



Stuart Wood Elementary
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“Working together as a school community in an atmosphere of success and belonging, we have as our goal the development of each student’s fullest potential as a lifelong learner in a changing world”

January 2016

Principal's Message

Welcome back and Happy New year to all of the Stuart Wood Elementary families! I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff and students for the amazing Christmas concerts held last month. By the applause and accolades, the performances were well received. Report Cards went home last month and I encourage students to reflect and make a plan for academic success for 2016!

Mr. B. Lloyd
Principal

Pro-D Days

Just a reminder the Ministry of Education has allotted two additional Non-Instructional days in order for teachers to be in serviced on the new curriculum changes for 2016.

Friday, January 22- No school
Monday, April 4th- No school

After School Programs at Stuart Wood

1. Canada's Hat Trick Heroes (Outdoor Hockey Program): an after school sports program that will take place on the paved outdoor rink at Stuart Wood from 2:30-4:30 on Wednesdays, starting January 13. This program will focus on building fundamental hockey skills including stationary and moving puck control, passing & receiving, and shooting techniques through mini games. Throughout the program, participants will also play a number of fun warm-up games and team-building activities. All participants will get the opportunity to learn and practice hockey skills, socialize and make friends and will be provided with hot chocolate and snacks! Be sure to dress warmly!

2. Yoga4Youth: a physically active After-School program that will run on Mondays from 2:30 - 4:15 in the Stuart Wood Gym, starting January 11. It will provide students with a gentle method of exercising while incorporating storytelling, visualization, and games to encourage creativity. In addition to being an exercise, Yoga4Youth will provide tools to help students reduce stress, uplift & energize their mood, and enhance their balance, strength, flexibility, and coordination. It will also allow the opportunity for students to develop leadership, connection, and a sense of community within their group.

3. Swagger Sports: Swagger Sports is an after school sports program that aims to increase physical literacy in participants. It will run on Thursdays from 2:30 - 4:30 in the gym, starting January 7. The program will include a variety of fun sports and games including tag games, relays, obstacle courses, tennis, soccer, floor hockey and other mini-games. The program also aims to create a sense of camaraderie amongst participants, to encourage healthy lifestyles, and inspire excitement toward physical fitness in turn boosting participants' self confidence. Swagger: to strut or swell with pride.

Sports

We have 3 Basketball teams this season. Tier 2 Girls and Tier 2 Boys and a mixed Tier 3 Boys/Girls team. Good luck for a successful season!

Skating

Stuart Wood students and staff are looking forward to skating over the next few months! Although we have many smaller size skates for primary students, we are in **desperate** need of larger skates for our older students (size 5 and up). If you have a pair of skates that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

Time	Classes
Tue 15 Dec	Morgan, Charron, Piva
Tue 12 Jan	deJardin, Bymoen, Lewis/McDaniel
Tue 19 Jan	deJardin, Bymoen, Lewis/McDaniel
Tue 26 Jan	deJardin, Bymoen
Wed 27 Jan	Lewis, McDaniel
Tue 02 Feb	deJardin, Bymoen
Tue 09 Feb	Morgan, Piva, Charron
Wed 10 Feb	Lewis, McDaniel
Tue 16 Feb	Morgan, Piva, Charron
Tue 23 Feb	Morgan, Piva, Charron
Tue 01 Mar	Bozek
Tue 08 Mar	Bozek
Tue 15 Mar	Bozek

MEND Program

January 18, 2016- March 17, the Kamloops John Tod Community Centre is offering a program called **MEND** - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Do it!

MEND is a fun, FREE 10 week program for families with 7-13 year olds. The program supports families to live a healthy lifestyle. Groups of up to 15 children, accompanied by at least one parent or caregiver meet with program leaders twice a week for ten weeks. The first hour is an interactive family session on nutrition and behaviour topics, followed by one hour of fun exercise for the children, while parents and caregivers meet for support and discussion on topics such as goals and rewards, label reading and problem solving.

The first class will take place Monday, January 18, and

will be every Monday and Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. Participating families will receive a FREE 3 month pass to the Kamloops YMCA!

For more information or to register, please contact ksharples@kamloopsy.org or call 250-571-4136. If you leave a message, be sure to include your name, phone number and a convenient time to receive a call back. Thanks.

S.T.A.R.S. and S.T.A.R. CATCHERS

Children continue to show their school spirit with lower office referrals than previous months. Students have earned over 320 STAR Catcher awards for demonstrating Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect and Teamwork. Student names are drawn daily for prizes.

As a staff we reviewed the SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 600.1 with the children as the Board of Education revised this policy. I have attached the policy to the back of the newsletter so that you can review it and discuss proper behaviour with your child.

