

May 2021

'We inspire competence, character and compassion'

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May Dates to Remember



Tues. May 18 Spirit Day – Hat Day
 Thurs. May 20 Class Photo Day
 Fri. May 21 Professional Day
 Mon. May 24 Victoria Day
 Tues. May 25 Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day
 PAC Meeting 6:30pm
 PAC AGM Meeting 7:00pm

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe we are now well into the month of May. I'm sure we speak for many in expressing our happiness that spring is in the air with many sun-filled days and warmer weather. This month our school virtue is **perseverance** which is rather fitting not only as we begin the final month and half of the school year, but also continuing with our steadfast commitment to navigating the pandemic Health and Safety Protocols set by our Provincial Health Officer and the School District to keep all of us safe and healthy.

~Ms. Kass

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2021, please register at:

<https://sd33.vivosforms.com/Form/StudentApplication?p1=2021-2022>

Are You Leaving Strathcona?

In order to plan for 2021-2022, we need to know if there are any students that will be leaving us at the end of this year. Please contact the office, if you will not be returning to Strathcona Elementary in September for the 2021-2022 school year.

Bring your SMILE!

Class Photo Day: Thursday May 20, 2021



PAC AGM Meeting: May 25 @ 6:30pm and AGM @ 7:00pm via zoom.

Ready Set Learn and Kinder Fair

As part of a collaborative initiative with Ministry of Education and the School District, we held our annual Ready Set Learn and Kinder Fair event for preschool children aged 3-5 years old. These events provide an engaging, family-oriented atmosphere to supporting children's transitions into elementary school.

Ready, Set, Learn and Kinder Fair is all about fostering positive connections between families, the school system and local community agencies. Parents and their child enjoyed visiting a variety of stations to pick up activities to support Literacy, Numeracy, Gross and Fine Motor Skills. It was great having families and our youngest learners join us for a morning of fun, connection building and learning.



Thank you to our very dedicated PAC and parent community for purchasing a variety of outdoor play equipment for each class to use during recess, lunch and classroom breaks outside. They are loved by all the students and very much appreciated!



Student Information

We are nearing the point in the school year when we begin to prepare preliminary class lists for the coming school year. This is a process that involves many conversations and careful planning among school staff.

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academics needs are aligned with the need to create balance and effective learning environments. The placement of students into classes is a team approach which includes input by the child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, school based team, support staff, the vice principal and principal. This professional team considers each placement carefully as new classes are developed to include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

There are many factors that are taken into account in the process:

- Academic achievement and needs
- Learning and Teaching styles
- Instructional groupings
- Social Compatibility of groups and students
- Degree of independence in student work habits
- Integration of children with exceptionalities
- Medical information
- Contractual language

Staff also place students with a compatible group that includes friendship and social dynamics. However, being with the same friend or group of friends, year after year is not a high priority.

Additionally, staffing changes and changes in enrolment status occur each year and therefore we are unable to guarantee that the staff we have currently will be the same, nor that they will be teaching the same grade level as they did this year. Some factors are out of our control such as allocation of number of classes we will have at each grade level, straight or combined classes, or the total number of divisions the school will have.

If you feel that there is information, based on the criteria shared, that we should be aware of to add to our current knowledge of your child, so we are able to make an informed decision in placing your child in an appropriate learning environment, you can write a letter or send an email to kim_kass@sd33.bc.ca, outlining educational reasons for your request **PRIOR to June 1st**.

Please note that requests for a particular teacher or class placement (straight or a combined grades), especially when you consider the importance of the above variables, will not be possible.

Sincerely,

Ms. K. Kass