

**HEFFLEY  
ELEMENTARY**

# Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Dear families,

It has been a whirlwind January. As a staff we model, teach, and reinforce SAFE, KIND, and RESPECTFUL behaviours at Heffley Creek at all times. Thanks to our parents for helping to raise kind, caring and conscientious children. In addition, in January we had a wonderful literacy week with fantastic participation in our classroom. I thoroughly enjoyed flashlight reading day. Winnie came along to read to the children and we had so much fun. Please remember to send in the unplug and play forms as we will be drawing for prizes this week.

February is also Diversity and Inclusion Month. Ms. Silva will be spending time this month reinforcing anti-racism content and ensuring that we are tolerant and accepting of all. We are all different. Our differences are what makes us unique as individuals. During the month of February, we focus on friendships and being the best person we can be. The easiest way to spread joy from one person to another is to show them kindness. Even the smallest act of kindness has the power to brighten someone's day. Every time you show others kindness, you are telling them "you are important and you matter". By performing a small act of kindness for a stranger, you can inspire them to be kind to someone else. One act can inspire another until everyone is sharing kindness around our community.

February is the perfect month to focus on spreading kindness! Not to mention we love Rainbow Shirt Day (Feb 8th) Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) and Pink Shirt Day (Feb. 23) this month! Please help us instill the virtues of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion into our children. See the **February Kindness Challenge** for some kindness ideas that the whole family can participate in this February.

Jennifer Boyle,  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

February 4 <sup>th</sup> .....	Pro D Day
.....	Closure
February 8 <sup>th</sup> .....	Rainbow Day
February 11 <sup>th</sup> ..	McQueen Lake Day
.....	Trip
February 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Valentine's Day
.....	Pink/Red/White Day
February 16 <sup>th</sup> .I	Read Canadian Day
February 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Family Day
.....	Closure
February 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Pink Shirt Day
February 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	Earth Rangers
March 21 <sup>st</sup> - April 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	Spring
.....	Break
April 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Good Friday
.....	Closure
April 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Easter Monday
.....	Closure
April 25 <sup>th</sup> .....	Pro D Day
.....	Closure
May 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Pro D Day
.....	Closure
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> .....	Victoria Day
.....	Closure
June 29 <sup>th</sup> .....	Last day of Classes

For a full list of events, visit the [Events Calendar on our school website](#).



# February Kindness Challenge

## Spontaneous Acts of Kindness

1. Open the door for a stranger
2. Allow someone to go ahead of you in line up
3. Compliment a stranger (and be genuine!)
4. Send a caring text to someone you love (or a letter, if you want to be old school about it)
5. Give money or a meal to someone experiencing tough times
6. Help a stranger carry something they are struggling with
7. Pay for another person's meal or coffee
8. Pick up litter you see on the street
9. Give out free air hugs to be Covid friendly
10. Stop to help someone if they need help

## Planned Acts of Kindness

1. Decorate a nature tree or make a pine cone feeder for the birds
2. Become a regular volunteer at your child's school! We sometimes need supervisors
3. Foster an animal through your shelter
4. Donate old clothes to those in need
5. Paint and leave Kind Rocks around the community
6. Fundraise for a charity or non-profit
7. Give out water in public on a hot day or hot chocolate on a cold one
8. Shovel your neighbor's driveway
9. Surprise a neighbour with fresh baked cookies or muffins

Every little act of kindness makes a difference. When someone receives an act of kindness, they are likely to pass it on.



**No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.**

# Kindergarten Registration

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2022, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2022. This year registration will be done by pickup and drop off. Registration packages can be picked up from February 7 -11, 2022, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Parents can also make arrangements to have a registration package sent home with siblings by calling Mrs. Hayes at 250-578-7227. Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for kindergarten on these dates, but registration will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.



## Catchment

When you register your child for school, it is important that you bring proof of residency. If you live outside of the catchment area, you will need to register at your catchment school first and then begin the process of transferring to Heffley Creek Elementary.

Please refer to [Heffley Creek Elementary](https://www.heffleycreekelementary.ca) website for more information on registration and policies, such as: Administrative Procedure 305 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Request.

## Early Pick up/Drop off

Please note, although we have early supervision for bus students, we do not encourage drop off before **8:00 am** for all other students. At the end of the day, although we encourage students to play, we ask that parents are here to supervise their children, unless they are bus students. Thank you for your continued support with this.

