



# THE BULLDOG

## February

Wow we are already in the second month of 2024! Students have been working hard to solidify their new learning and grow in their foundational skills. We appreciate all your efforts to continue to work with your children at home. This week we celebrated 100 nights of reading. It was fun to see the Kindergartens so proud of their new t-shirts.

With spring around the corner the days are getting lighter sooner. Just a reminder that our bells rings at 7:59.



FEBRUARY 2024						
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- Feb 8 - Popcorn Day
- Feb 9 - Books, Bannock & Bingo
- Feb 14 - Valentines Day
- Feb 15 - Movie Night
- Feb 16 - Pro D Day
- Feb 19 - Family Day
- Feb 27 - PAC meeting
- Feb 28 - Anti-Bullying day
- Feb 29 - Hot Lunch

## kindergarten

It you have a child that is turning 5 by the end of December 2024 please register online for Kindergarten:

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Home>

## Candy Grams

Candy grams will be for sale this week at recess and after school in the lobby. If you would like to send a treat and special message to a friend, come on by. Messages will be delivered to classrooms on Feb 14. Each candy gram is \$2. Proceeds will go towards new iPads



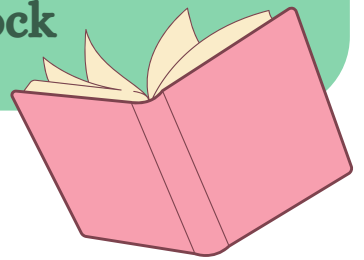
## Books, Bannock, and Bingo!

Friday February 9th

Time: 6:30

Place: School Gym

Bring your family out to play bingo, win books, and enjoy bannock



## Parking

The bus lane is once again being used as a parking lot. The bus loop is only for the bus, or those parents that want to drop and go. Please **DO NOT** get out of your car and/or park on the left hand side of the bus loop. This is for the safety of our kids.



## Triple ball

Mrs. Marples and Ms. Jaworska have taken a group of gr 4 -5 girls to play triple ball. The girls have been setting great foundations for the game of volleyball. Thanks to parents for your support as well.

# KINDNESS

This month we are focusing on kindness. On February 28th we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Day by wearing pink. Join us and say no to bullying!



We also have a kindness tree in our lobby. Students that are caught being kind receive a heart to add to the tree and a kindness sticker.



## POPCORN DAY

Thursday, February 8th is popcorn day. We missed the last popcorn day due to snow days, so if you paid for January popcorn, you do not have to pay again.



# Yarrow Swag

School swag will be out by next week.

If you did not hand in your order form in time, please bring it by the office. We will be doing ongoing orders throughout the rest of the year



## LIBRARY

150 nights Super Reader can start coming in Feb 6.



Keep reading *The One and Only Ivan*. Check the website for trivia questions and audio links to listen to each section read by a teacher. Bring in trivia answers to win prizes at the end of the event. Enter the art contest to win an art set, you can pick up an entry form from the library or the website has the file attachment.

FEBRUARY 2024

# YARROW PAC NEWS

## PAC UPDATE

We had a good meeting last night, thank you to all parents that came out! Many things were discussed from accessible playground to food programs to fundraisers, to a parent survey. There is a letter attached to this newsletter with ways we could use your help!

We will be running some polls on our Yarrow Community School PAC page and sending home a parent survey about wants and needs so we can focus our efforts on the best ways to help our school community.



## Accessible Playground

In an effort to make our playground more accessible to all children, an Oodle Swing is being planned to be installed. Playground equipment is very costly and this swing comes with a \$29,000 price tag. Grants have been applied for and we will be fundraising for this swing as well as asking for donations towards this project which will be recognized on a plaque and given a tax receipt. More information to come...

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS...

- March - Neufeld Farms
- April - Spring Auction Event
- April/May - So Luxury \*Great for Mothers Day\*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB. 8 - POPCORN DAY**

**FEB. 9 - BOOKS, BANNOCK, AND BINGO**

\*NOTE - BBB & MOVIE NIGHT DATES HAVE BEEN SWAPPED.

