-of-catchment French Immersion students as we are the only French Immersion elementary school. Please be sure to send your response as soon as possible according to the letter. Letters do not get returned to the school, but to the Board Office. The information is needed for establishing our numbers and budgets for next year.

Grade 6 Transition Letters:

We are starting to look at which school our Grade 6 students will be attending next year. You will be receiving a letter home indicating your catchment area school. All students in French Immersion will continue their studies at Parkland Middle School. All English students or students transitioning to English will be scheduled to attend their catchment area school as indicated in the letter which will be sent out next week. If you would like to be considered for attending the other middle school, Student Placement Request forms can be submitted to the Cranbrook Board Office beginning February 1st.

Next Year Information:

If you are considering changing programs, schools, or if you are moving please contact the office and let us know. It is very important as we begin to look forward to next year. Thank you!

Pink the Rink

This year's Pink the Rink is on January 27th at 7 pm at the Western Financial place. Order deadline is January 19th, they will not accept any late ticket orders. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Triton Swim Club

The Triton Swim club is starting up again on January 16th and ends March 15th. Swim times are once a week from 3:45 – 4:15 on Wednesdays for students from TM Roberts. See the attached letter for more information.

DPAC – District Parent Advisory Committee

DPAC is at risk of folding if a new chair doesn't come forward. The next DPAC meeting is scheduled for **January 15th 6:30 pm** at the Board office. The following is an excerpt of a letter from the local union president for teachers, Shelly Balfour:

"The loss of the DPAC will have a significant effect on each school community. Without the DPAC, the consolidated voice of SD5 parents will be silenced both here at the District level but also at the Provincial level. DPAC is your voice at Board Meetings, Committee meetings and Provincial meetings. They advocate on your behalf for changes to the funding levels, more support for all children, better conditions in the schools, less costs downloaded onto parents etc. as well as pay your membership in BCCPAC.

In the discussions last night, the Chair outlined the job as "you make it as big as you want to or as small as you want to." I am writing this email to plead to the PACs to consider the consequences of the folding of DPAC and to put names forward for the three positions. If the new chair would like mentoring, the outgoing Chair has agreed to be available as needed and there is training available for the other two positions as well."

If you are interested in this position, please contact tmrespac@gmail.com for more information.

Non-Marking Shoes and Winter Boots

Just a reminder that shoes and boots sent to school should be non-marking. Black-sole shoes and boots are the usual culprit that leave marks on the floors which are tedious and time-consuming to remove for our two custodial staff. Thanks for your help in this.

TMRES Parent Advisory Council

The next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30 in the TMRES Library.

New French *Monitrice*

Next week we will be welcoming our new French *monitrice*, Alexandra Ducharme. Alexandra will be supporting our French Immersion programs by providing opportunities for small groups of students to practice their conversational skills with fun and engaging lessons. We look forward to welcoming her to our school.

Month at a Glance

Jan. 11	PAC Hot Lunch – Boston Pizza
Jan. 16	CPF Meeting – 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the library
Jan. 24	DARE Grade for grade 5 and 6 students, 1:30
Jan. 25	PAC Hot Lunch – BP day
Jan. 19	Grade 5&6 Ski day
Jan. 26	Grade 5&6 Ski day
Jan. 27	Pink the Rink
Feb. 2	Grade 5&6 Ski Day
Feb. 7	PAC Meeting
Feb. 8	PAC Hot Lunch – Quiznos
Feb. 12	Stat Holiday – school not in session
Feb. 22	PAC Hot Lunch – Pizza Day
Feb. 23	Pro-D Day – students do not attend

