

April 4, 2022

Newsletter # 12

We Are Nut Aware!

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EDGEWOOD NEWS

**Roger's Hometown Hockey Week at EW April 4-8th
CLS Writing Day, Friday April 8th for Divisions 1,2,3,4,5**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, April 4th
Monthly Assembly

Tuesday, April 5th
After School Outdoor Club
Begins – Tuesday Group

Wednesday, April 6th
After School Outdoor Club
Begins -Wednesday Group

Thursday, April 7th
Rogers' Hometown Hockey
Colouring Entries Due

Friday, April 8th
CSL Writing Day
No school for Divisions
1,2,3,4,5
Jersey Day

Tuesday, April 12th
PAC Meeting 7pm
Onsite and Zoom Options
Cultural Performance – 1pm
DEAR – Whole School
Drop Everything and Read
10:35-11:55

Wednesday, April 13th
International Day of Pink

Thursday, April 14th
Crazy Easter Hair/Hat Day

Friday April 15th
Good Friday -school closed

Monday, April 18th
Easter Monday- no school

Tuesday, April 19th
Class Photos

Friday, April 22nd
PAC Hot Lunch

Friday, April 29th
Non-Instructional Day
No School for Students

Office Hours
8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Monday to Friday

Principal's Message

Hadih - Bonjour - Hello, Parents!

Happy April! Yes, already. We had a wonderful last week of March. The energy was back. Students were excited to be reconnected to their peers and their learning. Did you hear about the ducks before the break? This was very exciting for everyone.

We are down to our last month, AprilMayJune. At least, that is how it feels this time of year as the time just seems to fly by.

Our school is committed to **Truth and Reconciliation**. We are very grateful to live, work and play on unceded, ancestral territory of the Lheidli T'enneh and strongly believe in this land acknowledgement and embracing cultural learning opportunities for which we have many. We will highlight these in our various communication means.

This month you can expect your child's 2nd, formal **written CSL** for the year. These will be distributed either April 22 or 25th. Informal communication of student learning was sent home for all students before the break.

Looking ahead this month there is lots going on. **Elementary Outdoor Relays** are back after two years, for grades 3,4,5,6,7 students who are interested. Our competition day is Friday, May 6th. We do need parent helpers desperately for this to happen. Please let the office know.

All students have started new learning in PHE (physical health education) from our own black belt - Mrs. Hedley. **Taekwondo** is the focus of gym classes. This is students first experience at school with this learning. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm.

Read throughout the newsletter for other happenings.

Lastly, if you know you will be **moving** and your child will not be attending Edgewood next school year, please contact us. This information is very important as we organize for next year. Every spot counts, and knowing this now helps us organize for next year.

Health and Safety Need to Knows:

COVID - 19 School Protocol Update

Mask Wearing for staff, students, visitors in the school is now by choice, provincially. **Good Hygiene Practices** are still expected to be practiced throughout the day (hand washing, sneezing and coughing etiquette). **Daily Health Checks** are still required by parents for their children and staff. **Visitors' Sign In** is still expected. This is located in the front foyer.

Physical Distancing will continue to be practiced and encouraged whenever possible. We know this is an important skill on many levels. For students, hands to self and respecting the bubble space of others was taught pre-Covid and will continue to be an expectation. Keeping hands to self so as not to touch the belongings of others also fits here.

We will continue to update you as changes occur.

Special Occasion Treats for special celebrations such as birthdays can return. Up until now, the expectations has been pre-wrapped/store bought treats. Baked goods were discouraged. These can now return providing they do not contain nuts of any kind. It is a parent's decision as their choice to do this. There is no expectation to do this. Also, we'd like to be mindful that not everyone is comfortable eating homemade baked goods. Please discuss this decision with your child, so they understand, and your child's teacher, so they know.

Emergency Drill Practices

These will occur again this month. These will include fire drills and all emergency practice drills. These practices are both District and Ministry expectations. The exact dates have not yet been scheduled. Stay tuned!



