

April 2021

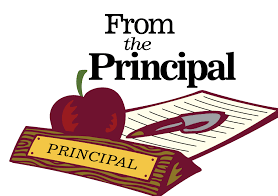
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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

## Principal's Message

Springtime is here and this is a time to celebrate new growth. I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing Spring Break. We are back for the final push into the last 3 months of the year. Please check our website often for frequent updates for upcoming events. At Greendale we are excited and proud of our student accomplishments as we continue to "Prepare hearts and Minds for the future!" We are making significant gains with respect to literacy, numeracy and social responsibility. We are so proud of all of our students at Greendale. Our virtue for April is "Determination" This is an important value at Greendale and one that we are very proud of. Thank you, parents, staff and students, for being 'Partners in Learning.' Together, we are helping our Greendale students to grow insignificant ways!

*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.



Apr 2	Good Friday
Apr 5	Easter Monday
Apr 8	One School One Book kickoff
Apr 14	Reading Link Challenge
Apr 16	Hot Lunch
Apr 21	PAC meeting 7pm
Apr 23	One School One Book Wrap Up
Apr 30	Pro D Day
May 10	Classroom Photos

## 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 school year and have a new address, could you please check in with the office that we have your correct address on file. Thank you!

## Dressing for the Weather



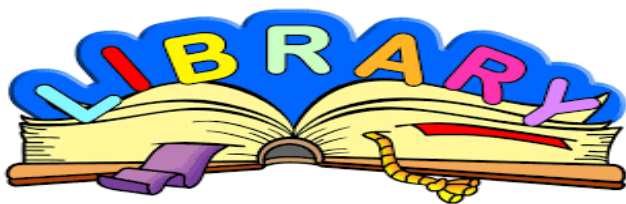
We are in rainy West Coast season and we play outside in the rain or shine! Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for ALL types of

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.



It's amazing to me that April is here already!! April is a big month for all that is going on in our library.

First of all, we have a big announcement coming up next week. We will be launching this year's "One School One Book" project. This is always a highlight of the school year. Watch for a package to come home with your student (oldest and only) on Thursday, April 8, when the program kicks off.

On Wednesday, April 14, our Greendale Reading Link Challenge team will be competing, via Zoom, against the other Reading Link Challenge teams in the district. Our group of 8 students has been working hard preparing. If you see the following students, make sure to wish them luck: Emlen, Blake, Kherington, Jayda, Bentley, Chiara, Kivryn and Mackenzie. We know you will represent our school well.

All students signed out extra books this year to read over Spring Break, but a few of them appear not to have made them back yet. Please look around and return any outstanding library books as soon as possible.

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

In mid-April students will get an opportunity to snack on grape tomatoes through the BC School Fruit and Veggie Program (<https://www.bcaitc.ca/bc-school-fruit-vegetable-nutritional-program>).

Our April fundraiser is through Neufeld farms. Order forms and important dates are on our Facebook page, as well as in an email from Cassandra Holmes.

We are also excited to have three more Jim's Pizza lunch dates planned for this spring. The dates and ordering deadlines are as follows:

Friday, April 16 - order deadline is Thursday, April 8

Friday, May 14 - order deadline is Thursday, May 6

Friday, June 18 - order deadline is Thursday, June 10.

Over the past few months, we have introduced most of our members and highlighted the roles that will need to be filled next year.

Our final executive member is treasurer Amanda Bosma. Amanda is in her 10th year of having children attend Greendale Elementary, with all four of her boys having attended from Kindergarten onwards. She writes, "When I only had my oldest at the school I didn't really want anything to do with PAC or know what was involved because I felt overwhelmed already with my day to day life. As I got to know moms on the playground and we would chat I would often overhear what was happening in the background or have suggestions of fundraisers that could happen (at the time we were trying to raise money for our amazing playground) and everyone would always say you should come to the PAC meetings!" Amanda eventually "gave in" and started attending and found that she really appreciated hearing what was going on in the PAC, how involved in the school they were and being able to hear directly from the Principle, and she found that she wanted to be directly a part of it. Her

bookkeeping knowledge allowed her to help in a way she enjoyed, while allowing her to interact and get to know so many wonderful parents and staff at the school!

As treasurer, Amanda writes cheques, does bank deposits, applies for the gaming grant, keeps the accounting records up to date, and submits necessary reports. The number of hours varies each month depending on the number of fundraisers or any other PAC-sponsored events.

If you are interested in learning more about any of the roles within PAC, please reach out to our team. Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm via zoom. We would love to see you there! 😊

## 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.



## 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)