

February 1, 2024

**CHANGE IN OFFICE PROCEDURE
LEAVING EARLIER THAN 2:35 PM**

Please email your child's teacher AND the office **on the morning** of any early departure so that teaching staff are aware. Unscheduled student pick up should only occur in the case of emergency. Students are responsible for getting themselves to the office for early departures.
*Please help to reinforce this change of process with your child/ren.

IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

PLEASE EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE - ethoma@wvschools.ca or call 604-981-1330

LOOKING AHEAD

February 2	Spirit Wear Day
February 5	Saleema Noon - Parent Zoom Session 6:30pm; no cost / no need to RSVP https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89099065383?pwd=MHA1SlY1aGpQUjNmWElSnRldlROQT09 Meeting ID: 890 9906 5383 Passcode: 580911
February 8	Lunar New Year Celebrations at Cypress Park; Parents welcome at 2:35; Everyone is encouraged to wear RED .
February 9	Saleema Noon - Student Sessions 9:00-12:00
February 9	Spirit Wear Day
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 16	Reading Break - school not in session
February 19	Family Day - stat holiday - school not in session
February 21	Mother Language Day
February 23	Spirit Wear Day
February 27	5:30 PM PAC Meeting - new time and location (PAC Chair's house)
February 28	Pink Shirt Day

SCIENCE WORLD

KINDERGARTEN, GRADE ONE AND GRADE TWO
Science World fieldtrip forms went home yesterday to students. Please sign and return to your classroom teacher by **February 15th**. Fieldtrip fees can be paid online at [schoolcashonline](https://schoolcashonline.com).

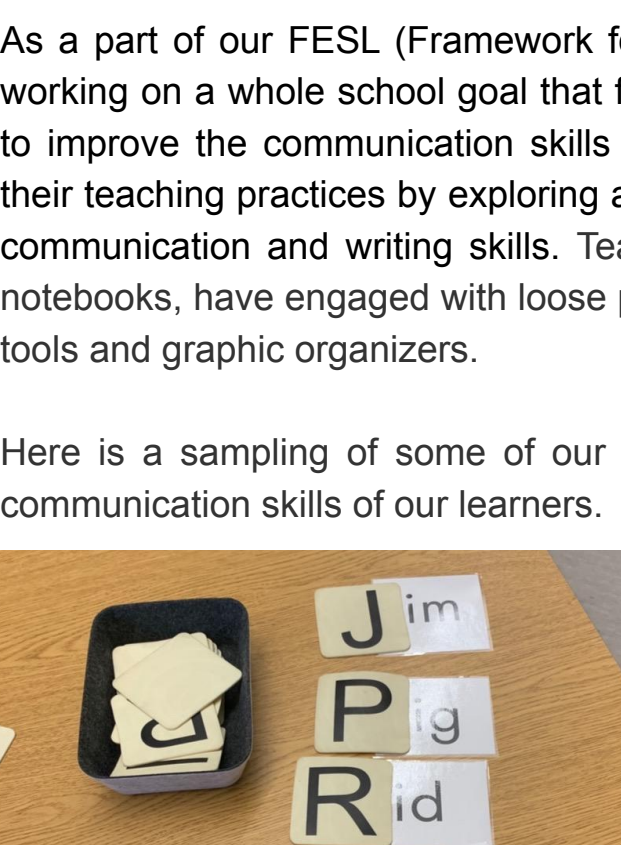
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build



February is Black History Month. This is a time to celebrate and remember all the ways that Black Canadians have contributed to Canada's history and culture. Throughout the month, this celebration provides a chance to learn more about Black Canadian communities and how they continue to help shape Canada.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION - YEAR OF THE DRAGON



It is the year of the Dragon and Cypress Park will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on February 8th, 2024. Year of the Dragon symbolizes power, nobility, honor, luck, and success.