Edgewood Eagles

SOAR

Safety, Ownership,
Achievement, Respect

Themes of the Month

Courage

Ts' aitoh

Safe Start

If your child is going to be **late or absent**, please call the school and leave a message, complete with your child's full name, grade, and teacher. Calls home are made for those students not in attendance to ensure their safety and whereabouts

Supervision

Morning supervision
8:15 – 8:30
After school supervision
2:27 – 2:42

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PAC News

We thank the following parents for taking on these important leadership roles for your child's school.

Chair: Danielle Davis
Co-Chair: Meghan McGibbon

Secretary: Marian Berg
Treasurer: Ethan Hoffman

Being a part of PAC is one important way to be involved in your child's school experience and help build community. There are many ways to be involved.

Please visit our school website for updated meeting minutes, financial reports, and agendas.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 12th 7pm BOTH ONSITE AND ZOOM
Zoom info available on the website.

PAC Hot Lunch Update

Orders are taken via the online order system called "Munch-a-Lunch". You can order for up to three hot lunches in advance. If you need help navigating Munch-A-Lunch or need an alternative, contact PAC or the school.

Munch-A-Lunch closes 11pm the Sunday before the hot lunch day.

Next Hot Lunches April 22nd - There is no Hot Lunch April 8th

Next Popcorn Day - TBA

New Playground Equipment Update

The Pandemic sadly halted the momentum on this. PAC is working very hard to get 3 new playground items ready for students to play on in September. The order is in, work is being done to arrange installation. Fingers crossed there are no supply or contractor delays as this moves ahead.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program & BC Dairy Foundation

Deliveries have resumed. We recently had another apple delivery.
We thank PAC for continuing to support this program for our school.

Rogers' Hometown Hockey Week April 4-11

We are joining in the fun from this community event that takes place at CN Center this coming weekend. To promote this event, the Rogers team has invited schools to participate. Our grade 7 leaders were eager to have our school do so.

Colouring Contest

Templates are available to students. Schools are responsible for forwarding their top entries to the Rogers Team who then choose the winners. Students are asked to include their names and their grade on the back of their entry. **These are due Thursday, April 7th.**

Fill a Net With Food Challenge

This is a challenge that supports local food banks. Non-perishable food items can be brought throughout the week. On Friday, schools take a picture of the food collected and send it to the Roger's Team. The winning school will receive a visit (either in person or virtual - hopefully the latter) from special guests of the Roger's Team. This would be awesome, so let's fill up a net or 2 😊

Jersey Day - Friday, April 8th

We know we have students not here that day - they get into the spirit at home.

The community event next weekend, April 9-11th is a free event. Those interested do need to go online for the free tickets. If you don't have the technology to do this, come by the school and use one of our computers.

After School Outdoor Club Returns This Week!

This new session is for interested grade 2 and 3 students. Permission forms went home last week. Groups have been organized through a draw as there were spots for 24. We had more interested that we had spots for. Students attend one day a week, on their assigned day, Sessions run from 2:30-3:30. Contact Ms. Gould with any questions or concerns. This session will run for 5 weeks. We thank Ms. Gould, our Indigenous Education Worker for leading the learning fun.

April Leadership Update

These eager leaders are supporting and planning many fun and meaningful activities for this month. These include:
Rogers Hometown Hockey Week at EW - April 4-8th - see previous page for details

No Name Calling Week - April 11-15th - this week highlights that we choose kind words above all

International Day of Pink - April 13th - wear pink to show support for diversity in others

Candy Count Fundraiser - April 11-14th - \$1 for 2 guesses - proceeds to the grade 7 year end event - winner gets it all

Crazy Easter Hair/Hat Day - April 14th

Earth Week - April 19-22nd - this week will include a litter free lunch competition, class with the least garbage competition, the annual Bring a Book/Take a Book Book Swap and a school/community clean-up - more details to come

As you can see, there is lots ahead for the month to build community and make memories. This is alongside all the great learning happening throughout the school. A huge shout out goes to our grade 7 leaders. We have a core group who are very committed to their roles. Daily we have a crew who help lunch monitor primary classes, and daily we have pairs of morning announcers. These volunteers comprise our larger group who help plan special activities. There is a great deal that would not happen if it were not for these grade 7 leaders. Thank you for supporting their efforts.

