

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. It was fun to see all the different jerseys on Friday last week; lots of school spirit here at Sardis and lots of Canucks fans it seems! Here are some things for you to know about as we head into week #22:

- 1) We are so excited to have the Indiana Jones Course set up in the gym again, with students having the opportunity to enjoy the course beginning **Monday, January 30th** until February 10th. I'm sure there will be lots of excited students as they enter the gym and see all of the fun activities they can participate in!
- 2) Our Triple Ball teams will be participating in the season ending tournaments this week, with the girls playing on **Monday, January 30th** and the boys playing on **Tuesday, January 31st** at Stito:s beginning at 3:00 on those days. We know they will show great sportsmanship and teamwork as they represent our school. Go Skyhawks!
- 3) Our Character Trait for the month of February is Kindness, so let your child know they should watch for an exciting opportunity to recognize each other beginning this week.
- 4) On **Friday, February 3rd** we will have our SinAmen Bun Co. hot lunch. I can't wait for mini cinnamon buns! Thanks to Deanna and all the volunteers that help make these lunches happen for our students.
- 5) **Friday, February 3rd** will be our first Break the Rules Day for students, with funds raised going towards the Grade 5 Celebration at the end of the year. Stickers will come home with students by Tuesday this week, where they will have the chance to choose from 6 rules. Rules cost \$1 to break, or they can have all 6 for \$5. You just need to check off the rules and send the sticker back with the money to the classroom teacher. *We will be having a second Break the Rules Day later in the year to fundraise for the Grade 3 trip to camp, so if your child is away this time, they will have another opportunity later in the year.
- 6) A few staffing updates I wanted to let you know about:
 - * Mrs. Michelle Robinson will be returning this week as our Child and Youth Care Worker. She will be a familiar face to lots of our kids and we look forward to having her back working at Sardis!
 - *Mrs. Christina Duerksen, who has been working 3 days a week with Ms. Joe as our Indigenous EA, is now with us 5 days a week as she was the successful applicant on our Special Needs EA posting that went out before the holiday. We are working with the Indigenous Department to get someone to replace her in the Indigenous EA position, but so far this hasn't been filled.
 - *Ms. Victoria Rempel will be working 3 days a week (Wed – Fri) before going on full-time maternity leave after March 3rd. We are happy to let you know that Ms. Tyla Penner has been hired to replace her. Ms. Penner has been working at the school since Mr. Hagkull went on his leave so she is another familiar face that will be a great addition to the Grade 1 Team!
 - *Mrs. Chenoa Dirks will be joining us Tuesday to Thursday each week, teaching PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and then providing some learning support to students on Thursdays, covering the position that Ms. Penner has been doing since October.

- 7) We had a fun PAC meeting last week on Tuesday. I am attaching the draft notes from the meeting (we need to approve them at the next meeting before the draft watermark can be removed) and you can also find them on our school website under the PAC Information tab. Thanks to those that were able to come out and participate in the discussions. We appreciate your support and all of the work that our PAC do as volunteers to make our school better!

It was so nice to see the sun this weekend, even if it was a bit cooler today, and I hope your family was able to enjoy some time outside. This morning at Superstore, the cashier and I were laughing about the fact that they had their spring plants out front for sale, but there was also snow melt and salt on the sidewalk!

Mrs. Kasper