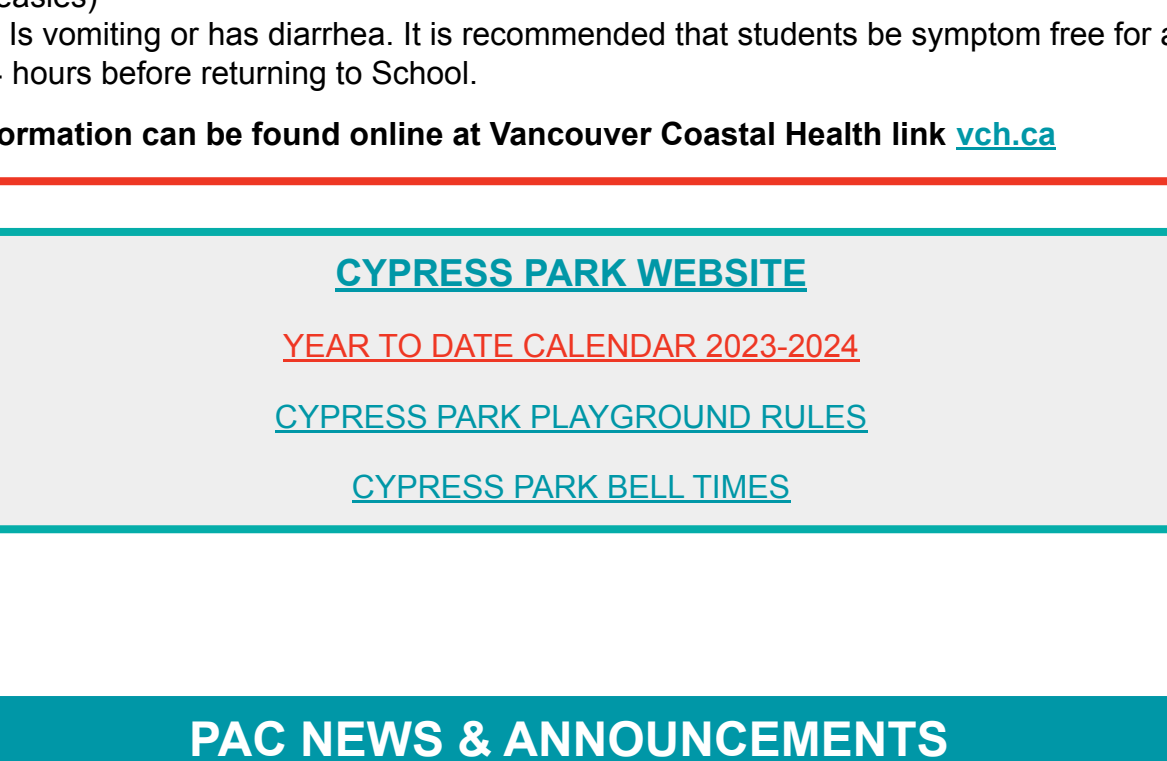
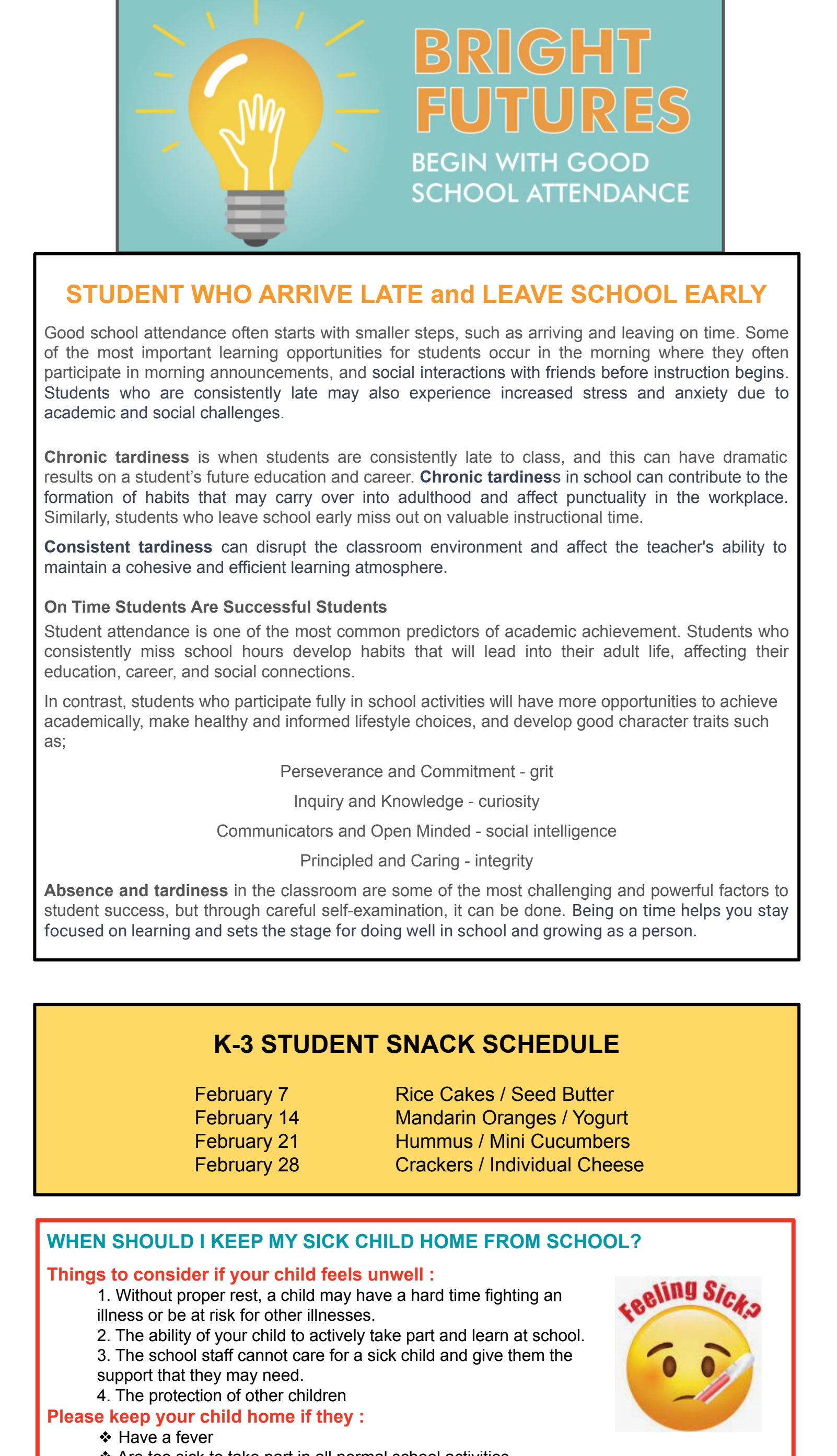
Thanks to our amazing PAC's - Lunar New Year Committee, students will have an opportunity to engage in a variety of New Year themed activities in the afternoon. From traditional crafts, storytelling, dance, food and more.

