

March 7th, 2022

Newsletter # 11

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EDGEWOOD NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, March 8th
PAC Meeting 7pm
Onsite and Zoom Options

Friday, March 11th
PAC Hot Lunch
Pajama Day
Last School Day Before
Spring Break

Spring Break
March 14-25th

Monday, March 28th
School Resumes

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

Tuesday, April 12th
PAC Meeting 7pm

Friday April 15th
Good Friday
school closed

Monday, April 18th
Easter Monday
school closed

Friday, April 22nd
PAC Hot Lunch

Friday, April 29th
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

Hunniford's Plant Order Due Thursday, March 10th!
Munch-A-Lunch and Paper Orders Accepted!

Principal's Message

Hadih - Bonjour - Hello, Parents!

This is the last week at school for students before a 2-week Spring Break. Last week, the weather had us believing Spring may be on the way. Let's not get too comfortable. Snow can still fall, temperatures can remain cool, and **we must be prepared for all types of weather** in a short period of time. The nature of northern living. Please be mindful of this fluctuation as you help prepare your child for school this week with proper clothing.

Our recent **monthly assembly** introduced students to the new theme - **humility**. Ask your child what animal from the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings symbolizes humility and why. (Hint: It howls and runs in a pack.) This virtue can be a tough one to understand. We discussed the importance of recognizing one's own abilities and being proud of them (confidence, self-love) as long as it is not at the expense of others (bragging, vanity, teasing or putting others down who have different abilities.)

Our student **SAFE Club** has continued to meet weekly discussing ways to help ensure our school is safe for everyone, that students feel safe being themselves. As well, the **Red Cedar Book Club** continues to voraciously read selected books in preparation for this year's Battle of the Books. Most Recently, **lunch time floor hockey** has started for grade 6/7s who were interested. We thank your adult sponsors for their leadership with these groups. Our **grade 7 leaders** were very busy in February with all the theme days and the Hot Chocolate surprise they provided all students. The Bucket Filling initiative will continue this week, and we will end the week with a PJ Day. If you are out and about around our school grounds over the break, and you notice any vandalism or anything concerning, please call the RCMP. **Extra eyes help**. Thank you. We wish everyone a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. See you March 28th! 😊

Health and Safety Need to Knows:

Bus Cancellations Continue 😞

As mentioned in previous communication, **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. We will push out on our School Facebook as soon as we hear a bus route is cancelled in the morning. Please consider liking our page to help keep you informed. An email will go out as soon as possible as well to our parent email list providing we have the staffing to do so. Knowing your child's bus route # is very important, especially if they have a different route # in the morning and the afternoon.

COVID - 19 School Protocols

There is nothing new to report since our last newsletter.

Morning Play is Back! - students may play before the bell, after putting their backpack by their door - the Black Top will remain closed at this time due to limited adult supervision and icy conditions in that area
Visitors are Welcome! - masks are required, signing in at the front door is required as is hand sanitization - our doorbell will stay for those who prefer that option

Lunch Time Remains the Same - our lunches were never alternating - we have them reversed which is working well for students

School Assemblies - we can move back to whole school assemblies again - currently we are having two - primary and intermediate
Mask wearing continues to be an expected practice by everyone inside the building, staff, students and visitors. This has not changed.



Edgewood Eagles

SOAR

**Safety, Ownership,
Achievement, Respect**

Themes of the Month

Humility

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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, March 8th, 7pm via Zoom and Onsite
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 March 11th and April 22nd - There is no Hot Lunch April 8th

Next Popcorn Day - TBA

Newest Fundraiser - Hunniford Greenhouse Plant Orders Due This Thursday, March 10th!

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.

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.

Being Trauma Informed - Tips to Help Parents

The conflict in the Ukraine is unsettling. With everything that has and continues to happen since the world was forever changed by the COVID-19 Pandemic, one's resiliency continues to be challenged. Included here are some resources to help adults move through this latest situation with children. The resources below are age appropriate and provide tips for teachers and parents.

How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War: *Common Sense Media gathers tips and conversation starters to help you talk to kids of different ages about the toughest topics.*

Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of elementary school children: *This article from the American Psychological Association can help adults guide their young children beyond fear and to resilience.*

Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of middle school children: *The American Psychological Association breaks out tips and strategies for parents and teachers of middle school-aged children.*

National Child Traumatic Stress Network *provides resources that can be filtered by topic or keyword and by audience with a focus on how adults can identify traumatic responses in young people and how to support them.*

Please, please be mindful how much media exposure your child is experiencing with this war. A developing brain can not properly process this. If your child is interested and has questions, please take the time to have conversation with them. Focussing on the facts and their feelings is vital. How the media presents and portrays information can be very unsettling for children and adults. A big learning from the Pandemic is how overexposure to content that is negative, disturbing, and violent is not good for one's mental health. Overfilling our selves with it is also not healthy. To those in our community who are touched personally by this current world conflict, our thoughts are with you.

March's Theme of the Month

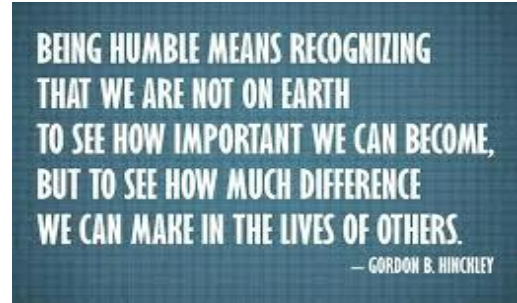
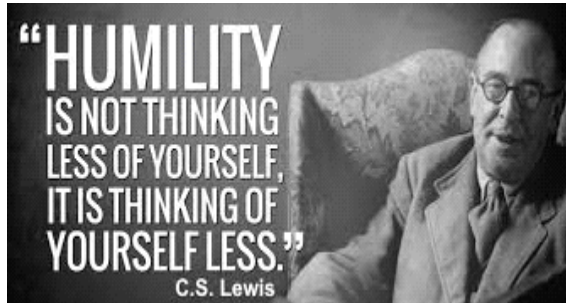
Humility

A modest view of one's own importance

To be "humble"

Synonyms: modesty, humbleness, pridefulness

Antonyms: conceited, boastful, vanity, false pride, arrogance, overconfidence



Students learned at this month's assembly this week that humility is one of the Aboriginal 7 Sacred Teachings. Humility is symbolized by the wolf. The wolf represents humility in Aboriginal culture for a variety of reasons. The wolf has a very giving nature. It is devoted to protecting for and working for the good. The wolf places the welfare of the pack above its own.



Characteristics of Humility

- I will ask when I need help
- I will praise others
- I will accept a compliment graciously
- I will admit when I am wrong
- I will acknowledge that my achievements are not accomplished on my own

March Birthdays

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



Nolan G., Camirra N., Eeve G., Emily W., Bella M., Clairra S., Brynlee S., Molly M., Oscare T., Shervin A., Joey R., Isabella G., Dane H., Kai M., Liam B., Jackson M., Sophia S., Riley M., Cara O., Hanna O., Nora D., Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Gill, Ms. Mann

