



# HEFFLEY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## APRIL

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 1	District Non-Instructional Day – No classes
April 3	Community Walk 1:00-2:00 pm
April 4	Purdys orders ready for pick up
April 5	Day of Suwentwecw
April 10	Visit Heffley Creek Fire Hall
April 10	ArtStarts performance @ Rayleigh Elementary
April 12	PAC Hot Dog lunch
April 19	Good Friday – school not in session
April 22	Easter Monday – school not in session
May 17	District Non-Instructional Day – No classes
May 20	Victoria Day – school not in session
May 24	Dental Screening for kindergarteners @ 10:30 am
May 26	PAC Bottle Drive
June 12	Visit to Wildlife Park
June 27	Last day of classes

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of the students had a restful and rejuvenating spring break. It has been great to see them back and working hard. I have enjoyed watching them grow and become more confident in everything they do. We are continuing to work on building a community within the school and focusing on friendship, kindness and looking out for one another, as well as understanding the community that we are a part of. As the weather becomes warmer, it is a great opportunity to get outside and explore the community that we are in. We will be taking students around the community to learn about what it has to offer.

This is a great time for learning for all students, and when we will often see big jumps in their knowledge and skills. We would like to extend a thank you to Diane Bergstrand who is volunteering at our school Tuesday and Thursday mornings to provide some one on one reading opportunities for our students. We encourage you to continue to read every night with your child, play board games, and ask them what they are liking most about their learning right now.

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

This year, School District 73 has been updating their websites and ways of communicating with parents and the community. As part of this initiative, Heffley Creek Elementary will be ready soon to unveil our new website. This site is a source of information regarding the programs we offer and the events going on at our school. A neat new feature of this site is that you can sign up for updates. Anytime the site is updated with important new information or alerts, they will be sent to your email. As well, in the calendar function, when you click on the event, you have the option to add it to your own personal calendar. A handy function to keep everyone's schedules organized! Check out our new site and subscribe for the news, alerts, and/or calendar.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2019/2020 school year. Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for kindergarten as soon as possible, but registration will continue throughout the remainder of the school year. To be eligible for attendance in kindergarten in September 2019, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2019. When you register, please bring: birth certificate, BC Services/CareCard, proof of residency (e.g. utility bill), any legal documentation concerning custody.

## 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 have your name placed on the waiting list for your school of choice. To be placed on the waiting list, please fill out a transfer request form and submit it beginning March 1.

Please refer to School District No. 73 website for more information on [registration](#) and policies, such as: [Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests](#). For more information, please contact Mr. Johnson or Mrs. Pinette in the office at 250-578-7227.

## STUDENT TRANSFERS for 2019/2020

Requests for a transfer to another school for the coming school year will be accepted starting on March 1, 2019 and ending at 12:00 noon on August 29, 2019. As per [Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests](#), "only transfer requests submitted in writing to the receiving principal, and approved by the student's parent/guardian, shall be considered".

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



The students of Heffley Creek Elementary will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart again this year. Our Kickoff event will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at which time your child will be coming home with a fundraising envelope which details the exciting event and prizes that could be won. Our event will be later in May (TBA). Fundraising can be done with friends and family by registering online at

[jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca) choosing your province and your school, or by asking individuals personally. Thank you for your support in the community building endeavour.

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Purdys Chocolatier fundraiser for the Easter season. We raised \$292.10. Orders will be ready for pick up from the school on Thursday, April 4. Smaller orders may be sent home with your child. If any of the orders are a gift, please contact Angela Pinette at the office, 250-578-7227 or [apinette@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:apinette@sd73.bc.ca), and she will make sure it is not sent home with your child. Thank you for supporting Heffley Creek Elementary.



## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

*The following is an excerpt from the March 20, 2019 edition of the Heffley Creek Holler:*

### **Heffley Tolko Donates Playground**



After sitting down for their pancake breakfast, the kids of Heffley Creek Elementary school were greeted with a nice surprise visit from Krista Murray and Phil Bean of Tolko Heffley.

Phil and Krista arrived early Friday March 15th to present the school with a cheque to finance some new playground equipment for the school. The kids were ecstatic!

You can look for the new "Curva Spinners" to be added into the current playground over the next few weeks.

The staff at Heffley Creek Elementary, along with the PAC, and children there would like to say a huge thank you to Heffley Tolko for their continued support for our local school.

Last year, Heffley Creek Tolko donated 10 skate trainers to the full regulation size outdoor skating rink located on Lister Road. These trainers can be used by children who are learning to skate. Before the skate trainers, the children were using buckets and chairs. Thank you so much Heffley Creek Tolko for being so community minded!

## SKATES

Winter activities have wound down and spring clean up has arrived. As you get ready to change seasons, if you find any ice skates or helmets that you no longer need, the school would be open to any donations you might be willing to share. In particular, we are looking for skates in sizes 12, 13, and 1. Thank you.