Parents are invited to join us, and partake in the Lunar New Year festivities after the dismissal bell at 2:35pm in the gym.

COMMUNICATION CORNER - HOW THE WORLD WORKS

As a part of our FESL (Framework for Enhancing Student Learning), we have been working on a whole school goal that focuses on developing inclusive writing practices to improve the communication skills of all learners. Teachers have been enhancing their teaching practices by exploring a variety of ways to support all learners with their communication and writing skills. Teachers have included more open-ended writing notebooks, have engaged with loose parts, have used digital literacies and a variety of tools and graphic organizers.

Here is a sampling of some of our learning engagements that have enhanced the communication skills of our learners.



STUDENT WHO ARRIVE LATE and LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY

Good school attendance often starts with smaller steps, such as arriving and leaving on time. Some of the most important learning opportunities for students occur in the morning where they often participate in morning announcements, and social interactions with friends before instruction begins. Students who are consistently late may also experience increased stress and anxiety due to academic and social challenges.

Chronic tardiness is when students are consistently late to class, and this can have dramatic results on a student's future education and career. **Chronic tardiness** in school can contribute to the formation of habits that may carry over into adulthood and affect punctuality in the workplace. Similarly, students who leave school early miss out on valuable instructional time.

Consistent tardiness can disrupt the classroom environment and affect the teacher's ability to maintain a cohesive and efficient learning atmosphere.

On Time Students Are Successful Students
Student attendance is one of the most common predictors of academic achievement. Students who consistently miss school hours develop habits that will lead into their adult life, affecting their education, career, and social connections.

In contrast, students who participate fully in school activities will have more opportunities to achieve academically, make healthy and informed lifestyle choices, and develop good character traits such as:

- Perseverance and Commitment - grit
- Inquiry and Knowledge - curiosity
- Communicators and Open Minded - social intelligence
- Principled and Caring - integrity

Absence and tardiness in the classroom are some of the most challenging and powerful factors to student success, but through careful self-examination, it can be done. Being on time helps you stay focused on learning and sets the stage for doing well in school and growing as a person.

K-3 STUDENT SNACK SCHEDULE

February 7	Rice Cakes / Seed Butter
February 14	Mandarin Oranges / Yogurt
February 21	Hummus / Mini Cucumbers
February 28	Crackers / Individual Cheese

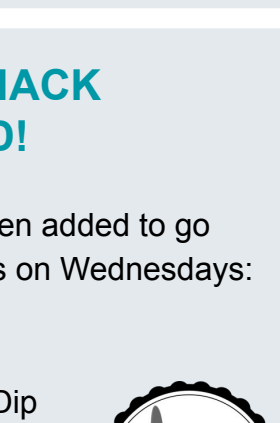
WHEN SHOULD I KEEP MY SICK CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL?

Things to consider if your child feels unwell :

- Without proper rest, a child may have a hard time fighting an illness or be at risk for other illnesses.
- The ability of your child to actively take part and learn at school.
- The school staff cannot care for a sick child and give them the support that they may need.
- The protection of other children

Please keep your child home if they :

- Have a fever
- Are too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- Have a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, chicken pox or measles)
- Is vomiting or has diarrhea. It is recommended that students be symptom free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.



More information can be found online at Vancouver Coastal Health link vch.ca

CYPRESS PARK WEBSITE

[YEAR TO DATE CALENDAR 2023-2024](#)

[CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND RULES](#)

[CYPRESS PARK BELL TIMES](#)

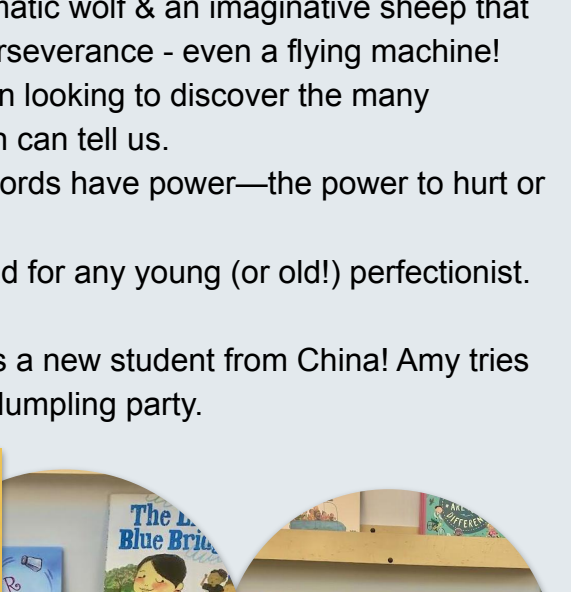
PAC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Next Thursday, February 8th
Everyone is encouraged to wear red!

