

Lord Kelvin Elementary Newsletter

January/February 2018

Home of the Cougars



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Principal's Message:

The past term went by quickly. Students were engaged in many wonderful learning opportunities and participated in several school activities. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who supported the school.

It is hard to believe we are already a month into 2018. The New Year is a time to revisit the past year and set goals or future aspirations. It is also a time to recognize our accomplishments, celebrate and refocus. We are encouraging students to set manageable goals, work hard to achieve them and take pride in their efforts.

Mr. Ken Millard

Registration for Kindergarten:

Children who were born in 2013 are eligible to begin school in September 2018. Kindergarten registration for the 2018-2019 school year began on Monday, January 8, 2018. You can register at your catchment elementary school. Registrations received after Friday, March 9, 2018 will be accommodated at the student's catchment school as space allows.

For more information regarding registration for all students, including out-of-catchment and out-of-district applications please refer to the school district website.



Important Dates:

January 8 Registration opens for Kindergarten and new students

February 7 & 8 Early dismissal at 1:48pm

February 12 Family Day

February 13 PAC meeting @ 6:30

February 14 Pink/White/Red Day

February 23 Pro-D students don't attend

February 28 Anti-Bullying-Pink Shirt Day

March 9 Jersey Day

March 19-April 2 Spring Break & Easter



School Spirit

We encourage everyone to participate in our Spirit Days at Lord Kelvin. These days help to build community and promote our Kelvin Cougar Spirit throughout the school. Some days are for a sense of fun and wonder, while others are for recognizing a special day, theme or message.

School Vision:

We want a safe, nurturing and respectful learning environment that will empower our students to become confident and responsible life-long learners.



School Goal:

Our goal is to increase student engagement by celebrating our learning regularly throughout the school year and focusing on emotional regulation.

We want to emphasize the value we place on acquiring skills and knowledge and on expanding our minds.

An important way to do this is to celebrate and share our learning. Seeing each other's successes creates positive feelings that bring us closer together as a school community. This togetherness supports everyone in becoming confident lifelong learners.

We are being purposeful in our celebration of learning. Teachers have and will continue to acknowledge the wonderful things happening in their classrooms (and outside of their classrooms!). We can come together to really emphasize it in a larger context.

Lord Kelvin Gives Back: Ruben's Shoes



Ruben's Shoes is a local non-profit society that collects gently used shoes. The shoes are given to people in need from countries that are less fortunate. In countries like the Dominican Republic and Zimbabwe kids cannot go to school without shoes. Therefore, Ruben's Shoes gives a pair of shoes a second life, which in turn, gives people in other countries a chance at a new beginning. If a pair of shoes could give a child an education, imagine how that education could change the future for that child.

Kelly Strongitharm started Ruben's Shoes after meeting Ruben in December 2012. Upon meeting Ruben and his family, Kelly felt an immediate connection. Seeing how radically different life was for Ruben in the Dominican, Kelly felt compelled to do something to give back to the community and thus Ruben's Shoes was born.

For the past four years at Lord Kelvin, Mrs. Morson has spearheaded this initiative. Each year, shoes are collected and sent to Ruben's Shoes. Thanks to many generous donations the school community has sent hundreds of shoes to those in need of a pair of shoes.



Thank you to Parks and Recreation and the New Westminster Salmonbellies for providing a lacrosse program for students at Lord Kelvin the week of January 15-19.

Report Card Envelopes:

First term report cards were sent home with all students in December. If you have not done so already can you please return the report card envelope as soon as possible as these envelopes are used for the second term reports.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the school community for supporting initiatives and events. Your time, efforts and contributions are very much appreciated.



Next PAC meeting is on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30. Come and join us.



Community Project at Lord Kelvin:

Ms. Vit, one of the counsellors at NWSS and Mrs. Morson worked collaboratively with students on a community project. The intention was to have children helping other children while learning about their role in the community.

Students from the high school showed leadership while working alongside students in Mrs. Morson's Grade 4 class at Lord Kelvin. The students introduced the topic of charity and community and came up with an idea to have photos taken with Santa.

The Santa photos were a huge success and raised over \$400.00. Mrs. Morson's class decided to donate their funds to **Ruben's Shoes**, which Lord Kelvin has been supporting for the past four years.

Anti-Bullying Pink Day: February 28



Let's all promote the importance of being kind to others and standing up against bullying.

Through ongoing discussions and interactions with others we are reinforcing with students that our words and actions have power— these words and actions can be positive or harmful. Let's all do our part to embed mindfulness and positive interactions within our school and beyond into the community, not just on one day but every day.

Together we can make a difference and support the importance of spreading kindness, empathy and compassion for others.

Kelvin Christmas Gift Bags:

We are missing many of the Kelvin Gift Bags which are used each year for this special event. If you have some of the fabric gift bags at home, can you please return them as soon as possible to the school office.



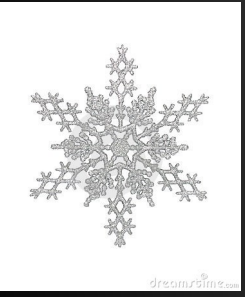
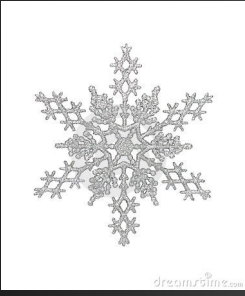
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Family Day

Monday, February 12 is a day for families.

Enjoy spending time together. Schools will be closed on this day.



Inclement Weather:

Winter is here and we once again want to remind parents that the district will endeavor to keep all schools open provided that safety can be ensured for students and staff. Should schools be closed, announcements will be made over **CKNW and CBC** radio stations early enough in the day (usually before 6:30 a.m.). Phone calls & emails will also be made to parents who are part of our Synervoice Automated Calling System.



Student safety is our priority and we ask that if a parent/guardian feels that a child cannot travel safely to school, then they should make alternate arrangements for their child. Student absences due to unsafe travel to school during inclement weather conditions will be excused. We also encourage parents to make advance alternate plans in the event of an unexpected school closure.

Please ensure the school has current contact information for parents/guardians. and emergency contacts. Thank you!



Cold and Flu Season

For the protection of your child, as well as other children, please keep your child home if he/she:

- has a fever
- is too sick to take part in all normal school activities
- has a suspected or known communicable disease (i.e. strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, or any other undiagnosed rash). Please keep them home until they are no longer infectious.



In January/February the days can be quite chilly and wet.

Please ensure your child(ren) have warm clothing as we venture outside on most days. Time spent outdoors is an integral part of the school day.

Students need fresh air and exercise. Being outside affords students an opportunity to have time to socialize, enjoy free time and play.