

Cawston Courier

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February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Jan. 31 Newsletter Home	2011-2012 1 Kindergarten Registration Continues	2	3 StrongStart Closed	4 StrongStart Closed	5
6	7	8 PAC Meeting 7:00	9 Aboriginal Family Night at CPS 5:00 - 7:00	10	11 PAC Popcorn Sale	12
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Coming Soon

March 16 - report cards home
 March 21 - April 1 - Spring Break
 April 4 - School Resumes
 April 12 & 14 - Parent Conferences & Book Fair
 Ready Set Learn for 3 and 4 year olds (date to be announced)

Attached to this newsletter

Meal Program Envelope

StrongStart Calendar

CAPC Calendar



February Meals Menu:

Feb. 3 Pizza Pop, Green Salad, Baby Carrots, Fruit
 Feb. 10 Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Fruit
 Feb. 17 Turkey Hot Dogs, Veggies & Dip, Fruit
 Feb. 24 Soft Shell Beef Taco (with lettuce & cheese), Fruit



Mathathon

Our annual Mathathon begins on Monday, February 14. Each teacher will be sending home information regarding the Mathathon on February 14 (attached to our mid-month newsletter). The Mathathon will finish on Friday, February 25.



We sincerely appreciate your support of our Mathathon. First, and most importantly, it is a fun way for students to practice important math skills. Secondly, it is our one major fund-raising event of the year. This year, we will be using the Mathathon proceeds to help fund our year end field trips.

Aboriginal Family Night

Cawston Primary School and SESS are hosting an Aboriginal Family Night on Wednesday, February 9. This year the event will take place at Cawston School from 5:00 to 7:00. The celebration will include games, drumming, great door prizes and dinner for everyone (Hurray! A night off - you don't have to cook dinner for your family!). It will be a wonderful evening of fun and socializing for families, school staffs and our First Nations community. We look forward to seeing you there!

PAC Meeting

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 in the school library. All parents who have children in the school are members of the Cawston PAC and are welcome to come to any or all of our PAC meetings.

Water!!

We are very happy to announce that Interior Health has declared our water is now safe to drink. The District replaced our filter system with a new system over the Christmas holidays and after a series of positive results, we can once again drink our school water. Hurray!!



High Five Focus

If you were in our school at 8:55 any January morning, you would have heard the Grade 4 students from Mr. Bridgman's class on the morning announcements, offering their suggestions for how we can "Strive for our Personal Best". Mr. Bridgman's class also made the display on the High Five bulletin board outside the office. Thank you to all of Mr. Bridgman's students for their excellent ideas.

Our High Five focus for February will be "Be a Friend", a very appropriate focus for the month of Valentine's Day and Red/Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day. Mrs. Brunton/Nunes' class will be doing the morning announcements and the bulletin board, offering their ideas on how we can "be a friend" to others.



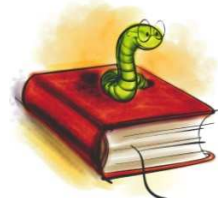
Pink/Red Shirt Day

This year, we will once again join millions of other students across Canada and participate in pink/red shirt (anti-bullying) day on Wednesday, February 23. All of our students are encouraged to wear a pink or red shirt that day. We will be focusing especially on "Be a Friend" that day and discussing, as we do throughout the year, the negative effects of bullying and the importance of being a friend to everyone.



Pharmasave Donation

A special Sunflower thank you to Keremeos Pharmasave for their very generous donation of over \$300.00 worth of books to Cawston School. The books will be put in our school library and are a wonderful addition to our collection. Thank you Pharmasave!



Breakfast & Lunch

Parents - please remember to send a snack with your child on Thursday morning if they are on the hot lunch program. The children who forget a snack that day get very hungry by lunch time.



We would also respectfully note that our breakfast program is not intended to be a full time breakfast program for your child every day. It is there in case your child needs breakfast that day so that they will not be hungry throughout the morning. Thank you.

Supervision

As we have noted before, please be aware that there is no supervision outside on the playground prior to 8:05 in the morning. We would ask that you do not bring your children to school before 8:05.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2011-12 Kindergarten is underway. If you have a child born in 2006, please come in and register as soon as possible. Bring your child's birth certificate and Care Card with you when you come to register. We would also ask that you pass on this information to any families who do not already have children attending Cawston School. Staffing and other budget decisions will be made in early March, based on the number of children who are registered to be in our school next year so it is very important that all children who will be in K are registered by the end of February.



News from the School Board

We are very happy to announce that at the January 26 Board meeting, trustees voted unanimously to keep Grade 4 at Cawston Primary School. As you know, District Staff and the Board had discussed the possibility of moving Grade 4 to SESS, beginning in September 2011. Cawston would then have become a Kindergarten to Grade 3 school. However, the Board has decided to keep Grade 4 at Cawston so we will continue to be a Kindergarten to Grade 4 school.

Welcome & Good-bye

During February, our District Superintendent, Ms. Juleen McElgunn, will be retiring. At this time, we want to say thank you to Ms. McElgunn from all the Sunflower School family for her dedication to children and their education. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

We would also like to welcome our new superintendent, Mrs. Beverley Young. Mrs. Young was the superintendent in the Smithers School District and is moving to our District in February. We look forward to working together for our "Sunflowers" and all the students in School District 53.

Family Fun Night at SESS

SESS PAC is sponsoring a Family Dance at SESS on Thursday, February 3 from 6:30 to 8:00. Admission is \$2, with a concession, dance prizes, silent auction and Guess the Baby Picture Game. Music is by Shakedown Annie Entertainment.

