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*We are committed to nurturing a safe, caring and engaging learning environment for all students.  
 Kindly contact us with questions, concerns or feedback!*

## Things Dunn – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 17 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm in the Library
January 23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Literacy Week at EJ Dunn
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family Literacy Day in Canada
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year (Year of the Rooster)
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pizza Day – Forms due back January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Ground Hog Day
Feb 10:	Curriculum Implementation Day (No School for Students)
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Valentine’s Day
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Local Specialists Pro D Day (No School for Students)

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### School District 70 (Alberni) Respectful Workplace Expectations

School District 70 is committed to maintaining a respectful workplace where all employees enjoy a workplace environment in which they are valued, respected and are treated with dignity.

A respectful workplace is one in which all employees, students and members of the public demonstrate:

- Respectful behavior at all times
- Mutual respect for all
- Collaborative working relationships
- Inclusion of other people based on the principles of Human Rights Legislation
- Constructive management of differences including respectful dispute resolution and conflict management



## PAC information

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 6:30pm in the E.J. Dunn Library. If you have any questions about PAC please contact Mr. Brown at the school (250) 7522.



## Pizza Day:

Thank you to our PAC for organizing another hot lunch pizza day – January 31<sup>st</sup>. Order forms will be coming home January 16<sup>th</sup> and will be expected to be back at the School with money no later than January 23<sup>rd</sup>. No late orders will be accepted as Pizza must be pre-ordered a week ahead.



## Volunteers needed: PAC Pizza Lunch

Our PAC is looking for 20 Parent or Grandparent volunteers to help with distributing our PAC Pizza lunch on Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>. You would need to be available to help from 11:00 am until Noon. Any questions please contact Mr. Brown at the school (250) 723-7522.

## Family Literacy Event @ Alberni Valley Early Years Centre (at EJ Dunn): 10:00 am to Noon January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- Interactive story telling of the popular Children's book "My Heart Fills with Happiness". Participate in lots of fun family crafts and activities based on the story. 10:00 at until Noon
- **Families will need to register for this FREE event through Echo Centre.**



## Parking:

We are having some safety issues in the front parking lot by the office during drop off in the morning and pick up at the end of school. We ask parents not to driving in to the parking lot in front of the office during these times.

Students are either making their way to class in the morning and cut across the parking lot or are coming down the hill from classrooms in to the parking lot to make it to their ride parked on the street or loop. Please help us make this a safe place for our students – Do not use this front parking lot during busy times first thing in the morning between 8:00am to 9:30am or in the afternoon 2:30pm to 3:00pm. Please use the parking lot off 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue or the drop off loop on Argyle. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.





## **Basketball for Grade 6/7 and Grade 4/5**

Thank you to Ms. Barney, Ms. Dillon and Mr. Callahan for coaching our grade 6 and 7 students as well as Mr. Brown and Mrs. Olson for coaching our grade 4 and 5 students over the basketball season this year.

### **GRADE 4/5 BASKET BALL: Upcoming Dates**

- PRACTICE TUESDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>: 2:45-4:00 PM (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES HOME)
- **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>: AWAY GAME AT HAA HUU PAYAK SCHOOL 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES)**
- **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>: HOME GAME AT DUNN (VERSUS HOWITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL) 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES HOME)**
- PRACTICE THURSDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>: 2:45-4:00 PM (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES HOME)
- PRACTICE TUESDAY JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>: 2:45-4:00 PM (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES HOME)

### **GRADE 6/7 BASKET BALL: Upcoming Dates**

- Regular Practices on Mondays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm . We will also add a few wxtra practices early in the season to help develop game play and prep for games. Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> will be one of these days. Attendance at all practices is mandatory.
- JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> HOME GAME AT DUNN – 3:15 – 4:15 – With Haa Huu Payuk
- **JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AWAY GAME AT HOWIT - 3:15 – 4:15 – (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES)**
- **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AWAY GAME AT NEILL – 3:15-4:15 – (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES)**
- **FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AWAY GAME AT ALBERNI – 3:15-4:15 – (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES)**
- FERUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> HOME GAME AT DUNN – 3:15-4:15 – With John Paul
- **FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> AWAY GAME AT MAQUINNA – 3:15-4:15 - (PLEASE ARRANGE RIDES)**

### **FSA Test for Grade 4 and 7 Students:**

**Between January 9<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>** students will complete the Foundation Skills Assessment. This assessment is done by all Grade 4 and 7 students across the province. The **Foundation Skills Assessment** is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy.



The main purpose of the assessment is to help the province, school districts, schools and school planning councils evaluate how well students are achieving basic skills, and make plans to improve student achievement. FSA is designed and developed by British Columbia educators. The skills assessed are linked to the provincial curriculum and provincial **performance standards**.

The assessment is administered annually to Grade 4 and 7 students in public and provincially funded independent schools.

Results of the assessment will be sent home with parents later in the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Brown at the school (250) 723-7522.

## **When to Keep Your Child Home When They Are Feeling Sick?**

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, keep your child home if he/she:

- Has a fever
- Is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Has a suspected or known communicable disease (ie. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash).

Keep them home until they are no longer infectious.

Please let the school know your child's symptoms.

For further information call your local health unit or your Family Doctor.



## **LUNCH PROGRAM ENVELOPES:**



A friendly reminder to Students and Families, lunch program envelopes are due to the office by Monday January 30th for the month of February. Please have your child return a signed envelope to the office. The recommended contribution for the month of February will be \$60.00.

## **Safety and Security**

There have been a number of events locally and provincially that have reminded us of the importance of school security. We would like to remind you of the following expectations to keep our school as safe a place as possible:

Student supervision begins at 8:30am. Students should not arrive before this time.



## **School Visitors**

Visitors to our school must sign in at the office. This includes parents or family members just dropping items off or bringing in students a few minutes late. Safety requires us to be consistent about this with all adults. We will deliver the items or call the student to the office for you. Unscheduled parental visits into your child's classroom interrupts student learning. Please make prior arrangements with your child's teacher if you wish to meet with them.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**



Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better results, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school.

When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future.

But when kids are absent for an average of just two days of school per month—even when the absences are excused— it can have a negative impact. These absences can affect kids as early as Kindergarten.

For example, young elementary school students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading.

As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. By figuring out the reasons for your child’s absences—whether they’re physical or emotional—and taking advantage of support services—such as afterschool activities—you can help set your child on the path to success.

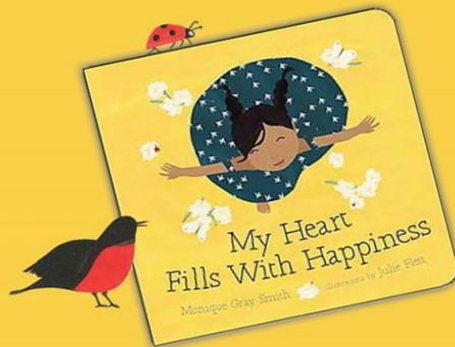


# Family Literacy Day Event

In Celebration of Family Literacy Day Parks, Recreation and Heritage in partnership with Vancouver Island Regional Library, School District 70, PacificCARE, Alberni Valley Early Years Centre and Alberni Children First Network present:

## My Heart Fills With Happiness

Families with children are invited to come and join us in this FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION of Family Literacy Day. Join us for an interactive storytelling of the popular children's book "My Heart Fills with Happiness". Participate in lots of fun family crafts and activities based on the story.



Saturday, January 28, 2017

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Alberni Valley Early Years Centre  
(3500 Argyle St)



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ALBERNI CHILDREN FIRST



This program is **free** but **SPACE IS LIMITED**. Families must pre-register at Echo Centre