Lastly, the Toonie Tuesday fundraiser from 22-2-22 raised over \$180. Thank you for your support. Monies collected went to Love4Paws animal rescue.

April Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday in April the very best wishes. Students and staff having birthdays are recognized at each monthly assembly. Everyone receives a special birthday pencil.



Jaida P., Emma E., Paxton A., Amy B., Justis P., Kaitlin S., Miyah D., Zander P., Allison L., Mya L., Edie B., Milaina B., Jack M., Isabella J., Xavier A., Kaiden L., Elijah W., Quinton M., Hayden R., Caleb M., Mrs. Branigan, Mrs. Hedley, Ms. Hall, Ms. Gould, Mr. Mansell.

Elementary Relays are Back!!!!

After 2 years off due to the Pandemic, this very popular activity has returned. This is a 4 by 100 meter team running event held outdoors at Masich Place. At EW, this year this is open to students in grades 3,4,5,6,7.

Practices will begin with volunteer staff helping at the play breaks. Each District school is allowed 4 teams in each grade category (2 boys and 2 girls), thus not all students interested will get a chance to go to the meet. Everyone interested is welcome and try out. We want to take as many teams as allowed. It is such a fun event.

Our meet date is Friday, May 6th, 2022. This is a half day meet - the afternoon only. Students will be bussed there. Parents will need to pick up at Masich Place. The meet is generally done by 3:30.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED! In order for this to happen, we need parents helpers. Please contact the school.

Read With Your Pet Reading Challenge

Back by popular demand, one of the easiest and most fun (according to students) is the Learning Commons' latest reading challenge. Here's how it works.

1. Students take a picture of them reading to a pet
OR
2. Students take a picture of their pet reading to them
3. Email the picture to Ms. Hall ehall@sd57.bc.ca
4. Pictures will be displayed for all to enjoy in the Learning Commons/Library
- 5.

Yes, it's that easy.

Communication of Student Learning (CSL) Update

It is nearing that time again for a formal, written CSL to be available to students and parents. Parents and students can look forward to a formal, written CSL coming home later this month, either Friday, April 22 or Monday, April 25th.

You should have received informal communication of learning from your child's teacher before the break. Informal communication differs for each class - what's communicated on and what isn't. Our goal is to be timely and responsive with communication about student learning.

The formal, written CSL you will receive this month will include your child as a learner, math, ELA (English language arts) and any other subject teachers have meaningful information to communicate about. This will vary from class to class. Some subjects will have already been communicated about in the informal sent out before the break.

As always, information about student learning can be accessed by contacting your child's teacher. Please feel free to reach out.

International Day of Pink - Wednesday, April 13th, 2022

This day of pink is different than National Pink Shirt Day/Anti-bullying Day. That said, they have very similar purposes, to promote the acceptance of diversity, all diversity including the LGBTQ community. Gender identity and diversity is part of society. This is a new area for many of us to navigate with our children, families, the broader community and society as a whole. We have an opportunity now to help our students learn about these issues, so they can be informed, develop empathy and have an accepting mindset for those who are different. Let's be honest though. We are all different and that is what makes the world a great place.

On Wednesday, students are encouraged to wear pink of any kind, socks, shirt, hat, etc, to show that Edgewood supports diversity and is accepting of the differences in others. We are an inclusive school that embraces the uniqueness of everyone.

We are very excited for the installation of our new PRIDE flag in the gym.



April's Theme of the Month

Courage - Ts'aitoh

- strength in the face of grief, pain or fear
- the ability to do something that frightens you or makes you uncomfortable

Courage is one of the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings. Courage is symbolized by the bear. The bear represents courage in Aboriginal culture for a variety of reasons. The bear shows great strength. It has the natural ability to overcome challenges. The mother bear will stand against a much larger, stronger male bear or other animals to protect her cubs. The bear can show us how to live a balanced life - a time to play and a **time to be courageous!**

This continues to be a fitting theme for our present times. Thank you to everyone for your courage as we continue to navigate this pandemic, most recently, the easing of restrictions.