Parents are invited to join our students after school at 2:35PM for a Lunar New Year celebration which will include storytelling, music, dance, games, calligraphy, crafts, photo booth, food, festivities, red envelopes & more.

♥ A BIG THANKS to all of our parent volunteers!

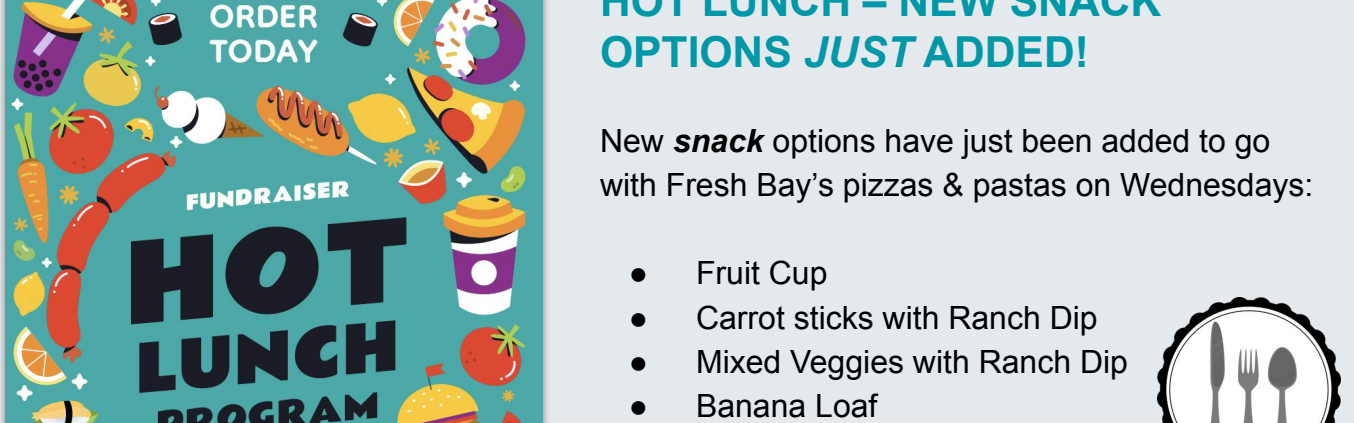


FUNDING FUTURES – HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

– SPONSOR TODAY –

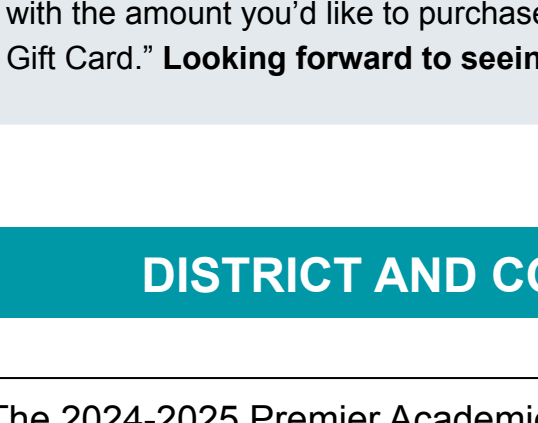
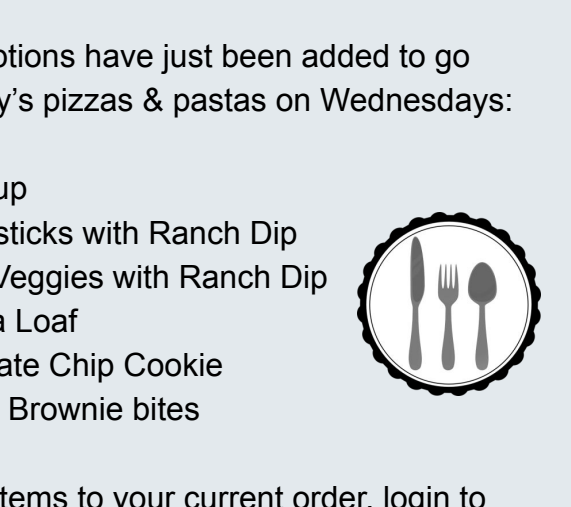
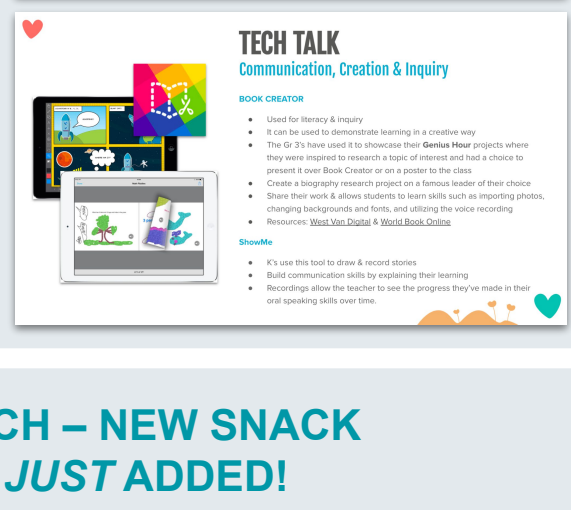
\$4,696 – that's the amount that the PAC has contributed to school literacy this year alone! Here are some library books that we recently purchased:

- Anything is Possible:** A joyful tale about a pragmatic wolf & an imaginative sheep that learn anything is possible through friendship & perseverance - even a flying machine!
- Shapes & Patterns in Nature:** Perfect for children looking to discover the many patterns found in nature & learn what each pattern can tell us.
- What Are Words Really?** Gentle reminder that words have power—the power to hurt or to heal, to make someone feel small or feel tall.
- The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes:** A must read for any young (or old!) perfectionist. It's ok to be perfectly imperfect.
- Amy Wu & the Warm Welcome:** Amy's class has a new student from China! Amy tries hard to make Lin feel included by planning her a dumpling party.



PAC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- PAC Presentation: January 2024**
- Fundraising Targets:** We're 51% of the way to our \$43,000 goal with \$21,245 raised.
