

# École Panorama Heights Elementary School

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## School Newsletter- February 2018

February Greetings Panorama Families!

We are well into our second term and classes are busy with preparations for Student Led Conferences. This year, Student Led Conferences will take place on Wed. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Thur. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (early dismissal on both days). Please schedule some time to come to the school and enjoy as your child guides you through a journey of their learning so far this year. This is a proud moment for students when they get to show you all the things they are doing at school. Please enjoy your time with your child!

A staffing update: You may already be aware from a previous email that Miss Meston, our school secretary, has posted into another position with the district. We wish her well and would like to welcome Ms. Lisa Jorgensen. Ms. Jorgensen is an experienced secretary who will be joining us starting February 13<sup>th</sup>. We have also gained some additional secretarial time of 2.5 days per weeks (currently we have an extra secretary only 1 day/week). The position has not been filled yet, but I will keep you updated once we know. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this change in staffing.

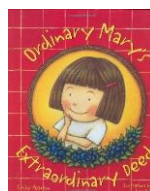
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### SCHOOL GOAL

***For students, parents and staff of our community to build relationships by actively listening and supporting each other.***

This month we will be focussing on KINDNESS. At this month's assembly, we reviewed our school goal and shared the focus for the next few weeks. The primary students listened to a picture book called "Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed" and the intermediate students watched a 5 minute video about how acts of kindness always come back to you: Kindness Boomerang <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

Feel free to share the picture book with older kids or the video with younger kids. We also offered a Kindness Challenge to all our students and staff and....the students want to challenge all the parents too! The challenge is attached in the email.





### TRAFFIC/Drive Thru

We'll be having some more parent volunteers help with traffic and the drive thru. A detailed letter with some changes will be coming home soon....watch for it. It will also be shared at the next PAC meeting.



### DISMISSAL TIME

School is dismissed at 2:53pm. Please pick up your child on time. There have been a number of children who are left alone at the end of the day and we worry about their safety and security. Recently, some children are getting into incidents with other students.

Of course, there are unforeseen circumstances that may happen. If that's the case please call the school so we can help you make sure your child is safe and taken care of. Thank you.

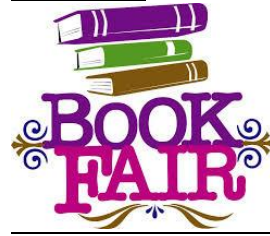
### CROSS CATCHMENT PROCESS

Parents can apply for a school outside of their neighbourhood catchment school. Should you want to choose a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school, you must be registered at your catchment school and then submit a "Cross Catchment Application" as outlined below. Approval of applications is based on availability of space and facilities.

For more information please visit the district website at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx>

The cross catchment application starts this Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Applications are time-stamped.

### BOOK FAIR



It's that time again for our school to have a Scholastic Book Fair! This exciting event will have wonderful new books, supplies and resources for our children to learn new and exciting things! **It will be held on February 7 from 2-4pm and February 8 2-4pm in the library.** This fundraiser for our school library will allow us to purchase new books and resources for our students to enjoy for years to come.



### PAC NEWS <http://panoramaheightspac.ca>

The next PAC meeting is on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 in the library. Please come!

Visit the [PAC website](#) for information on Hot Lunch, Athletic Club, Treat Days, Movie Nights and more!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and ATTACHMENTS

Please see attachments for information on the following:

- Kindness Challenge
- Summer Learning
- Bricks4Kidz Spring Break Lego Camp

## **PANORAMA MONTHS AT A GLANCE**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 7 Early Dismissal for Student Led Conferences 1:53
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- 9 School Not in Session
- 12 BC Family Day – School closed
- 14 Red/Pink Day – wear **red** or **pink**!
- 16** **Happy Lunar New Year!**
- 16 PAC Movie Afternoon (after school in gym)
- 19 PAC Meeting 7:15 in Library
- 21 PAC sponsored Walking School Bus Hot Chocolate 8:30-8:45
- 22 PAC Hot Lunch
- 23 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- 28 Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews 1:53

### **MARCH**

- 7 Second Term Report Cards go home
- 13/14 Spring Concert at 1:15pm and 7pm
- 16 Green Day – wear **green**!
- 16 Last day before Spring Break

Want more dates? The School Calendar can be found on our [website](#).