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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parents & Guardians:

Thank you for your patience, understanding and support while we placed your children into their classrooms. By now students, except one class, know who their teachers will be for this year. This September, we had over 50 new students arrive in our school community. Therefore, all the planning that was done to prepare, didn't apply. We have reopened our portable as a grade 3 classroom and will know shortly who that classroom teacher will be for the remainder of the year. I would like to thank Ms. Gustafson for her outstanding leadership in setting the portable up and teaching "her" class while we wait for the classroom teacher to be appointed.

I would like to remind those of you who drop off and pick up your children in the parking lot to: refrain from parking in the handicap parking spots. Please keep the stream of traffic flowing by using the "drop and drive" area when dropping off your children and please be mindful of the school bus zone.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**JUST A REMINDER SCHOOL SUPPLY FEES ARE DUE. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY AT THIS TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE A PAYMENT PLAN.**



**With the cooler fall weather approaching, please ensure that your children are dressed in weather appropriate attire. Please also remember to label their items of clothing.**



## DT School Spirit Day

Krystina Murphy is a very special little girl in Grade 2 at our school who will be heading to the Children's Hospital in Vancouver periodically. Krystina has a special stuffed animal friend, "Ruby" the monkey, who will sit in her seat while she is away. This monkey has already been up to some 'monkey business' around the school! Because of this, our first DT school spirit day is going to be all about the MONKEY BUSINESS! Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> will be a 'Monkey' themed day: dress like a monkey, bring your favorite stuffed monkey to school, etc. Make sure to pack a banana in your lunch 😊

**PICTURE DAY HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 22ND**



## CELLPHONES ~ IPODS ~ CAMERAS

It has been observed that inappropriate use of cell phones and cameras on school grounds is increasing.



According to School Policy 600.1 2i, students are expected NOT to:

- Use personal technology devices such as cell phones or cameras during the school day except where expressly authorized.

Students who contravene this Code of Conduct will be subject to progressive discipline, reflective of the age of the student, and the severity and frequency of the unacceptable conduct. The discipline will be fair, consistent and meaningful for the purpose of making restitution and enhancing student responsibility and self-discipline.

Students are not to be using their cell phones or cameras on school grounds.

Please be aware that the school phone is available to students who ask their teachers and provide the office with a phone slip/pass.

## PAC NEWS

❖ The next PAC meeting will be on Wed, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Library.



## Before & After School Care

☆ Looking for out-of-school care for your child? **Bumble + Bean Out of School Program** is located in the new Westsyde Neighbourhood Centre (Westsyde Elementary School) and is designed specifically with your 5-12 year old child in mind. We have a large playroom, gymnasium, field and playground where your child can participate in tons of fun activities such as sports, free play, crafts and more! Pick up and Drop off from DT. Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Please contact **Stephanie Morrison at 250-319-2013** for more information. ☆



## SKATE BOARDS & SCOOTERS

It is wonderful to see so many children riding their skateboards and scooters to school each day! Parents/Guardians please note: scooters must be locked up at the bike racks and skate boards must be secured in student's lockers. We have noticed some students storing their skateboards and scooters in the hallways and on top of lockers. Unfortunately this has become a serious safety issue. On several occasions students have been observed on their scooters and skateboards in the hallways. Any scooters or skate boards being used on school grounds in an unsafe manner will be taken away and kept in the office to be picked up by the student's parents/guardians. Please review this safety protocol with your children.

Kamloops Early Language and Literacy Initiative  
and School District 73

present

## Parent-Child Mother Goose Program<sup>®</sup>

- Enjoy an hour of rhymes, songs, and stories with your babies and young children
- Learn ways to encourage language development
- Meet other parents
- Learn about community resources



**When and Where:**

FRIDAYS

9:00-10:00AM

Oct 17- 19 at David Thompson Elementary School

**To register:** please call 250-579-9228

Cost: Free!! (Sponsored by the Ministry of Education)

**Ready Set Learn Initiative**





# OCTOBER 2014

| SUNDAY    | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
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|           |  |           | <u>01</u><br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br><u>6:30pm</u>                                   | <u>02</u>  | <u>03</u><br><b>Terry Fox Run @</b><br><u>10:30am</u>  | <u>04</u> |
| <u>05</u> | <u>06</u>  | <u>07</u> | <u>08</u>  | <u>09</u>  | <u>10</u>  | <u>11</u> |
| <u>12</u> | <u>13</u><br><b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b><br> | <u>14</u> | <u>15</u>  | <u>16</u><br><b>Early Closure</b><br><u>@12:30pm</u> | <u>17</u><br><b>DT Spirit Day -</b><br><b>"Monkey Business"</b><br><b>Day</b>  | <u>18</u> |
| <u>19</u> | <u>20</u>  | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u><br><b>PHOTO DAY</b><br><br><b>PAC Meeting</b><br><b>6:30pm - Library</b> | <u>23</u>  | <u>24</u><br><b>In Service Day</b><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>   | <u>25</u> |
| <u>26</u> | <u>27</u>  | <u>28</u> | <u>29</u>  | <u>30</u>  | <u>31</u><br><b>Happy Halloween</b><br> |           |