

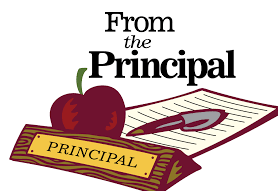
**February 2021**

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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

## Principal's Message

January was a month filled with wet but reasonably nice weather, yet it didn't dampen all of our hard work and progress for us at Greendale Elementary. We focused on our virtue of 'Excellence' and have been able to practice it daily during our learning day. With all of the powerful learning that takes place each school day, it is important to remember and recognize the importance of home/school connection and truly live the School District 33 motto of "Partners In Learning". Our new virtue for the month of February is 'Respect'. Our students are showing improvement in reading as evidenced by the number of students who are both excited to read and showing improvements on assessments. It truly is amazing to be a part of such a special community where students, staff and parents all work and learn together.



From  
the  
**Principal**

Sincerely,

**Noel Sharman**

*"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education."* -  
Martin Luther King Jr.



Feb 10	PAC meeting
Feb 11	Early Dismissal
Feb 12	Spirit Day – Red, White & Pink day
Feb 15	Family Day – No School
Feb 19	Non-Instructional Day (District wide)
Feb 24	Pink Shirt Day
Mar 10	PAC meeting
Mar 15-26	Spring Break
Mar 29	School reopens

## School Communication

Our school is trying to promote more environmentally friendly options to communicate. We will be using email, our website, and Facebook to communicate regularly with parents. Our school website has a great deal of information on it and is regularly updated. Please check it out at <http://gcs.sd33.bc.ca/>.

There will be a Friday email with updates for the following week. Newsletters will be written monthly and emailed to parents. All newsletters will also be posted on our school website.



## Dressing for the Weather



We are in rainy West Coast season and we play outside in the rain or shine! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for ALL types of

weather: Boots, gloves, hat, rain jacket, winter jacket. Unless it is extreme wind, rain, or cold, students will be playing outside during recess and lunch.

## Early Dismissal

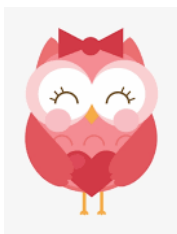
There will be an early dismissal coming up on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. School will be dismissed at 11:00am. Buses will be running. Please make arrangements ahead of time for pick up.



Family Day is on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be no school this day.

## Valentine's Day

In order to stay safe and work within our Health and Safety protocols **we are asking that any Valentine's Day cards, treats, etc. are to be brought to school on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in a Ziploc bag or something similar.** We will keep them in the class for the 3 days so they will "self-disinfect" and we will hand them out on Friday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. **Please do not bring in any homemade treats; however, any store-bought treats that are individually packaged is acceptable.** We appreciate your patience and understanding as we try to balance having fun and normalcy with safety!



## Non-Instructional Day

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is a Non-Instructional Day. There will be no school that day for students.

## Pink Shirt Day



On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> we are encouraging all students to wear pink. Students will be able to participate in activities to help promote kindness and tolerance. Wear your PINK!

## Library

Our Reading Link Challenge students have been busy reading the six novels for this year and are working towards a virtual competition in April. Check out our Library page to see what this year's novels are.  
<https://greendale.sd33.bc.ca/library>

Check out [https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading\\_link\\_challenge.php](https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/reading_link_challenge.php) if you want to find out more information regarding the Reading Link Challenge.

A reminder that if students want to put books on hold at our school library, you can click on <https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/61160>. Many students have been doing this and are always excited to receive a much-anticipated book.

## Greendale PAC

Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoom. We would love to see you there!

This month students can look forward to apples being delivered the week of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, thanks to the Fruit and Veggie Program for making that happen!

### Getting to Know Your PAC Exec:

We're continuing our series of introductions this month, and are pleased to spotlight Andrea and Christal! Check out our facebook page to put faces to the names. ☺

**Andrea Lees** currently fills 2 roles, as she is our representative for both Emergency Preparedness and the Fruit and Veggie Program. She has been at Greendale since 2015 and has enjoyed participating in PAC both in a casual manner and being in charge of organizing these areas. Andrea's youngest son is currently in grade 5, so both of these roles will need to be filled.

As the Emergency Preparedness representative, Andrea noted that she fulfills most of her responsibilities in the fall. In September she checks in with the office to find out enrollment and confirms that each class has enough supplies for the number of students, that they are not expired, and that they are easily accessible. She purchases new supplies as needed, which requires some research to determine best value for the school. She also keeps up to date on any new procedures or guidelines and checks in with the office quarterly.

