

Monday, February 16, 2026

Good afternoon, Sardis Families. Last week was a difficult one due to the impact of the Tumbler Ridge tragedy. Staff were provided with resources from the district to support themselves and students if needed, and I hope you were able to access support as well if you were looking for it. It makes today, Family Day, seem so important as we are able to take the time away from school to spend with family. Here are some things for you to know as we head into week #25 at Sardis Elementary:

\*Chinese New Year begins on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and marks the start of the Year of the Horse. According to Chinese astrology, Horse is confident, agreeable, and responsible, although they also tend to dislike being reined in by others. Thanks to Mrs. Brown for providing more information to our staff; I have attached one of the activity booklets she sent out in case you'd like to share it with your child at home. Tuesday is also the beginning of Ramadan, which some of our families will be observing, a month with a focus on prayer, charity, and self-discipline.

\*This week we have 2 more Tripleball games, with the boys playing on Tuesday at Sardis vs Unsworth and the girls playing on Wednesday at Sardis vs Yarrow. Good luck, Skyhawks!

\*Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off. Mrs. Cavanagh has been working with the grade 1 – 5 gym classes and there will be one representative from each class taking part that afternoon. This year will see a new name on the winner board as the winner from the past 3 years has moved on to VMS now! I've attached the information flyer again with info on how to donate if you'd still like to do so, plus what the fun awards will be if we reach our goal.

\*The February PAC meeting is taking place this Wednesday too, at 6:30 in the library. We'd love to see you there!

\*Students who placed orders for the McDonald's hot lunch will be getting that this Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The next hot lunch after that will be Shandhar Hut on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, with orders being due on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. A note that this order includes a Staff option which cannot be chosen by students.

\*Friday is another Red and White Spirit Day as the Olympics will be wrapping up that weekend. We encourage students to wear our national colours as we get set to celebrate Canadians who represented us in the 2026 Games.

\*The Grade 5 Celebration Planning Committee will be holding a Bake Sale on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> on the primary and intermediate sides. All items will be \$2. An email will be going home shortly to all Grade 5 families as they will be looking for parent volunteers to help sell items and to bake things.

\*Next week we have an early dismissal day on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed at 11:15 that day and the busses will be running then to take students home if they normally take the bus. You will be hearing from your child's teacher what their plan is for Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> as that afternoon (after 2:13 dismissal) there is time for open houses or parent meetings, depending on how the teacher will be setting it up.

I'm excited to see where things go for the Canadian hockey teams and am hoping to see gold medals for both the men's and women's teams. Nice to have some winning games to watch for a while!

Mrs. Kasper