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Mission Statement: *"To engage our learners to reach their potential in a safe and supportive community"*

Administrative Changes for 2020-2021

Last week SD5 announced changes for September, 2020. Ms. Tyson will be joining the Grade 6's and heading to Parkland as Principal. She looks forward to working with TM graduates and their families, past and future.

T.M. Roberts welcomes Ms. Michelle Sartorel as our new Principal. Madame Sartorel (or Mme. Michelle) was a grade 7 teacher at TMR 18 years ago but left in 2002 to have her daughter Emily. She started her career at Tenth Avenue School in January of 1991 when French Immersion was in its very first years of existence in Cranbrook. When the program moved to TMR from Tenth Avenue School because of the growing population and popularity of the FI program, she had a chance to continue to work in the "dual track" system and when the opportunity arose for her to join the team there was no hesitation!

Madame Sartorel is excited to be returning "home" and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and experiences with place-based learning and learning through play. She has worked for many years with the MindUp curriculum and strongly believes in the philosophy of self-regulation and mindful practices. Madame Sartorel's French continues to be a work in progress but she loves the challenge of trying to understand and be a part of conversations and is excited to again have the opportunity to exercise her brain and ear with the French language.

March 5

Concours d'art oratoire, grade 4 – 6 French Immersion

March 6

Ski Day #3

March 11

PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm

March 12

PAC Hot Lunch – Domino's
Pizza and smoothies
Jersey Day

March 13

Spring Break
March 13 – 27 inclusive
School not in session

March 31

Seed Orders Due

April 9

PAC Hot Lunch – Hot Shots

Parent – Student Learning Survey

Grade 4 Parents should have received a letter for the Parent portion of the Student Learning Survey. Once complete, please send in the bottom of the form for a draw of a \$25 Huckleberry Books gift certificate. Please click here to access the survey:

[Parent Survey](#)

Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser

Our annual Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser is now open. Order forms were sent home last week. We will be selling tomato, strawberry and flowering sun or shade hanging baskets. Orders are due on **March 6th**, the baskets will available for pickup at the school the week before the Mother's Day weekend. Methods of payment are cash, cheque (made out to T.M. Roberts) or using the [School Cash Online](#) app located on the T.M. Roberts website.



Haiti Popcorn Fundraiser

Next Thursday Mrs. Reinartz and Mrs. Gauthier's grade 5/6 class is putting on another fundraiser for Haiti. There will be a demonstration basketball game by some of our teachers and students and students will have the option to buy popcorn for \$1. All money raised will go to Haiti and helping people there with their medical care.

School Cash Online

South East Kootenay would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our schools. You can soon join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying online! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren) (ski trips, school fees etc.). **Try it out for your Spring Flower Basket Fundraiser order.** Eventually we will ask all payments for student fees, ski trips, fundraisers etc. be made using this app so **please sign up now so that you are ready.**

Step 1: Register. Go to <https://sd5.schoolcashionline.com>, and select "Get Started Today"

Complete the registration steps. Passwords require 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation email. A registration confirmation email will be sent to you. Click on the link provided to confirm your email and *School Cash Online* account.

Step 3: Find student. You will be prompted to find your child by using first and last name, as well as birth date. If you have more than one child, you can add another student.

For more detailed instructions, click [here](#).

PAC Seed Fundraiser

PAC is planning on participating in another seed fundraiser this year from West Coast Seeds. We will earn 40% of all orders. The order forms are going home today and are due on March 31st.



Two of Mrs. Martin's Kindergarten students accomplishing a goal of climbing to the top of the ropes. Way to go!

Some of our students attended the DPAC presentation about the risks of vaping. Teresa Bartraw from EK Addiction Services Society explains how quickly vape users go from "experimentation" to "problematic" use.

