



March 2015 Newsletter

Charlie Lake Elementary School

We participated in the national pink t-shirt day this past February 25th. The above picture was taken during the primary assembly on bullying. Our guest speaker, Mr. Stephen Beard spoke about his experiences with bullying and shared a strong message about acceptance, tolerance and following one's dreams. Our intermediate classes watched a presentation on bullying as well as listening to our school RCMP liaison officer Constable Yaschuk speak about cyber bullying and cyber safety. All students had the opportunity to make a pledge against bullying placing their thumb print as part of a tree project. This will be on display in the school and commences a yearly tradition at Charlie Lake to remind students about respect of self and respect of all.

March is a busy month. Report cards will be sent home on March 13th, 2015. Parents will also have the opportunity to meet with classroom teachers during the two early dismissal days slated for March 18th and 19th respectively. School will be dismissed one hour earlier on both days at 1:45 pm; district buses will also run one hour earlier. Please contact your child's teacher for schedules of parent meetings. The last day of classes for the month will be on Friday, March 20th. Schools re-open after the Easter weekend on April 7th, 2015.

Important Dates for March:

March 2 NID (no school)

Hot Lunch Dates:

March 6 Taco Day

March 13	Report Cards	March 11	Booster Juice
March 18	Early Dismissal Day	March 16	Pizza Day
March 19	Early Dismissal Day	March 19	Subway
March 20	Last day before Spring Break	April 7	April Orders due

News from PAC:

Next PAC meeting will be on March 9th at 7:00 pm in Rascals. All parents welcome & child minding is provided.

Hot Lunch Orders: April orders will be due on Apr 7th. This is the day after spring break. Please make sure your child has picked up a form if you do not have internet and need to do a paper order. **ALL ORDERS NEED TO BE DONE ONLINE.** We still have a number of students ordering by paper. Only those without internet ought to order by paper form. You may still send payment to the school if you prefer not to use paypal. If you have not ordered online, please go to www.hotlunches.net, and then you will need to click the help link at the top of the screen, and choose support request. In that form you will need to tell us who your children are, and we will email you your child's account login information, so you can do their orders. Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we all get use to the new system.

PAC is hoping to host a food safe course. Anyone interested in taking this course needs to contact the school and we will get you more information as it becomes available.

Extra Eyes Program: Any parent interested in participating in the extra eyes supervision program at the school is asked to contact the office. We are looking for parents who would wish to be "extra eyes" on the playground in the morning, recess, lunch hour and after school. Parents willing to do so would have to complete a Criminal Records Check as per School District policy.

Lost & Found: The lost and found boxes in the school are over-flowing with clothing and footwear. These items will be placed on display the last week before the spring vacation. All items that are not claimed will be donated to charity. Boxes are located in each entrance in both the primary and intermediate wings.

Fire Drill: On Friday, all students exited the building in a safe manner! We are also working closely with the fire dept to ensure our procedures are up to code.

Parent Parking Lot: A big thank you goes out to all the parents using the parent parking lot at the back of the school. There is a graveled walk way from the parking lot to the

playground; however, if we can do anything else to help parent's use this drop off area please let us know.

Athletics: Our basketball teams have played some close exhibition games and will play in the tournaments on March 5 and 6th. Badminton practices are scheduled for Friday after school until 4 pm, coaches will let players know when the team has more practice times when basketball is over. Students continue to enjoy the intramural program running at lunch. At recess intermediate students enjoy playing games in the gym. Last Tuesday, our school liaison officer, Constable Yaschuk also enjoyed meeting the students. A big thanks also goes out to our teachers sponsoring these opportunities!

Jump Rope for Heart: What a fantastic turn-out! Students enjoyed the day immensely and raised \$11,000 for the Heart and Stroke Fund! Thanks to Mrs. Jones and Ms. Van Dyke for sponsoring this event!

Science Fair: Science Fair will take place on March 4th. Students may drop off their projects on Tuesday after school or on Wednesday morning in the gym. Judges will be in the building in the morning. Please check with your child's teacher for available times for visitation.

Milk: The cost of milk has augmented and as a result, milk will cost \$1.00 starting in March.

New Staff Members: Mrs. Rogerson and Mrs. Myles have joined our staff as Lunch Time Monitors. Mrs. Rogerson will also be working as an Educational Assistant.

On behalf of all staff and Administration, we wish all families a wonderful Spring vacation. Many thanks to all parents & guardians for their on-going support of our school community.