

March 2021

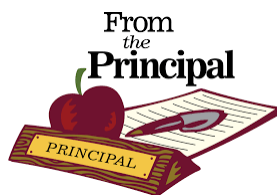
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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

Principal's Message

February has been a month of hard work and terrific learning at Greendale. We participated in a variety of activities including: Pink Shirt Day, Kindness Challenges, Mini cohort assemblies and Hot Lunch. We also worked hard in our core subjects and had fun in our extracurricular games and after school activities. Many of our staff took part in professional development on February 19th and always come back with new and innovative ideas for their classroom. Our February virtue was "Respect", and our March virtue will be "Love". Greendale truly is a place where parents, staff and students all work together to "Prepare Hearts and Minds for the Future". I hope everyone has a relaxing and refreshing Spring Break during the 2 weeks away from school and look forward to starting back March 29th!

Excellence is not a destination; it is a continuous journey that never ends. ~ Brian Tracy



Sincerely,
Noel Sharman

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



Mar 8-12	Report cards sent home
Mar 10	PAC meeting
Mar 11	Green Team Hot Chocolate Sale
Mar 12	'Green'dale spirit day
Mar 15-26	Spring Break
Mar 29	School reopens
Apr 2	Good Friday
Apr 5	Easter Monday
Apr 14	PAC meeting

Wear something 'GREEN'!

Spirit Day

We are having a 'Green'dale spirit day on March 12th. Wear something green and show us your school spirit!

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.

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.



Spring break is coming up quickly! School will be closed from March 15-26th. School will reopen on Monday, March 29th.

Are you moving?

We are currently in the staffing process for the 2021/2022 school year. To determine our staffing allocations, we need accurate enrollment numbers. If you intend on moving and know that your child(ren) will not be attending Greendale next year, please let us know!

Also, if you have moved this year already and are staying with us, can you please check in with the office that we have your correct address on file. Thank you!



Something exciting is coming next month. We are busy preparing for another 'One School One Book' event! This year's title is definitely quirky, and it has a special connection to Chilliwack. Can you guess what it might be? 😊 Stay tuned . . .

Have you ever wondered what the most popular books in our library are? Well, wonder no more! Here are the most circulated book series so far this school year:

- 1 - Dog Man
- 2 - Guinness World Records
- 3 - Narwhal and Jelly
- 4 - Mercy Watson
- 5 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- 6 - Amulet
- 7 - The Last Firehawk
- 8 - Elephant and Piggy
- 9 - Knuffle Bunny
- 10 - Owl Diaries

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 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

Meeting - Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, March 10th at 7:00 pm via zoom. We would love to see you there! As a parent of a student at Greendale, you are automatically a member of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and we welcome your support and involvement as we work together at making our school a better place. When you attend a PAC meeting, you will also hear first-hand from our principal, Mr. Sharman, about upcoming events.

Fruit & Veggie Program – The first week of March students will get an opportunity to snack on Royal Gala Apples through the BC School Fruit and Veggie Program (<https://www.bcaitc.ca/bc-school-fruit-vegetable-nutritional-program>). Each month the produce is prepped by a PAC volunteer and delivered to each classroom, usually before recess. Students have access to the produce throughout the day, depending on individual classroom guidelines. Ask your child or their teacher how this works for them!

(Fun)draising – We partnered with locally owned Circle Square Doughnuts for our latest fundraiser, allowing their custom doughnuts to chase away the winter blues! Orders are due March 1st and pick up will be Wednesday, March 10 at the end of the school day in the Greendale MB Church parking lot.

Call for New Executive Members – As a not-for-profit organization, Greendale PAC receives a minimum of \$20 per student annually from the BC Gaming Grant which can be used for field trips and other non-curricular activities. In order to continue to be eligible for this grant, we need a full executive. Over the past few months we have introduced most of our members (1 last member to introduce next month) and highlighted the roles that will need to be filled next year. If you are interested in learning more about any of these roles, please reach out to our team.

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; 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.



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