

Hello Sardis families, Mrs. Kasper is away enjoying family time with her grandkids, so you get to experience your 1<sup>st</sup> update from me ☺. Hold on... and try not to look too closely for errors ☺

- **February marks Black History Month**, a time to honour the achievements, culture, and leadership of Black Canadians and Black communities globally. Our goal is to help students understand how diversity strengthens us and why inclusion matters. We encourage families to continue conversations at home as we celebrate learning throughout the month.
- Tuesday will be our open house for preschoolers and their parents! **Ready, Set, Explore** is a fun and informative event focusing on early childhood learning. We have 30 plus 3 and 4 years coming to learn about school and learning from 1:00-2:00 in the school library.
- **Tripleball** schedule for the week:
  - Tuesday 2:45 Boys vs Vedder @ Sardis
  - Thursday girls vs Watson @ Sardis
- **Floorball** schedule for this week:
  - Friday 2:40 @ McCammon
- Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is **Subway hot lunch** for those students who have ordered.
- **National Olympic Pride Day** is Friday, February 6th celebrating the start of the Winter Olympic Games. To show your support for Canada and our athletes students are encouraged to wear red and white or anything Canadiana.
- Friday, February 6th will be our first “**Pick-a-Perk Day**” for students, with funds raised going towards the Grade 5 Celebration at the end of the year as well as our Grade 3 annual trip to Camp Squeah. Stickers will come home with students by Tuesday this week, and they will have the chance to choose from 6 perks. Perks cost \$1 each, or they can have all 6 for \$5. You just need to check off the perks and send the sticker back with the money to the classroom teacher.
- **Grade 5 Celebration** planning meeting being held on the 6th at 5:00 in the school library.
- We wanted to let you know that we have two **Pink Shirt design** winners, Piper K and Erika H! Their designs will be printed on a limited number of shirts and then made available for sale here at the school for \$15. We'll let you know when the shirts are

here and ready for sale. I've attached a picture of each for you to see. There will be a few adult sizes and lots of youth sizes available for each, but once they are sold out, the PAC won't be able to order more.

- The PAC has added a few more **hot lunches available** in Munch-a-Lunch now: the McDonald's orders are due in by February 11 for the lunch on February 20 and Ricardo's orders are due in by February 4 for the lunch on March 13.
- Ms. Layte, Ms. Mallow-Dow, Mrs. Fast and Mrs. Campbell will be sponsoring a Rainbow Club. **Rainbow Club** is a welcoming, age-appropriate space where students learn about kindness, respect, and belonging through stories, games, crafts, and conversations. The club supports children who may be exploring or identifying different aspects of who they are, while also helping all students learn how to be kind friends and what it means to be an ally. Discussions focus on understanding that people and families can look different, and that everyone deserves to feel safe, accepted and included.  
All students from Grades 3-5 are welcome, and activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate, positive, and centered on building empathy, confidence, and an inclusive school community.  
See attached FAQ for more information.

And since this was my *first* time putting together the weekly update, thanks for hanging in there with me! I'll chalk any typos up to the excitement of a great weekend — including a peaceful Sunday walk in the Community Forest with my wife, and a lively drive to Langley with my son and his teammates for baseball practice. Never a dull moment, but always grateful for this community and the energy your kids bring to the school each day.