# Unplug and Play

Last week was Unplug and Play Family Literacy Week. We hope you all had some opportunities to play and read together. **Remember to bring in your completed school Challenge pledge sheets.**



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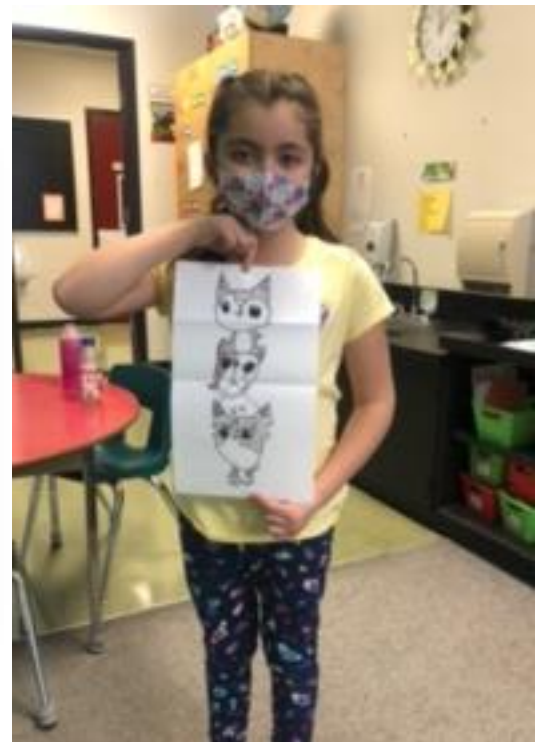


Friday Flashlight Reading



Math in the Classroom





## PAC News

PAC News The next PAC meeting will be on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at the school. All parents and guardians of Heffley Creek students are invited to attend.

## Staff Professional Development –February 4<sup>th</sup> **Imagining**

**Schools Through Truth and Reconciliation** Sun Peaks staff have an opportunity to attend Kevin Lamoureux and other aboriginal opportunities virtually on Friday. **Kevin Lamoureux** currently serves as the Education Lead for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation while on leave from the position of Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Affairs at the University of Winnipeg. Lamoureux has served as faculty member at the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba and is a well-known international public speaker. He co-authored the book *Ensouling Our Schools: Teaching to Diversity*.



## Valentine's Day

Please feel free to send in Valentines to share with your child's classmates. A reminder that we are still unable to share food or treats at this time.

## I Read Canadian Day

February 16, 2022 A new nationwide initiative that celebrates the richness, diversity, and breadth of Canadian literature is here. The I Read Canadian will happen for the second time ever on February 16, 2022. Goal: The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of Canadian books and celebrate richness, diversity and breadth of Canadian literature. Action: Let's get the nation excited about reading Canadian books!



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# Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day



Across our district on Feb. 23 staff and students are asked to arrive at school in as much pink as they can. By wearing pink, we are recognizing that we need to make schools places where all children feel safe and accepted. At Sun Peaks School, we work hard with our code of conduct, SKI- Safe-Kind-Invested, to show inclusion and tolerance of all. We continue to educate students on how to solve their problems peacefully and that while we may not want to be friends with everyone, we will show the utmost respect for everyone in our school. We also ask that our students follow W.I.T.S when faced with conflict (Walk away, Ignore, Talk it out, Speak to an adult).

## Taking Action to Celebrate Diversity

Diversity brings strength to our communities; we stronger together. Our culturally rich and diverse community showed a resilient spirit together by supporting one another through challenging times to rebuild and strengthen neighboring communities. These acts of humanity “taking care of each other” reflect and demonstrate the compassion that lives our region. Join us in the 2022 February Film Festival: **Respect for Diversity**



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Our classes will be participating daily by viewing a short film and participating in optional activities for learners to reflect and take action for positive change. As we begin to understand ourselves, we grow as learners and humans. Through reflection, with patience and kindness, we develop our identity. As we acknowledge the differences and strengths around us, we build connections to our community.



If you would like to participate at home, please click on the following links:

Primary Presentation: <https://bit.ly/3JpsdeG>

Rainbow Day is Feb the 8<sup>th</sup>. Wear Rainbow colors on this day.



# Communicable Disease Prevention & Enhanced Safety Measures



K-5



6-8



9-12

#### Disclosure about information collection

No personal information is collected by this application. Grade ranges are collected to better understand the application age usage demographics.

[Download the K to 12 Health Check Mobile App](#)



- Parents/caregivers and students should use the [K to 12 Health Check App](#)
- Staff and other adults can refer to the [BCCD's When to get tested for Covid-19](#)
- Staff, students, and visitors can refer to the [Daily Health Check](#)
- Staff, students, parents/caregivers can also use the [BC Covid-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#), or call 811 or their health care provide
- All K-12 students, staff, and visitors to wear face coverings in school and on buses
- For families with children who are unable to wear a mask due to diverse needs, families will contact the Principal to work together to explore solutions and alternate arrangements using the [Covid-19 planning resource: mask exemptions](#)
- Updated [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#)
- [Continuity of Learning Plan](#)



The Trusted Platform  
for School Community Engagement

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: **978338**



You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

*\*if your number is Canada-based.*

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