Andrea has particularly enjoyed her role as the Fruit and Veggie rep, as she gets to connect with the kids in the classrooms while bringing them healthy food to enjoy during recess or lunch. The Fruit and Veggie program is a free service which increases access to local fruits and vegetables, and increases students' awareness and exposure to a variety of nutritious foods (<https://www.bcaitc.ca/bc-school-fruit-vegetable-nutritional-program>). In Spring, Andrea connects with the office to confirm projected student numbers for Fall and then enrolls Greendale in the program for the upcoming school year. Fruit and Veggies are delivered every 3 or 4 weeks, so once a month she coordinates with the office to ensure that delivery occurred and the produce is stored appropriately, and then the following day she spends an hour or so washing the produce and delivering it to the classrooms.

If you have any questions and would like to find out more about these programs, she can often be found at the end of the day waiting in the vicinity of Mr. Hoepfner's class or you can contact her at [andrea.lees70@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.lees70@gmail.com)

**Christal Tonn** is our hot lunch coordinator. She has been a parent at Greendale since her oldest child started kindergarten in 2012.

"When my oldest son was in grade 1, I started attending PAC meetings because I wanted to help out in any way I could. Greendale has always done amazing things and I had already enjoyed participating in some of them since my niece started attending here in 2005. I knew that PAC is here to provide support to the staff and students. As a former Greendale student, most of the things that I remember are the ones that needed parent involvement to make them successful. I wanted to volunteer my time to support the amazing Greendale staff and enrich our children's elementary school experience. I have loved being able to volunteer for various jobs over the years. When the previous hot lunch coordinator moved on in 2015, I took over the position. One of the highlights of being the hot lunch coordinator is seeing the excitement of the students when they see all the volunteers bringing the lunches in. This is something that I've missed this year! My youngest, Micah, is finishing grade 5 this year which means that there will be a new hot lunch coordinator next year."

The hot lunch coordinator position consists of a lot of emailing, setting up the Munchalunch ordering and spending a couple of hours at school each time there is a hot lunch. Alisha Hilman has volunteered to be the new hot lunch coordinator next year, but she won't be able to do it all alone! This position would be impossible to do without the rest of the parent volunteers who come out to

hand out lunches in all the classes. Some of our long-time volunteers are also moving on at the end of this school year and we will need a few new ones when hot lunches can resume again. If you have the time to help out on hot lunch days, please volunteer next year! If you have any questions for Christal, you won't find her before and after school this year since her grade 5 kid is too cool to need his mom to walk with him. Instead, you can email her at [greendalelunch@gmail.com](mailto:greendalelunch@gmail.com)

## Spirit Day

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> we are having **Red**, **White** and **Pink** day for Valentine's Day! Show us your school spirit!

## Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

If you have a child or know of someone who will be 5 years of age before December 31, 2021, you can register now! You will need the following to complete the registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence
- Valid email address

Please visit <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> to register and FAQs. If you require assistance, please email [ereg@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:ereg@sd33.bc.ca)

## Student Absences

If your child is ill or planning to be absent, please give the school a call in the morning at 604-823-6738 or you may email Mrs. Holmes at [cassandra.holmes@sd33.bc.ca](mailto:cassandra.holmes@sd33.bc.ca); otherwise our office will phone home to ensure your child is safe in the event of absence. Thank you for your support! Please consult the daily health check before sending your child(ren) to school.





Chilliwack  
School District

2020/2021

## INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURE GUIDELINES

### *Information for Parents and Students*



Inclement weather conditions such as freezing rain, significant snowfall or high wind can occur during the fall and winter months. In such conditions, decisions on the opening or closure of school district facilities are made by the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with management and supervisory staff who have checked first-hand on the driving conditions, walking/sidewalk conditions, and general condition of buildings and accessibility to sites. *For more details on how this is done, [click here](#).*

While service to students and parents is a priority and schools will be kept open as much as is reasonably possible, student and staff safety is the primary consideration.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, parents are urged to check the **School District website** [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca) or tune into radio stations **STAR FM (98.3 FM)** or **THE DRIVE (89.5 FM)**, to receive up-to-date information on school closures and information on the buses. Reports will start after 6:00 a.m. and will be repeated often. The information broadcast is directly from the School District. The reports are confirmed and there is no need to call your school, the School District Office or the radio station.

In the event that there is inclement weather but the school remains open, it is the parent's decision, based on their assessment of the relative safety of travel conditions, as to whether or not their children attend school. Students will be marked absent for the day, but such an absence will not affect a perfect attendance record.

A **Transportation Snow Plan** is in place for students who rely on travel by school bus and live in higher elevations such as Chilliwack Mountain, Little Mountain, Majuba Hill, Ryder Lake and some areas of Columbia Valley and the Eastern Hillside. An announcement will be made should travel in these areas become challenging due to slippery road conditions. *(Please note: the greater Promontory area does not have a snow plan).*

**All inclement weather announcements will be posted on the District website [www.sd33.bc.ca](http://www.sd33.bc.ca)**