

We are now a month into 2023 and we are ready to tackle the month of February. As you can see it is going to be a busy month with lots of learning taking place. We spent a lot of time in January focusing on respect. What does respect sounds like in different parts of the school? The playground was a big focus. Using KIND words and keeping our hands to ourself. This has proved to be a bit of a challenge for some of our students and we are now moving to Zero tolerance for bad words and hands on. In February we will focus on Have a Heart month. This encompasses heart health, kindness and inclusion. Teachers have been working on weaving the First People Principles of learning into their Curriculum

Being inclusive of all cultures and welcoming differences. We also have a walking campaign going on where we catch kids walking in the hallways, 5 tickets equals a special sticker of their choice.

## FROM THE LIBRARY

#### One School One Book

We have one week left reading "Egg Marks the Spot" and it has been so much fun! We have brought rocks and minerals and made an amazing Rock Wall and are painting rocks to look like Eye Agates. We also are having a rock expedition in the school looking for 26 pictures of rocks! Thank you to all the families who have participated and made this event successful once again. I hope everyone enjoyed it and learned something new about rocks!



#### Super Reader

We reached 150 nights of reading on January 31 and some students have started bringing in those sheets. We will be having our first Super Reader celebrations for 100 nights readers Feb 14-16 in the library. If you haven't brought in your 100 nights yet but have reached that goal, bring it in so we can celebrate you!

#### **Read Cycle**

Every April we do a "Read-Cycle" event where we let kids "reduce, reuse and recycle" their books with one another. If you have any books that you no longer need but are in great shape, please drop them off at the library for us to start collecting for this event. We are always looking for more chapter books as we get lots of picture books. We will take donations until the week after Easter.

### **Please DO NOT Park in the Bus Loop**

Student's safety is paramount. Mornings can be busy and rushed! This is why it is especially important to **SLOW DOWN** and follow the rules. The bus loop is for drop off only. This means you wait in the drivers seat and your child gets out of the vehicle. If at any time you need to accompany your child please kindly park in a designated parking spot. There are many available. We will be placing reminders on windows for those that continue to park in the bus loop. Please DO NOT use the staff parking lot for drop off.

Speed is also an issue. Many of our students use the Wilson Rd. cross walk. Please be mindful of the school zone sign and speed limit. There have been some close calls on that crosswalk lately.



PINK SHIRT DAY Wednesday 22



Wear Pink to show that you care about how we treat others around us everyday

# **Affordability Fund**

This year the government has allocated money to schools to help support struggling families. If you are struggling this season please do not hesitate to reach out and let the office know. We are more than happy to help you out.

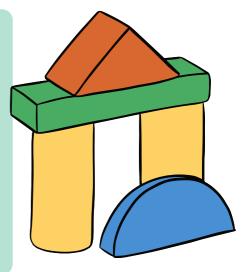


## **POKEMON CARDS**

Pokemon cards are staring to show up again on the playground. Cards can be visited at recess only and please no trading cards at school

## KINDERGARTEN

Do you have a child turning 5 by the end of 2023? If so hop on line and register for Kindergarten next year. We already have 30 students.





Yarrow community school is supported by TNT HAY. They have purchased season tickets for our students. The tickets are used in our BARKS draws. If your child brings home tickets and you cannot use them please pay them forward or return to the office.

## Yarrow Community School Society Updates...

**Facebook Page** - We are re-activating our Yarrow Community School Programs FB page so please have a look for the registration and program information for the fun stuff going on. Also feel free to call Sally at 823-0257 or email sallylum@shaw.ca to find out more.

**Crafts with Cleo** - (and her friend Jess) – Crafts and fun for tots age 18 months – 3yrs. Tots and their grown up will join Cleo and Jess for some fun and a little snack. FREE! Must pre-register as spaces are limited. Monday mornings 9:30-10:30 next session starts April 3rd Please call Sally to find out more or to sign up for a few of the fun classes.

**Zumba** – Wednesday evenings here in the multi-purpose room 7-8pm. Come join Anna for a fun workout, bring a friend. Only \$10 drop in.

**Sew Fun** – Mrs. Bergen is inviting kids in grades 4 and 5 to join her for the upcoming 'Quilted Valentine Heart' class. Only \$15/class, all supplies included, space is limited so be sure to sign up right away for these very popular ongoing sewing classes.

**Babysitters Course** – Friday, April 28th (Pro D Day) 8:30am-3:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Boys and Girls Age 11 and up. Cost: \$60. Registering now for this Canadian Red Cross course which will teach young people how to babysit children and infants. Forms available on our FB page, website and at the school. Space is limited.







### February 2023

#### Yarrow Community School 4595 Wilson Rd, Chilliwack BC V2R 5B9

Questions: yarrow-pac @ s d 33.bc.ca

Mission statement: "Enhancing the lives of Yarrow community School Children and families by: Creating opportunites to enrich students' educational experience. Cultivating a sense of community belonging for kids, families and staff. Ensuring equitable access to educational opportunites for all students."



January is past us! The dark months are gone and we can look forward to seeing the days get lighter and lighter. February is going to get really busy towards the middle and end! So stay tuned and put these dates in your calendar with reminder alerts!! You don't want to miss out on anything!



February 14th – Last Day to Order Hot Lunch for February February 14th – Red/Pink/Heart Spirit day February 16th – early dismissal 10:55PM February 17th – Pro-D day February 20th – Family day Stat February 22nd – Pink Shirt Day February 23 – Books, Bannock and Bingo February 24 – Hot Lunch February 27th – 1:15 Assembly February 28th – PAC Budget Mtg



Our seed fundraiser last month raised around \$250 we realize there were some issues with the link but we love that many of you are going to be gowing some lovely gardens this year!



Movie Night!!

The movie night at the end of month was so much fun! We are so glad you came out! We raised just over \$500.

#### Books, Bannock and Bino!

We are so excited for this event! It is a free event! Come out and eat Bannock and play bingo in order to win books and book gift cards! Bring your own dabber if you have one!

PAC Meeting

Come out and

help us



formulate the

budget for next

### year!

### Spirit Wear

Spirit wear is now available in both youth and adult sizes! Order yours today on our square website! You can pay via credit card or etransfer. Be sure to include your childs name and spirit wear in the memo so we know who to credit. Please have preorders in by February 28th ! https://yarrow-communityschool-pac.square.site/ Sweatshirt t-shirt







#### INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

### Information for Parents and Students



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, click here.* 

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the School District website www.sd33.bc.ca or tune into radio stations STAR FM (98.3 FM) or JR COUNTRY (89.5 FM), to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on bussing. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. There is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

When there is extreme weather and schools remain open, student attendance is the parent/guardians' decision.

A Transportation Snow Plan is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillsides. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions.

All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website www.sd33.bc.ca