

Charlie Lake Elementary School
February 2017 Newsletter



On February 6th at 9:00 am, Ms. Coccola's and Mrs. Jones/Stirling's classes will kick off our school-wide week long "Kindness Challenge". This provides our school community the important time to work on social responsibility through the value of kindness. The school will encourage students to contribute by showing as many acts of kindness as possible and the daily total will be on display outside of the library. Other activities include a kindness station in the library on Tuesday and Thursday where students can create cards for others as well as daily announcements about kindness. The first "Kindness Spirit Day" will be held on February 9th. The idea is to represent "Peace, love and kindness" by having "Hippie" day. Please see attached notice.

Student Leadership Spirit Days:

Our student leadership representatives with the support of Miss Polnik and Miss Dressler have been eagerly organizing various school spirit days. All students and staff are encouraged to participate to support their school house team of red, yellow, blue or green.

February 9: Hippie Day

February 14: Wear pink, red or purple day

March 3: Dress like a Celebrity

The Charlie Lake 2017 Science Fair will be held in our gymnasium on February 21, 2017. Parent and guardians are invited to tour student projects in the afternoon after 1:00 pm. In the morning, students will be presenting their projects to judges. Those selected here will proceed to present their projects at the regional science fair; see the following link for more information (<http://www.northernbcregionalsciencefair.ca/>). Many thanks to all parents for your support of this important learning opportunity for our students. This year, Mrs. Fearon is organizing the science fair, and is need of parent volunteer judges. Please contact her at the school to volunteer or if you have questions.



February 16th marks the Heart and Stroke “Jump Rope for Heart” campaign at our school. Many thanks to Mrs. Jones for organizing this event. Permission and pledge forms have been sent home already. If you have yet to get them, please do contact the school. Students will be participating in jump rope activities during the day on February 16th in the gym. Thanks to all of our community for this event such a success!

Sports Update: Mrs. Hicks is the teacher-sponsor and coach for this year’s intermediate badminton team. Practices will be at lunch on Tuesday/Thursdays. More information will be forthcoming and do check our school webpage for updates.

We are in the process of organizing intermediate intramurals in the gymnasium at lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays as well as some after schools for late bus students. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact that school. Once a schedule is confirmed, we will post it on our school website.

PAC News for February 2017 & President’s Message:

Our next PAC meeting is on February 20th at 7 pm in the Racals room. Babysitting is provided free of charge. On March 13, Ryan Pearce from the BCTF will be facilitating a parenting presentation entitled *Advocating for your Child*. More information and sign up will be coming out later in the month. PAC is looking for a DPAC representative to attend DPAC AND SUPAC meetings. Anyone interested can email Geilan at geilan66@yahoo.ca

Important Dates for February 2017

February 6 Values Assembly (Miss Coccola)
 February 9 School Spirit day
 February 13 Family Day - No School

Hot Lunch Program February 2017

Feb 7 Booster Juice
 Feb 8 Hot Dog
 Feb 10 Taco

February 14	Valentine's Day : School Spirit Day	Feb 14	Menchie's
February 20	Values Assembly (Ms. Alexander)	Feb 16	Subway
February 21	Science Fair	Feb 20	Pizza
February 22	National Pink T-shirt day for anti-bullying	Feb 24	Soup
February 24	Science World Presentations	Feb 28	Lasagna
February 27	NID	Many thanks to Gayle Broddle, Foods	
March 3	School Spirit Day	Co-ordinator and team!	

A reminder to parents that there is parent parking in the lot above the staff parking lot to support the large volume of vehicles at the school specifically during drop off in the morning or pick up after school.



Many staff are having difficulty finding parking in the staff lot particularly in the mornings due to a large volume of parent vehicles. Our bus ramp also continues to be problematic as there are several vehicles parking and blocking the buses on the bus ramp. Busses are being delayed and forced to honk at several drivers who are refusing to move. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Please find attached updated information about the Reading Incentive Program!

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It is very much appreciated that parents contact the office in the mornings to let our secretarial staff know of absences; this helps us keep accurate attendance of students and reduces the number of "Kid Check Calls" home on a daily basis.



We would like to welcome Mrs. Wik back to our school effective February 3, 2017; Mrs. Wik will be returning to work at the school as our Learning Assistance Teacher for the remainder of the year. We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to Miss Dressler for all of her hard work and service. You will be missed!

Reading Incentive February News:

During the busy holiday season, many of you took some time off from reading. December and January incentive forms will be honoured in a combined meeting within the first week of February.

We will be doing a draw during that time for one of the two tablets! The Acer will be up for grabs, so make sure you get your forms in to participate in the draw.

I urge students to please listen closely to announcements, as many students have been missing the monthly meetings. If you miss a meeting, you can make up for it at the next one. I will no longer be going to classrooms to collect students that have missed the meeting.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed by texting or calling Melanie Meyer at 250-271-1234

