



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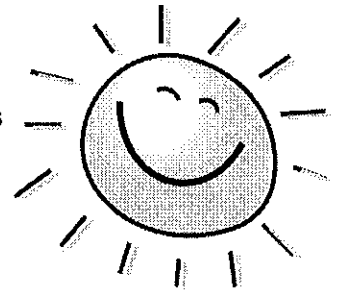
"Working together as a school community in an atmosphere of success and belonging, we have as our goal the development of each student's fullest potential as a lifelong learner in a changing world".

May 2016

### Principal's Message

Spring has now sprung and we are happy to see shoots of green starting to emerge on our fields!

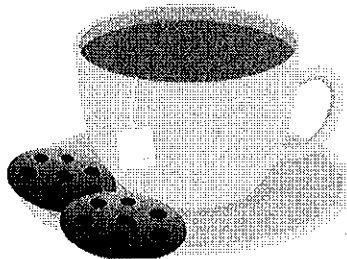
Stuart Wood Elementary school is a busy place this last term of the year as students practice and prepare for track and field events, Jump Rope for Heart, and numerous other activities taking place at school along with their academic pursuits! We look forward to having you join us at many of our upcoming events!



Mr. B. Lloyd  
Principal

### TEA @ 2 LITERACY EVENT

Our school hosted a literacy event for parents of current Kindergarten students on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The event focused on learning fun ways to reinforce letter and sound knowledge and reading readiness skills and behaviours. Thank you to our primary teachers and Ms. Brookes for making this event happen.



### RECONFIGURATION UPDATE

We continue to plan for the upcoming move to our new school, Beattie Elementary. During the next Pro-D day on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the bus garage will be hosting a Busing to Beattie Familiarization Day for

any Stuart Wood parents and children. The plan is to give parents and their children a practice run from 3 different locations, familiarize them of the route, bus etiquette and behaviour expectations. There will be 3 buses starting their routes at 10:00 am from 3 different locations: Stuart Wood (St. Paul Street pick-up), Prince Charles Park (11<sup>th</sup> Avenue pick-up), and Lloyd George Elementary (9<sup>th</sup> Avenue pick-up). Parents and students should be brought back to pick-up locations by 12 pm. We ask that each child is accompanied with an adult. Please contact the bus garage for more information (250-372-5853).

### PARENT INPUT REQUEST FOR STUDENT PLACEMENTS FOR 2016-2017

Each May and June teachers meet to organize classes with considerations given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, academic groupings, class size limits and, where possible, parental requests. Moreover, tentative class lists are made through staff conversations first before parental requests are looked at. However, for those families who have significant concerns about their child's educational placement, we invite you to come to the school and pick up a PINK PARENT INPUT form and return it

by May 13th, 2016 indicating the educational reasons for your request. While this simply gives parents a chance to advocate for their child and their educational needs, it by no means guarantees that requests will be honoured so please keep this in mind. Ultimately, the SCHOOL ACT, gives the principal the final say on any child's placement.

### **ARE YOU MOVING FOR 2016-2017?**

Parents of SWES who plan to move their child to another elementary school for September 2016 should contact Ms. Deschamps as soon as possible and let her know your plans to relocate. Our classes are extremely full for 2016-2017 and knowing we potentially have spots in K-7 would be extremely helpful as we plan for the upcoming school year.

### **SCHOOL LEARNING PLAN / PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Our school will present our goals and our growth to the team from the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing this presentation with our other SKSS schools in what we call our "Family of Schools", but each school must present for 15 minutes about how collaboration has changed teacher practice and student engagement. We also need to present on what skills our school will be focused on moving forward with Re-Designed BC curriculum. SWES staff decided that Inquiry/Project Based Learning and Assessment will be the two skill areas we will concentrate our professional development on for the 2016-2017 school year. My thanks to the teaching staff for embracing the School Learning Plan process. Thanks to Mr. Cole Levitt, our Behaviour Resource Teacher and Numeracy Resource Teacher and Ms. Jennifer Boyle, LART and LDP candidate that will accompany me to the presentation of learning May 17th.

### **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The next PAC meeting is Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 in the SWES staff room. The PAC has been very active with fundraising - the yearly carnival will be taking place on May 12<sup>th</sup> - but can only go ahead with the necessary volunteers. Please email Sandy Matthews ([san-han2005@hotmail.com](mailto:san-han2005@hotmail.com)) to let her know you can support this wonderful event.

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

Grade 5, 6, and 7 students have been learning about Flag Football and have played League games on Tuesdays and the Flag Football Jamboree is Thursday, May 12th at MacArthur Island.

### **TRACK AND FIELD UPDATES**

Track season is here! Just an update about how things work for Track and Field. Classes are practicing all the events in their PE time and at TCC for Gr. 4 - 7. Some of our grade 4-7 students may qualify for our zone track meet which will happen on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to all of our athletes! A student's behaviour can positively or negatively affect their chances to attend the Zone Track Meet. Ultimately, your child can be the best runner in a grade; however, should their behaviour, at any time during Track season not follow the STAR matrix they will not be selected for Zones. Please discuss with your child.

### **VELVETEEN RABBIT**

The primary classes are looking forward to the WCTC production of the VELVETEEN RABBIT taking place on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here's a bit more information on the author, Margery Williams:

*The Velveteen Rabbit* was written by Margery Williams. She was born July 22, 1881 in London, England. Her father was a lawyer and a man who loved to read. As a result Margery learned to love the world of books. She learned to read before she was six years old, though she didn't start school till she was ten.

