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School Newsletter- January 2018

HAPPY NEW YEAR Panorama Heights Families,

We hope you had a relaxing holiday with your families. Welcome back to school!

Over the holidays I viewed a TED Talk entitled “How to Raise Successful Kids Without Over Parenting”. It resonated with me as a parent and I wanted to share it with you. Here is the link:

https://www.ted.com/talks/julie_lythcott_haims_how_to_raise_successful_kids_without_over_parenting/up-next

I just want to take a moment to say thank you. The world our children are growing up in is far more complicated than the one we grew up in. I truly feel that at Panorama every parent is invested in their child’s future and has their best interests in mind. I want to thank you for your partnership with the school and the support you provide. It really takes a village and I am privileged to be a part of this one. Thank you!

Ms. Yu

SCHOOL GOAL

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

So far, this year we have worked on whole body (active) listening and cooperation. Our next area of focus is on kindness. Stay tuned for more information. There are many articles about the importance of kindness. Here’s one from Psychology Today as background for you. Enjoy.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/pieces-mind/201712/the-importance-kindness>

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” -Maya Angelou



TRAFFIC/Drive Thru

Let's make a new year's resolution to be kinder to each other, show patience and have courtesy when dropping off and/or picking up your child. Remember, we all share the same community and have a common interest – the well being of our children. Please keep that in mind and be kind. Thank you – it's appreciated by all!



CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food and toys for those in need. Your donation makes such a difference in making our community a better place! Many thanks!



WINTER WEATHER

The long-term forecast is for rain (which is much better than snow). We do go outside most of the time so please help your kids remember to have their rain coats, rain boots, hats, umbrellas, etc.

In case of snow, the decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

While the district tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

FRENCH IMMERSION ENTRY AND OTHER PROGRAMS OF CHOICE



Please note the changes this year in the process for Kindergarten entry into programs of choice including French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and Montessori.

EVERYONE (even if there is a sibling) must complete an online application between Jan 18-24. Siblings are still guaranteed a spot at the school but the only way to hold a spot is to complete the online application and indicate your child has a sibling at the school. Failure to do so will result in your Kindergarten child NOT being eligible for the program of choice.

For more: There is an information meeting for parents on **Monday January 15th from 7-9pm at Winslow Centre (Gallery Room).**

Kindergarten registration for our English program for families that are in-catchment is on Feb 5-7. The out-of-catchment process begins on-line on Feb 8th.

BOOK FAIR (a message from our teacher-librarian)



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. However, in order for this event to be held we will need volunteers for the setup of the fair, the role of cashier, and for general help during the fair. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun event please contact Mrs. Howard at school or email at showard@sd43.bc.ca.

LEARNING SURVEY FOR GR 4 PARENTS

An annual survey will be available for parents of grade 4 students to be completed optionally. This is your chance to have a say about your child's education in BC. Surveys can be completed at:
http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey/access.htm

A unique password is required and can be obtained through the school office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and ATTACHMENTS

Please see attachments for information on the following:

- Tri City Field Hockey
- Music Adventure Guitar Lessons



PAC NEWS <http://panoramaheightspac.ca>

The next PAC meeting is on Monday, January 15th 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!

PANORAMA MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

- 8 School re-opens after Winter Vacation
- 15 PAC Meeting 7:15 in Library
- 17 PAC sponsored Walking School Bus Hot Chocolate 8:30-8:45
- 26 PAC Hot Lunch
- 29 Pro-D Day: No School for students

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 PAC Movie Afternoon (after school in gym)
- 19 PAC Meeting 7:15 in Library
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- 22 PAC Hot Lunch
- 23 Pro-D Day (no school for students)
- 28 Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews 1:53