

January 17th, 2022

Newsletter # 8

We Are Nut Aware!

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EDGEWOOD NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - INYOO YUSK'UT HOONT'II

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, January 17th
Full Moon

Friday, Jan 21st
PAC Popcorn Day

Friday, Jan. 28th
PAC Hot Lunch

Monday, Jan. 31st
Non-Instructional Day
No School for Students

Friday, Feb. 4th
Monthly Assembly

Tuesday, Feb. 8th
PAC Meeting – 7pm
Zoom

Friday, Feb. 11th
PAC Hot Lunch

Monday, Feb. 14th
Valentine's Theme Day
Morning Drum-In
8:10 -8:40

Monday, Feb. 21st
Family Day
School Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd
Twin Theme Day

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd
Pink Shirt Day

Monday, Feb. 28th
Non-Instructional Day
No school for students

Every Friday!
Spirit Day
Wear Your Spirit Wear or
Black!
(our school colour)

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

Principal's Message

Hadih - Bonjour - Hello, Parents!

We had a bit of a different start, but we are back in the swing of things at Edgewood. The first week of January really was a gift to us to prepare and ensure our protocols in place fully met those mandated from the Ministry and Provincial Health Officer. It was time to prepare should we have a Functional School Closure (not enough staff to run the school). It was time to create at home learning for students and families in case we are faced with a closure. It is our hope this does not happen, but we are prepared just in case.

Last week, our official first week back with students was very full. We had some new and unique experiences including a gymnastics' unit in PHE with Mrs. Hedley, our first morning Drum-In, our first target area for throwing snowballs was created and our first controlled and structured snowball fight. The latter was a pilot project with the grade 4 and 5 students. It was very successful, so we are hopeful we can orchestrate these with other grades. Children want to throw snowballs, so let's teach them how to do it with some boundaries so everyone, who wants to participate, can have fun. As well, we had our monthly assembly, introducing our themes of the month, achievement and wisdom. Ask your child which animal symbolizes wisdom in the 7 Sacred Teachings.

The week ahead will see some classes go ice fishing, another first. Our grade 7 students will be doing Trades Learning at John MacInnis. Grades 4,5 and 7 students will have a chance to share their voice through District Administered surveys (the MDI and the Student Learning Survey). The Student Learning Survey is also open to parents. You can access via this link:

http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm The link is also on the website. Please consider completing this survey. It is short, but provides valuable data to help our school grow.

Health and Safety Need to Knows:

Important Bussing Information

Please check your email about the latest bussing information regarding possible disruption of service and how to stay informed should this occur. This was sent out January 11th, 2022. This information outlines how to access communication regarding possible bus route delays or cancellations. Diversified, like any business right now, is suffering from staff shortages due to illness. This may affect our bus routes.

My School Bus Monitor is an online notification system used by Diversified Transportation to report delayed and cancelled bus runs. This is available on all school websites and the District site. There is also an option to receive email notifications. Please refer to the email sent January 11th.

Icy Roads and Close Calls

Mother nature has been all over the place. The cold has now been replaced by wet and melt. Please plan ahead for your trips to school, taking more time to drop off and pick up. The roads are parking area are like skating rinks. Students are also reminded to take more care when walking to meet their rides.

COVID - 19 Protocols Continue

Thank you for helping us have a very safe start to the new month and new year. We appreciate parent and student ownership over masking, distancing, hygiene and daily health checks. The first week back saw our student absenteeism between 8 and 13%. Our daily norm is 10% on average. Thank you for continuing to do a Daily Health Check for your child prior to attending school each day. All staff complete their own health check daily.



Edgewood Eagles

SOAR

Safety, Ownership,
Achievement, Respect

Theme of the Month

Achievement and Wisdom

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

Meet our new executive for this school year. 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, February 8th, 7pm via Zoom Only
Zoom information available on the Website
Everyone Welcome!

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 - January 28th and February 11th

Next Popcorn Day - This Friday, January 21st - \$1

Mable's Labels

Check them out on line at <https://mabelslabels.ca>

Click on the tab "support a fundraiser" and look for our school. Mable's Labels will help you label any and everything.

Save-On Foods Helps PAC

Don't forget that purchasing Save On gift cards (GCs) from any Save-On Foods brings money to our school. Consider using a GC to pay for your groceries, or **if you are purchasing any for Christmas gifts**, go to the Customer Service counter at any Save-On to purchase your GCs. Be sure to say you are with Edgewood and PAC receives a percentage of all sales of GCs.

