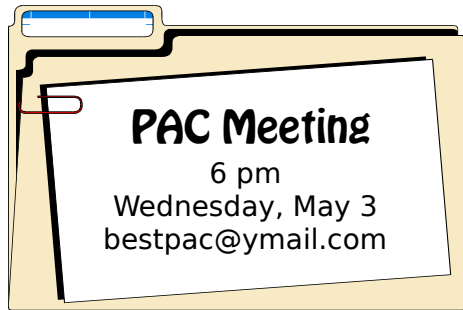


APRIL 2016



SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to our BEST students who participated in the Cariboo Mainline Regional Science Fair at TRU. Well done! You should all be very proud of your achievements and hard work:




Jonas Ens
Aidan Connolly
Thomas Yarama
Liam Marrington
Gurvir Khunkhun
Brooke Pawlachuk
Taya Johnston-Newton

APRIL LUNCH PROGRAM

April 27th is an Early Closure Day with school closing at 12:30 pm. Lunches will not be served this day. If you have pre-ordered a lunch on the April Meals form, please credit one lunch on the May menu. Thank you and sorry for this inconvenience.



MORNING PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL



For safety and liability reasons the school is not open to the public, parents or students, without an appointment, prior to the first bell at 8:20am. If you need to be in the school prior to 8:20, please make an appointment with the main office. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

REPORT CARD ENVELOPES

Please return the brown envelope that contains your child's report card. In order to reduce costs we reuse the envelope throughout the year.

DIELEMAN FUNDRAISER

On April 3 fundraising magazines from Dielemen Sales went home with each student. We ran this fundraiser out of the school office to help support our the year-end activities, field trips and awards. We appreciate your support in helping us with this fundraiser.

DRESS CODE @ BEST

With the warming weather comes the need to remind students of the importance of appropriate dress at school. Attached is a poster that gives a very good description of what is appropriate dress for students in a learning/working environment. If students are inappropriately dressed at school, they will be asked to either cover up or change (this may require being sent home in order to do so). Thank you for taking the time to speak to your child about appropriate dress for school.

SATISFACTION SURVEY

Information on the School Satisfaction Survey (soon to be renamed the School Learning Survey) will be coming home to parents soon by email. Your input is valuable to us on this survey - thanks in advance for taking the time to complete it.

APRIL CALENDAR EVENTS

Good Friday (school closed)April 14
Easter Monday (school closed)April 17
District Non-Instructional Day.....April 24
Early Closure 12:30 pm.....April 27
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30 - 4 pm
- Make appointments directly with your child's teacher.
- No lunch program served.

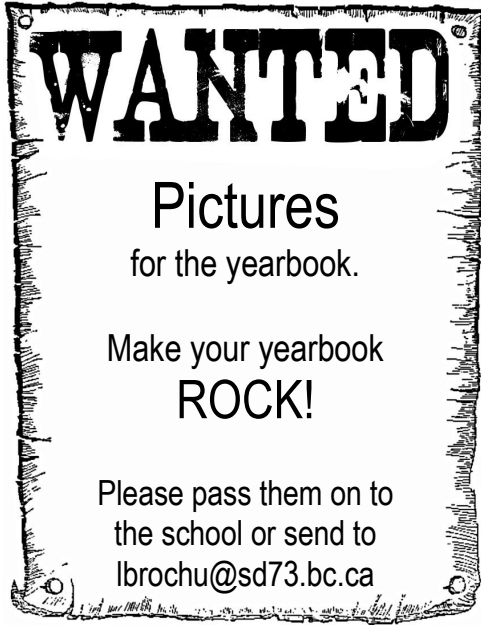
MAY CALENDAR EVENTS

PAC Meeting 6 pm.....May 3
PAC Pizza Day.....May 5
BEST 5 Star Track Meet.....May 9-10
Provincial Election.....May 9
Mother's Day.....May 14
District Non-Instructional Day.....May 15
Victoria Day (school closed).....May 22

Yearbook!

Find out **WHO WON**

the yearbook cover contest **AND** their yearbook by ordering your yearbook and seeing the unveiling at the end of the year! There will be a limited number ordered so order your yearbook now to ensure your child has a keepsake of their **BEST** memories! Only \$20 each.



REMINDER: Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. Please clean up after your dog if he/she decides to use it.





Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: March 13, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - Policy Committee Highlights;
 - Day of Suwentwecw 2017.
2. The Board enjoyed a multi-school presentation from Sa-Hali Secondary Teachers, Andres Ruberg and Jennifer Cacaci, along with two students from their school and one student from Pacific Way Elementary, on their collaborative project Superhero Project/Toy Design.
3. The Board was provided with the Family of Schools' Presentation Schedule for 2017.
4. The Board passed a *motion* on the school calendar that:
 - approved a three-year calendar with an annual one-week spring break for all district schools with the exception of Sun Peaks; and,
 - approved a three-year, four-day week calendar, with an annual one-week spring break for Sun Peaks Elementary; and,
 - directed senior administration to negotiate with the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3500 to establish contract language that allows for a two-week spring break with no loss of instructional days from the approved calendars.
5. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with a schedule of 2017 budget meetings.
6. The Board received a report from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on the highlights from the SD73 Business Company Annual General Meeting.
7. The Board adopted revised Policy 200.1 Board Meetings, as policy for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 3, 2017

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Alain Blais from Lloyd George Elementary School on sensory regulation and mindfulness activities in their school.
2. Trustee Cowden presented a 25-year long-term service award to Cecile McVittie from Sa-Hali Secondary School.
3. Trustee Karpuk presented a 25-year long-term service award to Lori Plastina from Kay Bingham Elementary School.
4. District Vice-Principal Collins provided a presentation to the Board on the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program.
5. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Schoen for the addition of grade 7 at Sun Peaks Elementary School.
6. The Board received a report on the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

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