**FEB. 15 - MOVIE NIGHT**

**FEB. 16 - PRO-D DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

**FEB. 19 - FAMILY DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

**FEB. 27 - PAC MEETING  
7PM @ YCS LIBRARY**

**FEB. 29 - HOT LUNCH -  
FRESH SLICE**

MOVIE  
NIGHT

DOORS OPEN 5:15 FOR DINNER  
MOVIE STARTS 6PM  
ENTRY \$5/PERSON OR \$20/FAMILY  
ENTRY INCLUDES POPCORN.  
JOE SKILLEN TREE SERVICES HAS  
GENEROUSLY DONATED A HOT DOG,  
DRINK, AND GOODIES FOR EACH  
PERSON.



January 31, 2024

As a PAC executive team we are trying hard to provide for all of our kids with the parent support and the funds that we have. This year we are all new to our roles and we are trying our best to create community and use our funds wisely to help our school. You are a part of the PAC too! We want to hear from you and there are many ways for you to be involved. In saying that, we request that you send your concerns and questions to us via email or bring them to a PAC meeting, rather than texts or personal messages. We welcome your ideas and are excited to do what we can to help, but please remember to be kind, as we are volunteers who also have jobs, families, and other responsibilities.

Come on out to a meeting to keep up to date on accurate happenings and find ways to be involved (1 hour once per month!). We are transparent in all things financial and present all income and expenses for the year at each meeting. Last night we found out about our year end activity day, had Q&A time with Mrs. DeBruyn where many questions were answered, and discussed our accessible playground expansion. (We had a gift card draw for those who came too!) If you weren't able to make it the minutes will be posted in the next week with more details.

Currently we are looking for parents to help create a parent survey about the needs and wants of our whole school community. This will then be compiled and taken into consideration as we amend our Strategic Plan for the next meeting.

At our meeting we looked for volunteers for our Spring Auction Committee. We would also love help with fundraising for accessible playground expansion...more information on this soon. (Email us if you can help!) This month there is popcorn day February 8, smoothie day February 14, movie night February 15, hot lunch February 29. Are you able to help with any of these? Mark it in your calendar and watch the Yarrow Community School PAC Facebook page for when we post looking for volunteers.

A big thank you to Dana Swinden who applied for a Local Love Grant from United Way and received \$1000 towards One School, One Book which was a great help to the PAC. We are very thankful to United Way for their support this year through funding a movie night, support Go Bye Bike Week, sponsoring our parent coffee truck and treat morning...and a few more things coming soon!

Do you have ideas for other ways you can support our school community? Do you know of a need? Are you in a season where you need some extra support? Can you help with something mentioned above? Please email the PAC at [yarrowpac@gmail.com](mailto:yarrowpac@gmail.com) or bring your questions or concerns to our next meeting February 27 @ 7PM.

Your PAC Executive,

Leanne Letham, Marie Vroom, Sherisse Ellerby, and Emily Arthur

## From the Community School

### **Facility Rentals**

Rentals are available if you're interested in booking our gym for a birthday or family party call 604-823-0257

There is a real need for licensed **Child Care** programs in our community with all the new young families moving to town. We are fully enrolled but if you are looking for future care please call Sally at 604-823-0257 to arrange picking up a registration package and getting on our waitlist.

### **Crafts with Cleo and her Friend Jess - Free!**

Kids crafts for Preschool Age 18 months - 3 years. Monday mornings 9:30 - 10:30am in the multi-purpose room. Parent participation. Please call Sally at 604-823-0257 to get signed up for a day or two. Winter session Jan 8th - Feb 12th.

### **Babysitters Course**

Saturday March 9th 8:30am - 4:30pm for boys and girls age 11 and up at Yarrow Community School. This Canadian Red Cross course is designed to teach young people how to babysit children and infants. The course will enhance knowledge of safety and responsible babysitting and will develop skills to cope with common emergencies. Bring your lunch from home and a doll or stuffed bear to practice.

### **Youth Floor Hockey Friday Nights**

FREE! Drop in or Pre-register Friday evenings 6 - 8pm for Girls and Boys in grades 5 - 8. Get some friends organized and come out to play. Mark these dates on your calendar: Jan 12, Feb 2, Feb 23, March 1, and March 15. Hosted by Denton and Sherisse Ellerby

### **ZUMBA**

Come and kick start your New Year's Resolution. Join Anna Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room. Adults and mature teens are welcome. Licensed, experienced and fun instructor. Drop-in fee is \$15/night or 4 sessions for \$40. Come and bring a friend!

