



The Lakers Loop

Pinantan Lake Elementary's School Newsletter

March 2020

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Greetings from the PAC! Let the countdown to March break begin! Along with eagerly waiting for March break we are also eagerly awaiting our new playground! With warmer temperatures hopefully on the way, we will soon be starting a countdown for the playground too! PAC will keep you updated when the date for install has been set! Fingers crossed the weather cooperates.

In sports news, congratulations to the Lakers basketball team on a terrific season. Our team works hard, shows outstanding sportsmanship, and it really shows! The celebratory, end of the season, pizza party hosted by Mr Wood was a huge success and a nice reward for their efforts. Well done team!

Hot lunch April! The hot lunch for April is scheduled for Friday the 24th. Restaurant to be determined but as always super yummy!

Sincerely


Nikki Williams

PAC Chairperson

Parent-Child Mother Goose


Our Mother Goose sessions continue to be a great source of learning for our community children and parents. It is so much fun watching the little ones, their parents and instructor Allison engage with one another in story time, song, play and community building. This current session wraps up on March 11 with new sessions beginning again on April 8. See the poster below for registration details.

Kamloops Early Language and Literacy Initiative (KELLI) and School District 73 present



The **Parent-Child Mother Goose Program**

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



Program Details:
 Wednesdays, 9:00—10:00am
 April 8—May 27th, 2020
 At **Pinantan Elementary School**

Registration:
 Wednesday March 25th at 9:30am, via www.eventbrite.ca
 or, register at the **Pinantan Elementary office**

Cost: Free! (Sponsored by the BC Ministry of Education, Ready, Set, Learn Initiative)
 For more information, please call (250) 376-4771

Sports/Athletics

Skating

Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us for our skating morning at Memorial Arena on February 5th. We really appreciated all the help with the skates and getting the kids ready for the ice. It was really terrific having you on the ice, skating with us as well.



Basketball

Another successful season of Lakers basketball is in the books. Congratulations to each of the players who gave their best efforts in each game. It was fun to watch the growth and development in just a few short weeks. As I said to a couple of the players, they are

becoming better at reading and understanding what the other teams are doing and therefore play better offense and defense. Players also began to understand that taking shots closer to the basket is much more productive in scoring, rather than taking 3 point shots from time to time.

On February 26, we had our year end student vs parent basketball game where the Lakers were able to show the parents just how much they had improved in just one season. A great deal of fun was had by all. And wow, was that pizza and beverage ever tasty after the game. Thanks for a great season, Lakers. I was proud to be your coach. Thanks also to all the parents who came out to each of the games to cheer our Lakers on. GOOOOOO LAKERS!!



Math Challenge

On March 4th, a team of students from our intermediate class are heading to the Math Challenge. Math Challenge is an event put on by the school district each year where grade 5/6/7 students will compete by writing a math test. Again this year, the Math Challenge will have a team approach. Schools will send a team of three students to compete at the district level on problems that require the students to work together, think critically and creatively and communicate their solutions. The Math Challenge will take place at the Henry Grube Education Center on March 4 from 8:00 -12:00 in the morning.

Good Luck to our Pinantan Lakers!

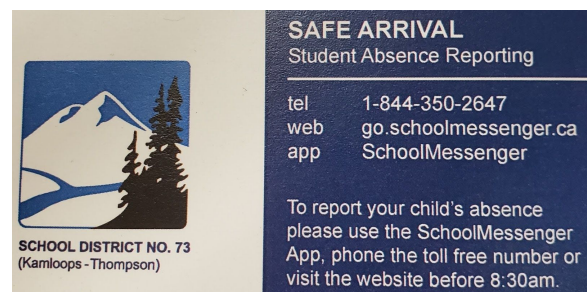
Young Artists / Young Authors

Over the next few days your children in grades 4-7 will be receiving information on how to get involved in Young Artists and Young Authors. These events are where students can enter pieces of art and /or stories that they have produced that will be judged at the school level with a few being judged and entered at the district level. Please encourage your child to get involved in Young Artists and/or Young Authors as it is a great way to focus on something that is productive and fun while learning and developing a strength or passion.

Heritage Fair

Intermediate students will once again this year be involved in a Heritage Fair project where they learn about something that is important to them and has historical significance. More information will be coming your way in the days to come.

Safe Arrival



The graphic is a rectangular box with a dark blue background. On the left side, there is a white square containing a stylized illustration of a mountain range and evergreen trees. Below this illustration, the text reads "SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops - Thompson)". To the right of the illustration, the text "SAFE ARRIVAL" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters. Below this, "Student Absence Reporting" is written in a smaller white font. A horizontal line separates this header from the contact information below. The contact information is listed in white text: "tel 1-844-350-2647", "web go.schoolmessenger.ca", and "app SchoolMessenger". At the bottom of the graphic, a paragraph of white text reads: "To report your child's absence please use the SchoolMessenger App, phone the toll free number or visit the website before 8:30am."

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school's office. Let's keep our children safe and accounted for, together.

How to Prevent Head Lice

Check your child's head every week for head lice and teach your child not to share hats, hair accessories, scarves, helmets, combs/brushes, etc. If you would like more information on head lice and treatment, please go to www.interiorhealth.ca

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 -9:00-10:00 Mother Goose -Students got to Math Challenge	5 -BC Wildlife Program here to visit classes	6 Kamloops Blazers Hockey Game (all tickets have been spoken for)
9	10 PAC Meeting	11 9:00-10:00 Mother Goose	12 Report Cards go Home	13
16 Spring Break (no school)	17 Spring Break (no school) St. Patrick's Day	18 Spring Break (no school) Book Mobile Here	19 Spring Break (no school)	20 Spring Break (no school)
23 School Reopens	24	25	26 Ms Hunter and Ms Kalan's classes go to 4 Cats or Art Gallery	27
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April 2020

Important dates to keep in mind:

- April 7: Day of Secwentwec
- April 8: Bookmobile 9am to 11am
- April 8: Mother Goose 9am to 10 am
- April 9: School visits the Big Little Science Center
- April 10 Good Friday (No School)
- April 13 Easter Monday (No School)
- April 15: Mother Goose 9am to 10am
- April 22: Mother Goose 9am to 10am
- April 27 non-Instructional Day (No School)
- April 29: Bookmobile 9am to 11am
- April 29: Mother Goose 9am to 10 am

May 2020

- May 1: Jump Rope for Heart
- May 6: Mother Goose 9am to 10am
- May 13: Mother Goose 9am to 10am
- May 15 non-Instructional Day (No School)
- May 18 Victoria Day (No School)
- May 20: Mother Goose 9am to 10am
- May 21: Welcome to Kindergarten 10:45am