

♡ **FEBRUARY 2018** ♡

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Thursday & Friday, February 22, 23, 2018  
No school for students.

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

February 2.....Ground Hog Day  
February 7.....PAC Meeting 6 pm  
February 12.....BC Family Day  
.....School is closed  
February 14.....Valentines Day  
February 16.....Chinese New Year  
.....Year of the Dog  
February 22.....District Non-Instructional Day  
February 23.....District Non-Instructional Day

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY DEVICES**



If phones/ipods/etc. are brought to school they must stay out of sight and are not to be used (including recess/lunch) without teacher permission. Student photographing or video-recording can ONLY be on a school device and under the direction of the classroom teacher for a project, etc. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**PBIS UPDATE**

PBIS stands for Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support. It involves development and implementation of school-wide systems that support and enhance social-emotional and academic learning for all students. Our school has been successfully working on some PBIS initiatives. As you may have noticed, our hallway beehive was buzzing with WITS bees for the months of November and December. Students were working on using their WITS (Walk Away / Ignore / Talk it Out / Seek Help). Whenever students were caught using their WITS they received a bee to stick on the beehive. Once the students filled up the beehive, the whole school earned an extra recess which we enjoyed earlier in January. We have now shifted our focus to one of respect. Each classroom has come up with a class 'respect' goal. These goals are now posted on the beehive along with any BEST Buzz Tickets that are 'respect' related. Take a moment to check these out. We will update you with how our respect goals



are coming next newsletter. We hope you notice when you visit our school that it is BUZZING WITH RESPECT.

**PARKING / DROP OFF**



Our student drop off area on York Avenue is meant for parents to pull in to the zone and drop students off. *It is not a short term parking area.*

The bus zones are NO PARKING at any time. A school bus will pick up and drop of Brock Middle School students each day. The bus zone on Windsor Ave is also NO PARKING at any time. Parking is available in many other areas around the school and your help with road safety will assist us in providing a safe place for students to walk and ride to school.



Parents are reminded that the staff parking lot is for staff only vehicles at the start and end of the school day (8:15 – 8:45 and 2:15 – 2:45). Please respect this policy for the sake of student safety, as we have had close calls in our parking lot. Please also please respect parking reserved for staff, our handicap stall and loading zone.



The School Act mandates three formal and two informal reports from school a year. Typically, our informal reports have come in the form of teacher/parent interviews. This year, we have two partial days for interviews (In the past we have had four), and these days were used in October for interviews and the first informal report. Please expect some form of informal report from your child's teacher between Monday, February 5th and Friday, February 16th. Teachers may choose formats such as open houses, letters, phone calls, or self-assessments during this time. Our second formal reports come home on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> just prior to the Spring Break period.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT

At our 2nd Young People's Concert on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a musical group out of Whitehorse, Yukon called "Speed Theory." In their performance, they demonstrate how some of the most innovative music in the world has come from Canadian musicians. Follow Speed Control through the last 50 years of famous Canadian artists and how their music affected others of both their own generation and those to come. From Paul Anka to the Barenaked Ladies, we will learn how Canada has become a major force in popular music in this smart, humorous, and exciting show!

## SD#73 and BEST FIVE YEAR PLANS!

SD 73's newly implemented five-year strategic plan aims to give our graduates the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century. The plan's six priorities provide a great blueprint for local education! Please check out this awesome learning plan at:

<https://goo.gl/bEsNfE#sd73share>

The Bert Edwards Learning Plan can be accessed in full on our BEST web page at <http://best.sd73.bc.ca/>

Our school goals are:

- 1) All students will improve their foundational skills in literacy.
- 2) All students will improve their foundational skills in numeracy.
- 3) All students will improve in their ability to resolve problems peacefully and to create and maintain healthy relationships with their peers and adults in school settings.

We have been working hard with the implementation of strategies – within individual classrooms and as a school – as we work towards fulfilling these goals: the RCMP WITS program, Come Read with Me, Classroom Self Regulation kits, and collaboration with our District resource staff are but a few examples.

## SHAPEDOWN BC

Sponsored by Interior Health, Shapedown BC is a provincial program that helps to support healthy families by employing Pediatricians, Dietitians, Social Workers, and Exercise Specialists to provide information about nutrition, exercise, body weight and self esteem. The program guidelines will be sent out to families in all SD#73 schools, with the aim of building on family strengths by supporting and creating healthy eating and active lifestyles. More info to follow in February.



## STAYING HEALTHY

*"Is Your Child Too Sick To Go To School"*



Interior Health advises parents to keep children home if they have:

- a fever of 38 degrees C (100 degrees F) – and then keep them home for 24 hours after the fever is gone;
- vomiting or diarrhea – and then keep them home for at least 24 hours after the last episode;
- a severe sore throat – particularly if you can see white or red spots at the back of the throat or if your child also has a fever;
- rashes of unknown origin – these may be contagious;
- a deep, hacking cough – along with a runny nose and headache;
- untreated infections of the eye, ear or skin – watch for symptoms such as redness, swelling, or discharge
- For more info on student health please visit <http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>