There have been 88 office referrals since the start of the school year and as a staff we would like to see those numbers diminish as students know and understand the expected behaviours described in the S.T.A.R. matrix. I encourage families to review our matrix on the school website.

Recognition Assemblies

At the end of January, students will take part in our Recognition Assembly which highlights the great work that students have been doing so far this year. All students are eligible to gain a S.T.A.R. Award if they meet the criteria below.

S.T.A.R. Award Criteria

1. Follow the **S.T.A.R.** Beliefs (Safety, Teamwork, Accountability, Respect)
2. Have a positive attitude
3. Listen and pay attention
4. Follow directions and criteria
5. Produce quality work
6. Complete all assigned work on time
7. Follow classroom routines and expectations
8. Treat other students with respect
9. Treat those around themselves with respect
10. Show respect for property
11. Put their best effort into all they do

Family Literacy Month

January is LITERACY MONTH! This month we celebrate literacy, reading, less screen time, and

more enjoyment of books. This month we encourage parents to take time to read to your children, have them read to you, turn the gadgets off and pick up a book and model for your children the importance of reading for pleasure. Discuss with your child what books you loved as a child, take a visit to the public library and find a special book for you and your child to share.

Across the district and the city, Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) invites you to participate in Family Literacy Week, January 23-30th, 2016.

Mon., January 18-21 Book Drive Kick-Off

Kick-start a book-drive to collect books from the community. Announcements will be made to collect books, and promote the rest of the week's initiatives.

January 25-27 Book Collection

Book drive: students continue to bring gently used books.

Monday, January 25 Unplug and Play

Teachers hand out brochures in classes to interested students. Fill in each day from Jan. 25-29. Return for draw prizes.

Tuesday, January 26 Beach Reading

Beach blanket reading in gym (whole school) -- sun glasses, hats, BYO beach towel and book, wave sounds for 15-20 minute whole-school read.

Wednesday, January 27 Dress up as a Character Day

Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday, January 28 Book Exchange Day

Starting with youngest students, children each select a book to take home (while supplies last).

W.I.T.S. Program at Stuart Wood Elem.

Our school is participating in the W.I.T.S. program, a program that is designed to help children develop skills for getting along and settling their disagreements fairly. During January we are focusing on ways to deal with angry situations with peers in ways that solve the problem instead of making things worse. To help them solve their conflicts in positive ways, the children will be learning an approach for expressing frustration that does not blame or insult the other person. The children will discuss ways to respond when someone has a disagreement with them. These responses include:

W-Walk Away

I-Ignore

T- Talk it Out

S-Seek Help

Students are encouraged to:

- keep calm
- ask questions to find out what is wrong
- listen to understand the other person's point of view
- apologize if a mistake has been made, or
- ask an adult for help if the situation seems threatening and unsafe

Foundation Skills Assessments

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. The skills tested are linked to the provincial curriculum and student performance is measured against provincial performance standards. The assessment is administered each year to Grade 4 and 7 students in the public and provincially funded private schools. SWE's students will be writing these exams during January and February. Further information can be found through the Ministry of Education Website and or by contacting the school principal.

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/assessment/fsa/>

After School Supervision

We have noticed a large number of students staying after school playing on the playground and field. Please note that there is no after school supervision for students. Students are expected to walk home after school and if they are getting a ride, we encourage parents to pick up their child as close to the last bell at (2:30 pm) as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Candy Gram Success

Ms. Charron's grade 5/6 class would like to send a big thank you and a congratulations to the students of Stuart Wood for their involvement in the Candy Gram sales in December. Through the generosity of the student population Stuart Wood was able to donate \$152 to the New Life Community to aid in their work within our community.

Important Dates

Date	Important Dates
Jan. 4	School re-opens
Jan. 6	PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Jan. 11	FSA's begin grade 4 and 7
Jan. 15	Term 2 Overviews home
Jan. 22	Non Instructional Day
Jan. 24	Literacy Week
Jan. 29	STAR Assembly
Feb. 3	PAC Meeting
Feb. 8	Family Day
Feb 12	Early Closure at 12:30
Feb. 19	Non-Instructional Day
Feb 24	Anti bullying Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 2	PAC Meeting
Mar. 11	STAR Assembly
Mar. 18	Reports Cards out
Mar. 19 - Apr	Spring Break
Apr. 4	Non-Instructional Day
Apr. 5	School Reopens
Apr. 6	PAC Meeting
Apr. 15	Early Closure at 12:30
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
May 4	PAC Meeting
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
Apr. 18	Non-Instructional Day
May 4	PAC Meeting
May 16	Non-Instructional Day
May 23	Victoria Day
May 27	STAR Assembly
June 1	PAC Meeting
June 29	Last Day of School- Repor Cards

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON)
POLICY 600.1

Effective Date, July 6, 2015

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct is intended to encourage acceptable student behaviour in order to establish and maintain a safe, respectful and caring learning environment. This code will clarify expectations for student behaviour while at school, while going to and from school, while attending any school function or activity at any location, or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment. The Code of Conduct prohibits discrimination on the basis of an individual's or a group's race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, family and marital status, age, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation.

