### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Our school's Remembrance Day ceremony will be held on Friday, November 10th at 10:00am. Thank you to Ms. Romeo and all the classes that will contribute performances for this assembly. Parents are welcome to join. There is no school Monday, November 13th.

### **NEXT PAC MEETING**

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This month we have two guests coming. At our regular meeting on Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the school library, Steve Jackson, project manager for the Marysville Childcare Centre build, will be presenting to us. On Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00, our elementary school counsellor, Denise Stephenson, will be speaking about anxiety in children and strategies for coping skills. We hope to see you there! If you'd like a TEAMS link to attend either or both of these meetings virtually, email Stacy at stacy.decosse@sd6.bc.ca and she will send you one.

### **COLD WEATHER**

Snowy and colder weather is here! We do have a few extra mitts at school, but please make sure you send your child ready for the weather. We only stay inside at lunch and recess if it's colder than -20, and we do a LOT of learning outside on a regular basis. If you need assistance with getting winter coats etc., let Stacy know and we will set you up with community groups who are there to help.

### **IDLING**

Thank you for turning off your vehicles and not leaving them idling when dropping off or picking up your kiddos. Idling cars impact the air quality for our school and the neighbors. Please remember to not block the driveways of our neighbors, they also have to get to work and school. Kids come into the school at 8:15am to start class at 8:20am.

### HOT LUNCH

We are hoping to be planning hot lunches again so stay tuned for information to come!

### **STAFF CHANGES**

We wish Mrs. Bancks all the best with her upcoming new baby! Her last day at work is Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Bohn will be moving from Grade 2/3 two days a week, to full time grade 1 for Mrs. Bancks. We know the 2/3s will be sad to lose Mrs. Bohn but we are so happy to have her with the grade 1's! We are working to hire a replacement for Mrs. Bohn in the grade 2/3 class as soon as possible.

### MARYSVILLE CHILDCARE CENTRE

Steve Jackson, project manager for the building of the Marysville Childcare Centre, will attend our **PAC meeting** on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for anyone interested in learning more about the project.

### Please see the news release below:

Silverado Industries Inc. will be commencing construction of the new Childcare Facility the week of November 6th. The Childcare facility will be located on the north field of Marysville Elementary School. Construction starts with the excavation of the site, backfilling with structural material and then concrete footings and foundation walls. Over the winter they will be framing and roofing pushing through the winter weather to get the facility to lockup.

Throughout the Spring and summer interior and exterior finishing will take place.

During the planning stage of the Childcare facility, the design team tried to incorporate the beautiful old tree which is in the middle of the north field with the new facility, unfortunately it was determined the tree had to be removed to accommodate the Childcare facility and associated parking and play areas. To commemorate the old tree, we will be using the wood to make very special benches that will be located around the Childcare facility.

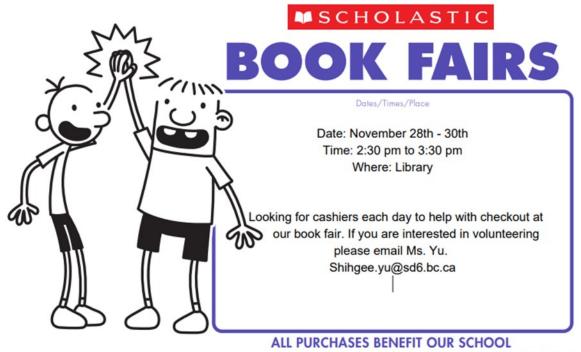
We are very excited to see the dream of a new childcare facility start to become a reality for the children and the families in the Kimberley area.

Steve Jackson, Project Manager

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### **SCHOOL SUCCESS PLAN UPDATE**

Our school success plan goals are in alignment with and guided by our district goals which can be found here <a href="https://www.sd6.bc.ca/download/418646">https://www.sd6.bc.ca/download/418646</a>

We have our first baseline set of data for this year so far and we wanted to share it with you. We will update you on how our plan has gone in the spring. We discuss it at each monthly staff meeting and at each PAC meeting.

### Marysville school goals:

### #1. To increase the number of students who feel a sense of belonging at school.

Last month, 12 / 134 students from grade 1 - 3 said they don't like coming to school. Most said because they miss parents or ipad time but we would like to increase the number of students who like to come to school. Right now 90% do.

We are practicing community circle time at least once a week where students have a turn to share their thinking and stories, to build a sense of belonging and community.

We are working on focusing on kindness to ourselves and others.

### #2. To increase the number of students who are on-track in number sense.

Overall this fall, 57/134 students from grade 1-3 are emerging or developing in number sense according to our assessment.

Classes are teaching "number talks" each day to develop and deepen an understanding of number and number sense.

### #3. To increase the number of students who are on-track in reading.

Overall this fall, 36/134 students from grade 1-3 are emerging based on our reading assessment.

Each class is teaching a direct phonics (letter/sounds) program to support reading development in all students.

### #4. To increase classroom (learning) impact from teacher collaboration.

We are tracking to see if weekly collaboration around specific, professional interests will increase impact on classroom practice.

Right now teachers have shared prep time, one block of collaboration time they can sign up for and release for instructional rounds and other collaboration.

### #5. To increase the number of curricular lessons that occur outdoors.

We wonder to what extent will teachers teaching weekly outdoor learning experiences deepen student caring the land in our community?

The students will do a self-assessment each term that will go home with report cards that reflect on "I can treat my environment and surroundings with care and respect".

We hope that experiencing learning outdoors will increase the students' caring and connection for the land in our community.

### MISSION/VISION/VALUES

Our staff worked all last year to get to our updated Mission/Vision/Values. We use these guiding principles for our decision making and planning with "what is best for children" at the heart of all we do.

**Mission:** We nurture a sense of community through relationship building, creating safe spaces and connection to the land and each other.

Vision: Joyful Learning

Values: Belonging

We create an environment where students feel welcome, valued and heard.

Reconciliation

We strive to weave First Peoples Principles of Learning in all areas of curriculum.

Relationship

We build healthy relationships by helping and welcoming each student as they are.

<u>Equity</u>

We believe in equity and being able to give each child what they need.

Community

We strive to create connection and trust among our parents, staff and students to build a strong sense of community.





## November 2023

| Sun | Mon                          | Tue | Wed | Thu                     | Fri   | Sat |
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|     |                              |     | 1   | 2<br>Picture<br>Retakes | 3   | 4   |
| 5   | 6                            | 7   | 8   | 9                       | 10<br>Remembrance<br>Day Assembly             | 11  |
| 12  | 13 Remembrance Day No School | 14  | 15  | 16                      | 17<br>Rainbow Day-<br>Wear Rainbow<br>Colours | 18  |
| 19  | 20                           | 21  | 22  | 23                      | 24  | 25  |
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### December 2023

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| 10  | 11   | 12  | 13                                    | 14  | 15<br>Funky<br>Sweater<br>Day               | 16  |
| 17  | 18 Report Cards Home Recording the Christmas Concert Video | 19  | 20<br>Christmas<br>Concert<br>12:45pm | 21  | 22<br>Last day<br>before<br>Winter<br>Break | 23  |
| 24  | 25   | 26  | 27                                    | 28  | 29  | 30  |
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# January 2024

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|     |   | WINTER BREAK |     |     |                         |     |  |  |
|     |   |              |     |     |                         |     |  |  |
| 7   | 8<br>First Day<br>Back from<br>Winter Break | 9            | 10  | 11  | 12<br>Sports Fan<br>Day | 13  |  |  |
| 14  | 15  | 16           | 17  | 18  | 19                      | 20  |  |  |
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