### **Sew Fun**

There will be more Sew Fun coming up so keep checking back to see when the next date and sign up will be!

Your local school is hosting an open house for preschoolers and their parents! **Ready, Set, Learn** is a series of fun and informative events focusing on early childhood learning.

**Ready, Set, Learn** is a great opportunity to connect with your preschooler's future neighborhood school. **Ready, Set, Learn** events can include school tours, visits to the school library, interactive play activities for children and their parents, information sessions for parents and caregivers, presentations by community agencies and other activities that support preschool aged children's learning.

**Please note:** Dates and times are subject to change, please contact the school prior to attending.

School	Ready Set Learn	Time
Bernard	February 27	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	April 25	10:30-12:00
Cultus Lake	April 16	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	April 9	9:00-10:00
Evans	April 8	9:30-11:00
Greendale	February 23	10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	March 5	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	February 7	8:30-11:00
McCammon	June 7	9:00-10:30
Promontory	June 18	8:45-11:00
Robertson	March 6 April 18 May 10	1:10-2:10 1:10-2:10 1:10-2:10
Rosedale	April 19	9:00-11:00
Sardis	February 9	1:00-2:00
Stito:s	May 3	9:15-10:45
Strathcona	May 9	9:30-10:30
Tyson	February 23	9:30-10:30
Unsworth	January 25	9:00-10:30
Vedder	May 29	8:15- 9:15 9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45
Watson	February 21	10:00-11:30
Yarrow	June 4	9:00-10:00



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~One heart, one mind, working  
together for a common purpose.~





# KINDERFAIR



**Kinderfair** is an annual school event dedicated to supporting a positive transition to school for our upcoming kindergarten students and their families. At **Kinderfair**, we believe in the power of families learning together. Our activities are designed to be family-centered, allowing parents and caregivers to participate alongside their children. Families can enjoy shared reading experiences, engage in games, puzzles, and explore collaborative learning opportunities. **Kinderfair** also provides a unique opportunity for children and parents to meet and interact with school staff. This gives families a chance to familiarize themselves with the school environment, ask questions, and establish a connection with key educators who will support their child's educational journey.

School	Date	Time
Bernard	June 18	10:30-12:00
Central	May 24	1:00-2:00
Cheam	June 4	1:00-2:00
Cultus Lake	April 16	12:45-1:45
East Chilliwack	June 4	9:00-10:00
Evans	May 13	Various (small groups)
Greendale	May 28	9:00-10:00 10:30-11:30
Leary IAT	April 30	8:45-9:45
Little Mountain	May 29	8:45-11:40
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**Kinderfair** strives to create a nurturing and comfortable atmosphere where children can not only have a great time but also feel supported and ready to embrace their new school experience with confidence.

# YARROW LIBRARY EVENT SCHEDULE

## FEBRUARY

Join us for events and programming for all ages.  
All events are free and everyone is welcome.



### FOR KIDS

**FAMILY STORYTIME|WED JAN 10-JUNE 26  
10-10:30AM**

Children and caregivers will enjoy interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and more! Storytime helps children prepare to read.

**PAWS4 STORIES| FEB 27 |3-4PM**

St. John Ambulance - SJA Child Certified Therapy Dogs are the perfect fit for those needing a friend to read to. Please have a book picked out to read to the dog ahead of your 15-minute appointment. Please call or drop by the Library to schedule a session.



### FOR EVERYONE

**CRAFTERNOON|THURS FEB 8| 4-5PM**  
Come to the library to craft, a drop in craft program suitable for ages 5+ or Adult assistance. We will be making a Valentines Day craft.

**VALENTINES SCAVENGER HUNT |  
TUES FEB 6-15**

Hunt for hearts in the library and win a prize!

**YARROW STORYWALK| ONGOING**

The 1km Storywalk begins at the Browne Creek Wetlands on the Beaver Loop and Kingfisher Trails. This wonderful project was made possible by a generous donation from Envision Financial, division of first West Credit Union.



For more events, follow us on social media or visit [yourpubliclibrary.org](http://yourpubliclibrary.org).

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