1. Acceptable conduct includes the following:

Students are expected to:

- a) Respect themselves, others, and property.
- b) Attend school regularly and be punctual for all classes.
- c) Engage in purposeful learning activities and set high standards for personal achievement.
- d) Show consideration for diversity: the thoughts, feelings, and heritage of others.
- e) Use electronic systems in a respectful, responsible, and ethical manner.
- f) Conduct themselves in a polite, respectful, and co-operative manner.
- g) Dress in a manner that appropriately reflects a school environment.

2. Unacceptable conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

Students are expected NOT to:

- a) Engage in behaviours that interfere with the learning of others.
- b) Engage in behaviours that create unsafe conditions.
- c) Bully, harass or intimidate others.
- d) Engage in physical violence.
- e) Retaliate against a person who has reported incidents.
- f) Possess, use, or distribute illegal or restricted substances.
- g) Possess or use weapons.
- h) Damage property.
- i) Use personal technology devices, such as cell phones or cameras, during the school day except where expressly authorized.

Students who contravene this Code of Conduct will be subject to progressive discipline, reflective of the age and maturity of the student, any special needs, and the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct. The discipline will be fair, consistent, and meaningful, for the purpose of making restitution and enhancing student responsibility and self-discipline. Special considerations may apply to students with special needs if these students are unable to comply with a Code of Conduct due to having a disability of an intellectual, physical, sensory, emotional or behavioural nature. The Board will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of a Code of Conduct.

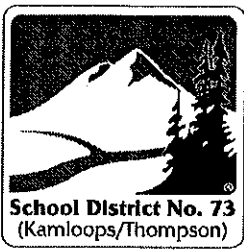
School officials will notify parents, school district officials, and other agencies as deemed appropriate for any particular incident.

REGULATIONS

1. Schools must:

- a) ensure Codes of Conduct are available to the public and are displayed in a prominent area in the school;
- b) ensure Codes of Conduct are provided each year to all employees and students, and are provided to parents when students start attending the school.
- c) communicate Codes of Conduct to students in an age appropriate manner.

2. Schools must review the Codes of Conduct annually with Parent Advisory Councils, employees, and students to assess the effectiveness of the Codes of Conduct in addressing current school safety issues.



Board Notes

BOARD OF EDUCATION – INAUGURAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Please be advised that the Board of Education conducted its Inaugural Board Meeting and election of Board Officers on Monday, December 7, 2015. The newly elected Board Officers are as follows:

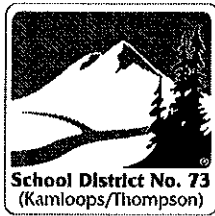
Denise Harper
Chairperson

Meghan Wade
Vice-Chairperson

Kathleen Karpuk
Board Representative to BC School Trustees Association

Mr. Gerald Watson
Board Representative to BC Public School Employers Association

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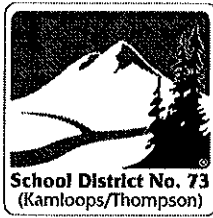
Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 7, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a performance from the SD73 District Honour Choir.
2. The Board approved an out-of-province field trip request for the Valleyview Secondary Girls' Rugby Team to travel to Fullerton, California from March 16 to 22, 2016.
3. The Board received the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) Report for 2015.
4. The Board received a presentation from Principal Mike Bowden and Teacher Tricia Persad on the Non-Fiction Reading Assessment.
5. The Board received a progress report from District Coordinator Allisson Badger and District Principal Surinder Brar on the 6-Year School Completion Rates.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, December 14, 2015, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: DECEMBER 14, 2015

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Jonathan Brady, IB Coordinator Murray Williams, and Teacher Scott Simpson about the NorKam Senior Secondary School International Baccalaureate program.
2. The Board received a presentation from Mayor Al Raine about the Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality's Community Education Plan.
3. The Board received a review of the Framework for Enhancing Learning from Assistant Superintendents Churchley and Sidow.
4. The Board approved date changes to the 2016 Grad Week Schedule.

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