

May 2021

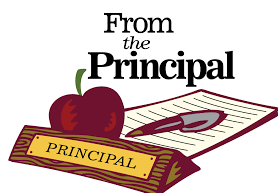
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"Preparing Hearts and Minds for the Future"

## Principal's Message

Looking back on April, I feel a tremendous sense of pride regarding all of our accomplishments in our Greendale Learning Community. During our last month we had many students being recognized for their ability with their "minds" and "hearts". From the Reading Link Challenge, Green Team events, Poetry and everything in between we have amazing students. Our virtue for May is "Integrity" and we will be actively promoting this in all areas of the school. It's so nice to see so many students walk to and from school and there are so many benefits to this. As we move into May, we will continue to strive to be a community that is preparing hearts and minds for the future!

*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.



May 5	Grade 5 Parent Info Night – VMS
May 10	Classroom Pictures
May 12	PAC meeting
May 14	Hot Lunch
May 21	Non-Instructional day
May 24	Victoria Day – no school
June 4	KinderFair
June 18	Hot Lunch
June 24	Last day of School

## 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 getting closer to having more sunnier days and trying to get outside as much as possible, we would like to kindly remind you to have your child(ren) dressing appropriately. To avoid injury, we caution the wearing of flip-flops/sandals due to an increased risk of injury during outside play time. During physical activity (eg: gym or class run) students must wear running shoes to participate. Hats and sunglasses can be worn outside and removed upon entering the school.



## Kindergarten Registration



We are busy organizing for next year already, so please register now! If you have a child or know

of someone who will be 5 years of age before December 31, 2021, follow the link below. 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)

## Parent Student Placement Requests

We are nearing the point in the year when we are preparing to make class lists for the coming school year. Our teachers put a great deal of time and thought into constructing classes. In making class placement decisions, social-emotional, behavioural, medical issues and learning style are all taken into consideration. The purpose is to achieve balanced classes in terms of social consideration, abilities, skills and needs.

If you believe there is pertinent information that we should be aware of when we are placing your child, you may obtain a Student Information Sheet from the office.

Please provide information regarding your child's learning style, behavioural and social considerations, as well as medical information that you feel will assist us when making placement decisions.

Please be informed that this form is not intended as a parent request form for class placement. It is to provide staff with relevant information that may add to our current knowledge of your child.

## Greendale PAC

**Meeting** - Our next PAC meeting is Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm via zoom. We would love to see you there!

**Fruit & Veggie Program** – The first week of May students will get an opportunity to snack on a variety of organic apples through the BC School Fruit and Veggie Program

(<https://www.bcaitc.ca/bc-school-fruit-vegetable-nutritional-program>).

The BCCPAC is hosting a virtual parent education conference May 28th and 29th. The conference focuses on empowering families to change and features 10+ hours of valuable content regarding child development, mental health in schools, social media awareness, and more! In addition, the conference uniquely allows parents to hear directly from the Minister of Education, give direct feedback, and engage in dialogue. Early Bird pricing is in effect until May 3rd. You can register at <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/conference/register-conf>

## 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.



"Flora and Ulysses" generated a lot of excitement around our school in the last month. Students were busy reading every day, and, hopefully, you enjoyed the escapades of Flora and Ulysses as a family. Congratulations to all our trivia winners and also to the winners of our colouring contest: the Massies, Bennetts, Dohertys, Kylie and Jayla Popma and Walls. It was a special thrill to get doughnuts from the Harvest Cafe! We hope you were able to discuss important life lessons like how anyone can be a superhero and how our friends and family can give us courage.

A big congratulations to our Reading Link Challenge team for representing Greendale so well at our "virtual" district competition. This year's team was: Jayda, Kherington, Emlen, Blake, Chiara and Bentley. Mackenzie and Kivryn were Mrs. Knodel's amazing coach / helpers. This dedicated group of Grades 4 and 5 students committed to reading the same

6 books for the last 5 months, and they met regularly with Mrs. Knodel since December. We look forward to participating again next year, hopefully at an in-person competition!

Just a reminder to check under beds and in the back of closets for any overdue library books. If books are lost, they must be paid for so that a replacement book can be purchased. Thank you for your support.