

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. I thought I would try to get this out earlier today as the Neufeld Farms order cut-off is this evening, so I wanted to make sure everyone saw this early in case you wanted to order but haven't yet! Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #11:

- 1) If you want to place an order for Neufeld Farms, those are due **tonight**. This is a fundraiser for the Grade 5 year-end activity. Lots of tasty choices to get your freezer stocked up ahead of the holiday!
<https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2022-sardis-elementary-grade-5/ref/sm>
- 2) We will have our second fire drill practice after lunch on **Wednesday**. The weather is supposed to be nice and so we'll have it quickly after the kids come in from lunch so that they can keep their coats and outside shoes on to be ready.
- 3) Hopefully you've been able to access your child's photos on the Mountain West website. The photographer will be back on **Thursday** this week, after lunch, to take photos for any students who were away or would like retakes. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like them to have a photo taken on Thursday. Sometimes the students aren't sure if they are supposed to go or not, so that communication from you helps alleviate any confusion.
- 4) **Friday** we will be having our second hot lunch of the year, Jim' Pizza! If you are planning to drop off lunch that day because you didn't order or your child doesn't like pizza, we will have a table set up by the front office where you can leave lunch. Thanks to our parent volunteers who help enable these hot lunch opportunities for the students!
- 5) Our PAC is holding a Purdy's Christmas chocolate fundraiser and it's open now for ordering. You can order online until November 26th, using Customer number 41917, with orders expected to be ready for pick up around December 9th at the school. If you check out the PAC Facebook page there is an opportunity to win a \$30 Purdys gift card, just let them know what your favourite Purdys chocolate treat is!
https://fundraising.purdys.com/?utm_source=seasonal_fundraising&utm_medium=catalogue&utm_campaign=xmas_2022
- 6) Looking ahead towards the end of the month, Friday, November 25th is a non-instructional day for students as it is a Professional Development Day for staff. Some teachers will be at school engaging in self-directed learning activities while other staff members will be off as they are participating in learning activities after school throughout the year (ten hours of learning over 5 sessions). Monday, November 28th is also a non-instructional day for students while staff engage in more learning opportunities. If you are wondering about future holidays, non-instructional days, and early dismissals, here are two links that will give you the information for the year: [Local School Calendar 2022 2023](#) and [School Based NID and Early Dismissals 2022 2023](#)

Our students did an excellent job of showing respectful behaviour and appreciation at the Remembrance Assembly on Thursday last week. We were thankful to have the support of Councillor Darcy Paul, Constable Magill, Mrs. Hipwell for playing the piano, Mrs. Price's Father-in-law and Mr. Sanderson for the wooden crosses, and the staff and students who presented poetry, placed wreaths, and/or provided artwork. A big thank-you also to Mrs. Sanderson for her work in putting the assembly together. The Sardis community truly came together to provide a memorable time for remembrance.

Mrs. Kasper