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Newsletter #8 – April 5th, 2015

Day of Suwewtwecw

April 7th is a Day of Recognition of the Secwepemc people and their territory. Schools will be holding assemblies followed by activities related to learning more about the Secwepemc people and Identity through Story Telling. David Thompson Elementary will be holding an assembly on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

PARENT PROTOCOL OF SCHOOL ISSUES AND CONCERNS

Parents/Guardians, if there are any concerns about a particular classroom situation, please discuss the circumstances with the teacher. When requiring a time to speak with a teacher, please phone/email ahead of time and make arrangements to meet with the teacher at a non-teaching time when students are not present. This provides the opportunity for a positive productive meeting.

Non-instructional day

Monday, April 18th is a non-instructional day for teachers. There will be no school for students that day.

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED ON APRIL 22ND, BOOGIE RUN DAY.

TICKS

The time to be on the look-out for ticks has arrived.



PREVENTION:

before going outdoors in a tick-infested area (bushes, grass, fields, trails) use the following precautions:

- Put on light-coloured clothing and tuck pant legs into socks
- Apply an insect repellent containing DEET to exposed areas of skin or to clothing. Apply carefully around eyes and mouth.
- Children and pregnant women should use a lower concentration DEET product
- Don't put repellent on small children's hands because they often put their hands in their mouths
- After returning indoors, wash the repellent off with soap and water

HOME TREATMENT:

- Check regularly for ticks when you are out in the woods, and thoroughly examine your skin and scalp when you return home. Check your pets too. The sooner ticks are removed, the less likely they are to spread infection.
- Remove a tick using one of these methods- (i) using tweezers, gently pull on the tick, as close to the skin as possible. Pull straight out and try not to crush the tick's body. (ii) gently tighten a loop of thread around the head of the tick (not the body) and slowly pull the tick away from the skin with the thread.
- wash the area with soap and water, and apply an antiseptic. Save the tick in a jar for tests in case you develop flu-like symptoms after you have been bitten.

WHEN TO CALL A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL:

- if you are unable to remove the entire tick
- if a tick has been attached for more than 24 hours and you live in an area where Lyme disease is common.
- if you develop a red rash that may look like a bull's eye and expands over several days, especially if you know you were recently exposed to ticks. The rash may or may not be in the same location you were bitten, and may be accompanied by flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue, headache, stiff neck, fever, chills or body aches.

DAVID THOMPSON NEIGHBOURHOOD

There have been some concerns around student behavior to and from school, particularly in some of the walkways around the school area. At the school we have reviewed the expectations for treating our neighbours and their property respectfully. We ask that you review this with your children.

CLASS PICTURE DAY



ON APRIL 19TH EACH CLASS WILL BE HAVING THEIR GROUP PHOTO TAKEN.



RELAY FEST

DT will have two teams of four, one boys team and one girls team, at the Relay Fest at TCC on April 13th.

DT FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Bring your family to DT on April 7 from 6:30-7:30 for fun and door prizes! You will learn easy-to-play, quick games that will improve math basics at any level. Each family will receive a mini kit with all materials and instructions required to play the 6 games you will be learning.



JUMP ROPE FOR

☆The Jump Rope for Heart kick off assembly will be from 2-2:20pm on Monday April 11th. Pledge forms will be going home with all students. DT will be trying to reach the same goal as last year which was \$9000.00! The Jump Event will be held at our school on Friday May 13th in the afternoon and all pledge forms will be due on that day as well.☆

PAC MEETING

☆The next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, April 19th @ 6:30pm in the Library. Child minding is available.☆

Yearbook Orders

☆Yearbook Orders are due APRIL 15TH!!!
 ☆Order forms must be accompanied with payment – cash or cheque, made payable to DT PAC.
 ☆Yearbooks can also be ordered online at:
<https://dthompson.hotlunches.net>

LATE ORDERS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED



APRIL 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>
<u>03</u>	<u>04</u> <u>Non Instructional Day</u>	<u>05</u> Classes Resume	<u>06</u> Hot Dog Lunch Day	<u>07</u> Day of Suwentwecw Family Math Night @6:30pm - library	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Jump Rope for  Kick-off assembly</u>	<u>12</u> YPC @ Sagebrush Theatre	<u>13</u> Relay Fest Pizza Lunch Day Cyber Safety Presentation Gr 6 & 7	<u>14</u> Battle of the Books Zones	<u>15</u> Chopped Leaf Lunch Day	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Non Instructional Day</u>	<u>19</u> Class Group Photo Day PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm – Library	<u>20</u> Swim Meet	<u>21</u> Spaghetti Bolognese Lunch Day Home Alone Course 3:00-5:30 (pre-registration required)	<u>22</u> DT Boogie the Bridge	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Senor Froggy Lunch Day	<u>28</u> Honour Choir Performance	<u>29</u> Pink Day	<u>30</u>