School Clothing Order and Kindergarten T-shirts

These have arrived and were delivered last week.

BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program & BC Dairy Foundation

We have had three deliveries of fruit and milk so far this year. The expected delivery for December was cancelled due to the travel constraints from the lower mainland. We are hopeful deliveries will resume this month.

We thank PAC for continuing to support this program for our school.

Middle Years Diagnostic

Instrument - Grade 5 Students

Before the break, information was sent home in letter form for parents of students in grade 5. This year all grade 5s in our District will undertake this MDI assessment. This is not an assessment of academic ability but rather a self-report questionnaire. Students will be asked to share their thoughts, feelings and experiences about different aspects of both school and community life. Participation is voluntary. Student voice is a powerful tool for informing. This can be a valuable experience for students. Our grade 5s will complete this, this week.

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday! Hoonust'I Whuzindli

We would like to wish everyone celebrating a birthday in January the very best wishes.



Ava W., Mila K., Liam J., Julia M., Kobe H., Eli B., Aisha B., Jaelah D., Axel B., Ty L., Rhys Y., Bryden J, Mr. Hooker.

Students were recognized at our recent assembly and received special birthday pencils.

Call Out for CSL Envelopes!

Please return with your child!

You can request a meeting with your child's teacher on this envelope.

On-line Kindergarten Registration for September 2022

On-line registration is required for Kindergarten in all School District No. 57 (Prince George) elementary schools.

On-line registration opens: Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 9:00 am. This is the preferred option.

In-person registration can also occur. Please contact the school.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2022 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2022.

Upon submission of the online registration, you will receive an e-mail confirmation along with a link to additional forms requiring completion. Bring completed forms, along with a copy of the Birth Certificate, Care Card, and proof of address, to your catchment school at your earliest convenience.

Staff at the school will be available to assist you as required.

For more information please refer to Policy 5119 - School Catchment Areas, Registration and Student Transfers.

Please note that Edgewood is a "closed catchment school" which means only those students living in the school's catchment area are eligible for a spot in our school.

For more detail information, please check the SD57 Website.

District On-Line Transfer Process 2022

A student transfer to another school in the District may be requested. All transfer applications must be made using the electronic form available at www.sd57.bc.ca.

Application details are available at the general office of any District school or on the District Website. A time and date are automatically assigned to each application received.

Applications will be considered in order of receipt. For more information, please refer to the Student Transfer Policy available on the School District Website.

The On-line Transfer Process opens February 14th, 2022 and closes February 25th, 2022. This time is very important should schools be full.

All of our grade 7 students will automatically be transferred to DP Todd. Families with siblings in Duchess Park will need to follow the Transfer process if they want to request their current grade 7 child at Edgewood attend DPSS. There is no guarantee of a spot, but siblings will be considered after catchment student spots are filled.

Families who live out of catchment and want their child to attend their catchment high school need to follow the Transfer process.

Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns.

January's Themes of the Month

Wisdom & Achievement

At our recent monthly assembly, the themes of **wisdom** and **achievement** were introduced. **Achievement is the "A" in our SOAR**

Students will learn that **wisdom**:

- **Is a deep understanding**
- **Is showing good judgement**
- **Is knowing the difference between right and wrong and applying this to everyday life**
- **Is gained through experience and knowledge**

Students learned that **wisdom** is one of the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings, and it is symbolized by the beaver. Students learned according to Aboriginal belief, that the **beaver** is a symbol for **wisdom** because it uses its gifts to promote wellness for itself and family. The beaver also has large teeth and knowledge to build.

In L'heidli T'enneh, the word for Wisdom is "Whunih".

To enhance this idea of **wisdom** for students, it will be connected to **achievement**. Students will learn that "**wisdom leads to achievement, and achievement:**

- **Is something accomplished by means of effort (physical or mental), practice, focus, determination, and perseverance (stick to-it-ness)**
- **Takes hard work - and time**
- **It does not come easy**
- **Involves failure**
- **Is a mindset!**
- **Looks different for everyone**

Throughout the month, students will further their learning about **wisdom and achievement**. Often the New Year begins with resolutions. For students, in order to achieve anything be it a resolution, a want, a need, a goal, they need to understand more in depth about both wisdom and achievement.