- Recent PAC Purchases:** New books for the library, a small freezer for medical supplies such as ice packs.
- Experts Programs:** Lacrosse (Feb 7), G3 skating trip (Feb 29), Fencing (TBD), Earthbites Garden Workshops (April, May & June)
- Tech Talk:** Overview of tools that the students are using such as Epic, Raz-Kids, Book Creator, ShowMe & more.



HOT LUNCH – NEW SNACK OPTIONS JUST ADDED!

New **snack** options have just been added to go with Fresh Bay's pizzas & pastas on Wednesdays:

- Fruit Cup
- Carrot sticks with Ranch Dip
- Mixed Veggies with Ranch Dip
- Banana Loop
- Chocolate Chip Cookie
- 2 piece Brownie bites



To add these items to your current order, login to [munchallunch](#) & click "Order Lunch!"

ORDER or UPDATE HOT LUNCH

SAVE THE DATE: PARENTS SOCIAL

Thurs, Feb 22, 7-9PM – 6190 Marine Dr

Our Parent Social at the Orchard is a casual & fun way to meet other parents. The Orchard has generously agreed to donate back 15% of all gift cards. Please e-transfer to info.pacopp@gmail.com with the amount you'd like to purchase & "Orchard Gift Card." Looking forward to seeing you there!



DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2024-2025 Premier Academies are open for registration! Please visit <https://westvancouver.schools.ca/programs/> for further information.

Premier Academies: Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Volleyball

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I acknowledge and am thankful to live, learn, and work on the territory of the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwamish (Squamish) Nation, on whose territory West Vancouver Schools resides.