



BICS THIS WEEK: February 13-17, 2023

The Week Ahead	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12:20 PM, Student Council12:20 PM, Junior Choir12:20 PM, Boys Basketball Practice
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7:45 AM, Girls Basketball Practice12:20 PM, Girls Basketball PracticeBasketball: Boys at Irwin Park; Girls at BICS
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7:45 AM, Girls Basketball Practice6-7 PM, PAC Meeting; BICS Library
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Council Spirit Day: Monochrome Day; students are encouraged to dress in just one colour.8-8:30 AM, Grades 4-6 Multisport Open Gym12:20 PM; Student Council Popcorn Sale
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reading Break; School Not in Session

Information, Requests, Reminders	
Popcorn Sale & Monochrome Day	<p>Student Council will sell popcorn at the beginning of lunch on Thursday. Students who would like to purchase popcorn are asked to bring in a toonie. Proceeds go to support the Student Council's Sponsor Child with her education.</p> <p>For fun, Student Council also encourages students to dress in just one colour on Thursday for "Monochrome Day".</p>
Valentine's Day	<p>Sometimes students, families and classes like to use Valentine's, or a day near Valentine's Day, as an opportunity to promote kindness. Classes may have unique approaches but two commonalities among all classes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Food should not be brought in to share. Students have different dietary preferences and needs, and parents have different values as to what their students eat. This is no doubt a challenge at things like birthday parties and other events, but shouldn't be a concern at school.If a child wishes to bring in a card or a little gift (e.g. pencil, eraser) for a friend, they should bring one to all members of the class. If a child has something extra special for someone, they should share that outside of school time.
Reminder: Upcoming Dates	<p>There are several dates in February for families to be aware of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday, February 17 – Reading Break; School Not in SessionMonday, February 20, Family Day, School Not in SessionFriday, February 24, Student Release Drill; early dismissal for families → details here

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sunday, February 26, Children’s Fun Fair: This free event is for families with children 0-5 years old featuring a Drum Circle, the musician Katie Brock, and fun activities and food! A poster for this event is below and further details will be shared with families directly.
<p>Learning Highlight: Black History Month (Part 1)</p> <p>Students across the grades have been engaging in learning about Black History in Canada. Here is a sample. Inspired by this CBC Video, Ms. Adkin’s class been learning about famous Black Canadians and Americans such as Viola Desmond, Michaelle Jean, Oscar Peterson, and the American Mathematician Mary Jackson. Ms. Van Schouwen’s class has been learning about Ghanaian Kente Cloth and doing a related art project featuring some of the designs they have seen. Ms. Nicolson’s class read the book, <i>Meet Willie O’Ree</i>, about a hockey player from New Brunswick, who was the first black player ever in the NHL. Students learned about how he overcame obstacles, faced racism, and had a severe injury, but followed his dream and believed in himself.</p> <p>Exposure to diversity and recognizing and celebrating people who have persevered despite huge obstacles continues to be important learning for students.</p>	
<p>Help prevent the Spread of Communicable Diseases</p> <p>Click here for information from Vancouver Coastal Health about when to keep your child home from school.</p> <p>Click here for information about Health Checks including symptoms of illness.</p> <p>Click here to access the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.</p>	
<p>Bus Status Board</p> <p>Click here to access the Bus Status Board, which is updated when families are notified of bus disruptions and/or cancellations or the potential of them.</p>	

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A DAY OF FUN!

CHILDREN'S FAIR

Featuring Children's Musician Katie Brock

Games | Music | Crafts | Snacks | Drumming Circle & much more

Parents, caregivers, and children 0-5 please join us at the

BICS Gym from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

on Sunday, February 26th

We are **setting** the stage to get **ready** to welcome you into our joyful community of **learners**