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Principal's Message:

We, at DT, are looking forward to the longer days and, hopefully, spring like weather in February. Thank you for your assistance by sending your children to school prepared for every kind of weather change possible in January. In fact, as I write this, the weather has changed back to be more like spring complete with lots of melting snow, and a bare sliding hill.

I would like to acknowledge the parents who organize our school meal program at DT. Thanks to them, children are enjoying fantastic meals once a week, and I'm sure you are enjoying not having to make lunches on those days.

Please be mindful, when requesting to speak to teachers about your child's learning program, to request a meeting ahead of time. Although teachers appreciate hearing from you, they spend every spare, unscheduled moment in school preparing for their students' learning. Please call the school or email to request a mutually agreeable meeting time that will ensure that the classroom teacher is prepared for your meeting and also, as importantly, ensure that they are prepared to teach their students.

Along a similar topic, please be aware that the behaviour expected of students in David Thompson is also the same behaviour expected of family members while in the school, on the playground or involved in a school activity such as a field trip. Please be reminded that the staff and students expect a safe, comfortable workplace that is free from harassment of any kind. Although I acknowledge that occasionally decisions are made that are not always agreed upon, please contact the school to make an appointment to ask for clarification and when meeting, address your concerns in a respectful, calm manner.

Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

DeDe DeRose,
Principal

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents/Guardians: please remember to phone the school 250-579-9228 in advance to let us know if your child(ren) will be away. This will help us tremendously each morning by reducing the amount of time it takes for us to determine that all students are safe and accounted for. Thank you.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 [KAMLOOPS/THOMPSON] KINDERGARTEN AND SCHOOLS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

School District No. 73 [Kamloops/Thompson] will register students for September 2015 as follows:

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE 2015

February 23 to 27 at Schools of Choice
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Schools of Choice will register as follows:

- Beattie School of the Arts (Grades K-12)
- Bert Edwards School of Science and Technology (Grades K-6)
- Montessori at Aberdeen Elementary School (Grades K-6)
- French Immersion at Lloyd George Elementary (Grades K-1)
- French Immersion at South Sa-Hali Elementary (Grades K-1)

If you are registering for grades 1 and above for a school of choice, please bring your child's most recent report card with you.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

March 2 to 6 at Neighbourhood Schools
9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for kindergarten on these dates at neighbourhood schools. Information on the catchment areas is available on our website: www.sd73.bc.ca

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2015, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2015.

Please bring your child's original birth certificate, Care Card, and proof of address with you when registering for kindergarten.

ELEMENTARY STUDENT TRANSFERS

We would like to advise all parents and guardians that requests for student transfers for the 2015-16 school year will be accepted starting March 01, 2015 and will end at 12:00noon on August 30, 2015. All submissions must be made in writing and forwarded to the receiving school's principal. All decisions regarding student transfers will be in accordance with Board Policy 300.1 School Boundaries and Student Transfer Requests.



WELCOME TO DT

Please Welcome Mrs. Sierra Haw, she will be working in the LART room. Ms. Brianna Davidson and Mrs. Terri Rowand have also joined DT's staff as CEA's and will be working in a variety of classrooms.

Welcome ☺.



School Spirit Days

The leadership students at DT are hosting two spirit days in February. All students are invited to participate. On **Friday,**

February 13th, students are invited to



dress in red, wear hearts ♥♥♥ and don't forget your fancy Valentine's

Day Socks! On **Wednesday,**

February 25th students are invited to

wear their finest **PINK SHIRT** in support of 2015's National Pink Shirt Day.



David Thompson Elementary 2014-2015 School Calendar

Friday September 26 th	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday, October 13 th	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, October 24 th	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, December 5 th	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, December 19 th	Last Day of classes before Christmas (Winter) Break
December 22 nd – January 2 nd	Christmas (Winter) Break
Monday, January 05	Classes Resume – regular school day
Monday, February 09	Family Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, February 20 th	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Thursday, March 05	Early Closure – Dismissal @ 12:30pm
March 16 – March 27	Spring Break
Monday, March 30 th	Classes Resume – regular school day
Friday, April 03	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 06	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Monday, April 20 th	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 11	In-Service Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 18 th	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
Thursday, June 25 th	Last Day for Students – 12:00 noon dismissal – Final Report Cards
Friday, June 26 th	Administration Day – Last Day for Staff

Candy Grams



The Leadership students at David Thompson will be selling candy grams during the week prior to Valentine's Day. For .25 cents you can send a special treat to your BFF or to your favorite teacher ☺ More info will be sent home in the days to come.

PAC NEWS

☆☆ The next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend ☺

☆☆ Yearbooks will go on sale shortly. \$15 for a basic book, hardcover and personalized cover upgrades available for an additional charge.

A visit from Joe Hickett's, Team Canada Gold Medalist





FEBRUARY 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u> Young People's Concert @ Sagebrush Theatre	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u> Hot Dog Lunch Day	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>
	Groundhog Day					
<u>08</u>	<u>09</u> Family Day No School	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Pizza Lunch Day	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Valentine's Day
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> PAG Meeting @ 6:30 Library	<u>19</u> Chopped Leaf Lunch Day	<u>20</u> In Service Day No School	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>  PINK IS NOT ENOUGH	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Senior Froggy Lunch Day	<u>28</u>

