

Monthly Newsletter

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"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

– Gandi

### Food Bank Challenge

We've collected so much food for the Cranbrook Food bank that we've had to get one load over to them mid-way through our food drive. As of Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> T.M. has collected **1800 lbs. of food**. Thank you T.M. families for your generous donations! The last day to bring in non-perishable food items is February 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Grade 6 Transition Letters

We have looked at which middle school our Grade 6 students will be attending in the fall. You should have received a letter home indicating your catchment area school. **All students continuing in French Immersion will continue their studies at Parkland Middle School.** All English students or French Immersion students transitioning to English will be scheduled to attend their catchment area school as indicated in the letter. If you would like to be considered for attending the other middle school, a Student Placement Request forms can be submitted to the Cranbrook Board Office beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. This form can be found on page 5 of the Policy 3.1R document that was included with your letter.

### Out of Catchment Letters

The annual out-of-catchment letters were sent home January 20<sup>th</sup> for families who attend our school and are out of TM's catchment area. As indicated on the letter, **this does not apply to out-of-catchment French Immersion students** as we are the only French Immersion elementary school in Cranbrook. Please be sure to send your response as soon as possible according to the letter. Letters

### Upcoming Dates

#### February 11

CPF Meeting – 6 pm

#### February 16

PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm

#### February 25

PAC Hot Lunch - Subway

do not get returned to the school, but to the **Cranbrook Board Office**. The information is needed for establishing our numbers and budgets for next year.

## CPF – Canadian Parents for French

Our next Canadian Parents for French Meeting will be **Thursday February 11, 2021 @ 6pm** on the Zoom platform.

CPF is a volunteer group with access to student and parent resources and opportunities. We champion French learning opportunities and help sponsor French performers and experiences in our Cranbrook and Fernie schools. [Memberships are FREE this year.](#) Click on the link for your membership.

Same zoom link for all meetings:

<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/84094065963>

## Valentine's Day

*From the Secretary Treasurer:*

In an effort to limit items coming into the classroom, Valentine 's Day will look different this year. We are asking families not to send Valentine treats and cards from home to share with the class in accordance with our Covid protocols. If you have any other questions about how the day will look please contact your child's classroom teacher.

## Water Fountains

A reminder that our water fountains are closed and students require a water bottle every day at school. The filling stations are open but the mouth spout is closed in accordance with our Covid protocols and precautions.

## Raffle for Food Bank

In celebration of February and to continue on with TM's Kindness focus; from Feb 1 to Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a raffle for this lovely gift basket donated by Save-On Foods.

\$1.00 gives the student three entries into the draw.  
We will draw a winner on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Mrs. Garson will come to classes throughout the month to collect the money and raffle tickets.  
All proceeds will be going to the Women's Shelter



## Flower Basket Fundraiser

Our annual Spring Flower Basket fundraiser will begin this month. Funds raised will go towards field trip costs. Order forms will be sent home mid-February. We will be selling tomato, strawberry and flowering sun or shade hanging baskets. Order are due on March 12<sup>th</sup> and items will be delivered to the school for Mother's Day weekend.

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration has begun today February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child who is interested in our Kindergarten program, particularly the French Immersion program, please encourage them to register by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Next Year's Information

If you are considering changing programs, schools or if you are moving please contact the office and let us know as this information is very important in our planning for the 2021/2022 school year. Thank you!

## Ktunaxa Month Names

Do you wonder how to pronounce the current newsletter month in Ktunaxa? Click on the [link](#) to learn how.

# P.A.C. NEWS

### TM community - We need your input!

Our PAC, parents/guardians, students, and community have all been working hard to raise money for our school throughout the year! Now it's time to put that money to use! We would like to hear about events, purchases, or big installations that YOU would like to see our fundraising monies put towards! Please join us at our special Zoom planning meeting on February 11, 2021 @ 6:30pm, post your ideas on our FB page or email [tmrspac@gmail.com](mailto:tmrspac@gmail.com)

### Next TM PAC Meeting:

The next TM PAC meeting will take place via Zoom February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Any parents/caregivers for current students are welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out about what is happening at our school and offer your input on how to enhance our school community. Email [tmrspac@gmail.com](mailto:tmrspac@gmail.com) for the link.

### Coming soon:

The TM PAC will be hosting a virtual Spirit Week in February 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Watch for a backpack stuffer early in the New Year as well as information on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TMPAC>.

### Current Fundraising:

Passport to the Kootenay's coupon books are available on the schools Munch-a-lunch site for \$45.00. <https://munchalunch.com> This is a great way to support both the school and local businesses in our community. All businesses added their coupons to the book between April and September 2020 and would love to have your business at a discounted price.

### Hot Lunch:

Munch-a-lunch is a P.A.C. fundraiser that is done once a month. Parents can order hot lunches for their child which will then be delivered to the classroom on the Hot Lunch days. Students will still need a healthy snack for morning snack time. Parents can sign up by clicking on the [link](#) and accepted payment method is with a credit card or paypal. Lunches can be ordered in advance until the end of the year.

The next hot lunch is **Thursday February 25 – Subway**

Please continue to check out the TM PAC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TMPAC> for updates.

Munch a Lunch credits can be used for future Hot Lunches or on any fundraising items offered throughout the year.



Food Bank Challenge

First delivery of food to the Salvation Army was 1300 lbs.

Way to go T.M.!



Some of our students wearing plaid for Robbie Burns day

Artists from Mme. Webster's class working on their ecosystem project





Lacey is using the movement path that was installed last year thanks to a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust

Mme. Ingrid's students playing math games with cards.