In 1902 she wrote her first book. Throughout her life, she wrote three books for grown-ups, twenty-five books for children and one play. She wrote her most popular story, *The Velveteen Rabbit* (or *How Toys Become Real*), in 1922.

In 1904 Margery Williams married an Italian man named Francesco Bianco. He loved books so much that he bought and operated a very fine book store. They had two children, a boy and a girl, Cecco and Pamela. Later Pamela drew pictures for two of Margery's books.

Margery Williams lived most of her grown-up life in New York City. She always thought of it as her favourite city. It was here that she died September 4, 1944.

### **WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT**

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, all of our new Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to our WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN EVENT from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The children and their parents will participate in classroom activities that morning and will meet the principal, Learning Assistance Resource teacher and be given valuable resources to get their child ready for kindergarten.

## **MAY INSERVICE DAYS**

A reminder to parents there is NO SCHOOL for students on Monday, May 16th (Professional Development Day) and Monday, May 23rd (Victoria Day).

## **MATH CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to Claire Hartnell, Angelo Eserio, Olivia Michaud, Noah Pye and Tommy Nguyen for representing the school at the Math Challenge hosted by TRU and the School District.

## **YOUNG ARTISTS**

Congratulations to Taylor Siebert, Annie Druskee, and Amelie deDelley for representing the school at the Young Artists conference last month. The students' art work was displayed along with other art work from around the school district.

## **YOUNG AUTHOR'S CONFERENCE**

Congratulations to Alex Shoultz, Taylor Siebert, Hanna Edwards, Annie Druskee, Marisa Baldwin, Ashlen Vigue, Tasha Shulga and Natasha McNab who represented SWES at the Young Author's Conference at TRU on April 29th, 2016.

## **HERITAGE FAIR**

What is a Heritage Fair? A Heritage Fair is a multi-media educational program developed to increase awareness and interest in Canadian history, unique community events and/or family culture. Students may choose any combination of media to present their learning, including three-dimensional projects, creative writing, performance and/or audio-visual works.

Participating schools host their own fairs to showcase the hard work and effort that go into these projects. Individual projects are chosen from these fairs to be represented at the Regional Fair in May. Students who are selected to go to the Fair in May will present their project to, and have it evaluated by, community judges. The following day, the students are treated to a whole host of fun-filled learning activities which highlights the historical significance of various aspects of Kamloops and its surrounding areas. This year, our grade 6/7 class participated in the event and some students have been chosen to attend the district event.

Congratulations to Marisa Baldwin, Olivia Michaud, Halo Haughton, Noah Trussler, Sadie Herbert, Avril Quewezance, Jordyn Hall, Claire Hartnell, Tommy Nguyen, and Cullen Sautner for being chosen to represent Stuart Wood Elementary.

## **STAR CATCHERS**

The children continue "Reach for the STAR(S)". Our next goal is to reach 700 STAR CATCHERS before the end of the school year. Parents can take great pride in how their children are showing great morals and values even while away from their caregivers.

We will hold our last STAR Assembly on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. All students are eligible to be given the award.

Criteria is based on the following:

- Follow the STAR Beliefs
- Have a positive attitude
- Listen and pay attention
- Follow directions and criteria
- Produce quality work
- Complete all homework on time
- Follow classroom routines and expectations
- Treat other students with respect
- Treat teachers and other adults with respect
- Show respect for property
- Put their best effort into all they do!

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Congratulations to Marisa Baldwin, Taylor Siebert and Halo Haughton, our Gr. 6/7 Team who represented SWES at the District competition on Thursday, April 21st.

## **JUMP ROPE**

What an incredible jump at Stuart Wood Elementary – with a fundraising grand total of \$1710.60 including online and kickstart! Thank you students and staff.

## **BOARD NOTES**

***From the Board Meeting of: APRIL 25, 2016***

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Preymak and Vice Principal Lloyd from Logan Lake Elementary/Secondary on the 'Farm to Garden' Project. Also in attendance were Teachers Paul Denby and Courtney Bruin who lead the project. Two students from the school were also in attendance.
2. The Board approved the 2016-2017 Schedule of School Fees.
3. The Board approved Amended Capital Budget Bylaw #115556-03.
4. The Board adopted new Policy 927.1 Employee Health Information Privacy and Confidentiality.
5. The Board received *Notices of Motion* on the following policies:
  - a. Policy 712.1 School Library/Learning Commons
  - b. Policy 930.1 Attendance - Employee
  - c. Policy 933.1 Disability Management – Employee Specific

## MAY DATES

- May 2-6th – Track and Field Training at T.C.C.
- May 4 - PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 12 - Spring Fair
- May 16 - NO SCHOOL - Non Instructional Day
- May 20 - PINK PARENT REQUEST FORMS  
DUE TO OFFICE
- May 23 - Victoria Day- NO SCHOOL
- May 24 - Zone Track Meet
- May 31 - District Track Meet at Hillside

## JUNE DATES

- June 1 - Bannock Day
- June 1 - Dress Rehearsal for Closing  
Ceremony
- June 2 - Closing Ceremonies (5:30-7:30)
- June 3 - S.T.A.R. Assembly
- June 28 - Last day of school (1/2 Day)
- June 29 - Packing Day
- June 30 - Administration Day

# STUART WOOD ELEMENTARY CLOSING CEREMONIES

June 2, 2016

Come out and celebrate 109 years of history!

5:30-6:30PM Open House

6:30-7:30PM Closing Ceremonies

- Presentations and Student Performances

Space is Limited  
RSVP to confirm attendance  
Call the school at 250-374-1755