## BLACKWELL DAIRY MILK PROGRAM

Beginning on Wednesday, April 3, 250 ml size white milks will be available for purchase at lunch time. They are \$1 each and may be paid for as desired, or you may pre-purchase a 10 milk punch card for \$10 at the office by cash or cheque (payable to Heffley Creek Elementary). The punch card will be kept safe in the lunch room with the child's name on it until it is used up. We are trying the milk program on a trial basis and are hopeful that it will be a success. "Got milk?"

## PAC

Our next hot lunch will be on Friday, April, 12. Hot dogs are on the menu! Order forms will be sent home soon. Lots of fun was had at Sun Peaks when the class went tubing for the day. Thank you for all the fundraising all the families have done. Because of your effort and dedication, we are able to provide wonderful opportunities for the students.

## RECYCLE OLD MARKERS

Do you have any old markers, highlighters, or dry-erase markers lying around the house? Don't throw them out – recycle them! Heffley Creek Elementary has begun the Crayola ColorCycle program where all those dried out markers can now be recycled. A drop-off bucket is located at the office window. Feel free to drop off any markers you may have at home that need to be disposed of.



## IN THE CLASSROOM

### MAKERSPACE GRANT

Our students were recently the grateful recipients of a MakerSpace grant. On Tuesday, March 13, with the help of 7 adults, students drilled, sawed, sanded and hammered -and turned out 25 cedar birdhouses! There were many proud smiles in the group. Sincere thanks to all adults who gave their morning to assist with our kids' projects. Special thanks also to Alan Carriere for pre-cutting the cedar boards for our project. Extra birdhouses will be adorning our school grounds for romantic birds looking to begin their families.

Prior to the birdhouse construction, students had a visit from Rick Howie, a local bird specialist who provided information on the local birds in our area, and what types of birds we might expect to take up home in our birdhouses.



### COMMUNITY

We have studying "community" in our

classroom for the past few weeks. Students have been working hard on a 3-D map of the Heffley community. They are constructing miniature buildings including the post office, fire hall, school, church, store, community hall, and learning about the many other exciting recreation and services we enjoy in Heffley.

### DAY OF SUCWENTWECW

Our annual Day of Sucwentwecw events will be held throughout the day on April 5 at Heffley Creek Elementary. Students are currently working on two Readers Theatre Secwepemc legends as part of their language arts and fine arts curriculum. They will present this at 1:30 on April 5. Please join us for this short presentation. Students will also share their Secwepemctsin language counting and greetings at this time.

During their lunch break, students will lunch on Indian Tacos. (FYI Indian tacos are: lettuce, tomatoes, grated cheddar, sour cream & ground beef or game cooked in a salsa sauce, on top of a bannock.... mmmmmm!)

### LIFECYCLES

Our class is studying life cycles and we would appreciate any photos you may have of your new spring farm babies. Please email them to [npankewich@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:npankewich@sd73.bc.ca)

# **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS-THOMPSON)**

## **NAVIGATING THE TALK**

On Thursday, April 4, School District No. 73 will be hosting a Healthy Sexual Development Workshop for parents at the Henry Grube Centre. For more information, please visit the [School District calendar](#).

## **BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING**

On Thursday, April 4, the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) invites you to attend a Budget Information Meeting concerning the 2019/2020 operating budget. It will begin at 7:00 pm at the School Board Office Boardroom, located at 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops. All parents and members of the public are welcome to attend. For additional information, you may contact the Secretary-Treasurer's Office at 250-374-0679.

## **SD73 Board Notes**

Board Notes highlights the March 11, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Education for School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson). Expect your next issue of Board Notes after the April 8, 2019 meeting.

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## **RIPTECH DIVING**

"Learn to Dive" session begin this week and run until the end of June. Please visit [www.riptidech.ca](http://www.riptidech.ca) for more information or contact the club at 250-320-0436 or [info@riptidech.ca](mailto:info@riptidech.ca).

## **BANTAM & MIDGET SPRING TACKLE**

Football registration has begun. Spring season is \$200. Equipment is given with deposit. For more information, please email [melisa.dyck@gmail.com](mailto:melisa.dyck@gmail.com).

## **SOCCER CAMPS**

The Royal Soccer Club is putting on soccer camps during the months of July and August for students aged 5 to 13. There are full day, morning and afternoon camps. They provide free early drop off and pick up. If you register by March 31 there is an earlybird special. There is also a discount if you register before June 1. Please visit [royalsoccer.com](http://royalsoccer.com) for more information or call 1-800-427-0536.

## **KAMLOOPS YMCA YWCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY**

On Thursday May 9, the Kamloops YMCA -YWCA will be celebrating Healthy Kids Day. This free family will take place at the John Tod Y (150 Wood St.) We will be joined by several of our community partners to provide booths featuring fun games and activities for all ages. Inflatable Bounce Castles and Face painting will also be part of the entertainment! Come down to the John Tod Y between 2pm-6pm to join in the fun and enter to win an Annual Family Membership! Please contact the Y at 250-376-4771 for more information.