



January 27th, 2012

Newsletter #5

A note from the principal . . .

A belated Happy New Year from Lax Kxeen! May this year bring all that you require for health and prosperity.

We are off to a wonderful start to 2012. Our first spirit day, Pajama Day, was a great success. Thanks to Division 7 for their suggestion. On February 3th, we will have another Spirit Day. Division 6 has chosen a "Crazy Hair Day" theme. Show your Lax Kxeen spirit and dress up your hair!

With the recent cold snap our students were able to get almost a full week of sledding on our hill at lunch time. The students had a blast. It is wonderful when we have such high levels of snow so that students spend time outside sledding.

With job action still an issue, report cards may not be issued for this second term (January through March). Should you wish to be updated on your child's progress, contact your child's teacher?

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration, including French Immersion, will take place at all elementary schools from Wednesday, February 1, 2012 to Friday February 17, 2012. If your child is 5 years old by December 31, 2012, s/he is eligible to start school this coming September. Please note all schools offer full day kindergarten. When registering for a kindergarten program, please bring your child's birth certificate (or other proof of age such as a Permanent Residence Card, provincial ID Card or Passport), BC Care Card and Immunization Records with you. Students who are not registered during the two weeks of registration are not guaranteed a placement at their neighbourhood school. Please avoid disappointment and register during the registration period. Thank you.

Early French Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade 1)

French Immersion is a bilingual program which is open to all children throughout the Prince Rupert School District. French language spoken at home is NOT a prerequisite for this program and most parents of French Immersion students typically do not speak French themselves. Children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 may register for French Immersion. The French Immersion Program will run in Roosevelt School as a dual-track school offering both a complete French Immersion K- 5 program as well as a complete K – 5 English program. To learn more about the Immersion program offered, please visit or call Roosevelt School (250-624-6126).

Catchment Area

For your catchment area, please contact any school or the School Board Office or refer to the School District website at <http://sd52.bc.ca/sd52root/content/catchment-area-map>

Cross Boundary Transfers

Families that are considering requesting a change in schools for their child/ren must complete a Cross Boundary Application, available at all schools and the School Board Office and submit the form to the child's current school or the School Board Office for consideration. All Cross Boundary requests must be submitted on the first day of school in February 2012 and no later than the last day of school in February 2012. Any requests received after February 29, 2012 will not be considered until the first week of school in September 2012. Cross Boundary applications no longer need to be completed annually.

If you know that you will not be attending your catchment or present school for the upcoming school year, please let the principal know. It helps us a great deal to have an accurate count of students for next year's staffing.

Lunch Program!!!!!!

Students who receive lunch from our district lunch program **must remember to bring back their signed forms** every month or they will not receive a lunch. Lunch cost is \$30.00 per month or by donation as can be afforded.



Important Dates to Remember

Feb 1-17: Kindergarten Registration
February 3th: Spirit Day. Crazy Hair Day
February 8th: PAC Meeting
February 10th: PRO D day
February 22-29th: Myuki visit
Feb 22-23: Book Fair
February 29th: Pink Shirt: Stand up to Bullying Day.
Mar 19-23rd Spring Break
Apr 6: Good Friday
Apr 9: Easter Monday

Parent Advisory Council News

New PAC executive is as follows:

Our next meeting is February 8, 2012 at 7pm in the school library.

The Parent Advisory Council is an important aspect of the school. As a parent of the school, you are automatically a member of the Council and you have the opportunity to participate in your child's education by:

- Keeping informed about what is going on in the school
- Volunteering your time to assist in the school and on field trips.
- Access to a School Board trustee who regularly attends our meeting.
- Becoming members of committees which contribute ideas and recommendations for the school.
- Helping organize special events and activities.
- If you are interested in learning more about our Parent Advisory council, just call the school at 624-6218.



Lax Kxeen Sports Page. Soccer Season Approaches

Early Registration: Saturday, Feb 4th 12-3 \$70
Regular registration: Saturday Feb. 18th 12-3 \$80
Late Registration: Saturday, Mar 3 11:30-3:30 \$110
Final Cut Off date: Mar 3.
Register at the Civic Center

HEALTH TIPS

**This is an allergy aware school. There are students with severe allergies so please be respectful and sympathetic of their needs.*

Head lice are a constant problem in most elementary schools. It is very contagious. It is much appreciated by our parent community if, when your child has an infestation, you take care of it. If we all work together we can stop the infestation or at least keep it under control. Thanks for your support in this pesky matter.

NORO VIRUS HEALTH WARNING

Warning from our local Health unit regarding the Noro Virus. Please keep children home if they exhibit flu-like symptoms as we will be sending them home should they come to school. We need to work together to stop the spread of this virus. Thank you.