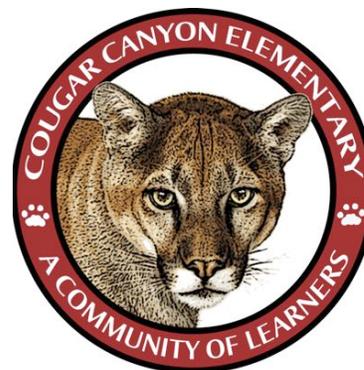


COUGAR NEWS

Calendar

- Feb. 7-9 Rocks and Rings
(Curling-K-7)
- Feb. 9 **Red & White Day**
(Olympics Start)
- Feb. 12 **Family Day**
No School
- Feb. 16 **Kindergarten**
Registration (9-12am)
- Feb. 18 Battery Drive
- Feb. 19 Gr. 7 Parent Meeting
(6pm)
- Feb. 21 & 22
Student/Parent/
Teacher Conferences
2pm Dismissal
- Feb. 21 & 22
Scholastic Book Fair
- Feb. 23 **Pro-D Day**
No School
- Feb. 28 **Pink Shirt Day**
- March 1 **Gr. 6/7 Band Concert**
(11am, 6pm)
- March 2 Hot Lunch Day
- March 9 Ready, Set, Learn
- March 14- Reports Home
- March 19-April 2
Spring Break



Principal's Message

Communicating Student Learning:

Outside of the 3 CSL Reports that go home each term, our daily formative assessment practice with your child has an emphasis on quality descriptive feedback to support learning. Our job is to support the learning to create independent learners who take ownership of their learning and have a growth mindset. One strategy to check for understanding is asking the '3 Big Questions': 1) What are you learning? Why is it important?; 2) How is it going?; and 3) Where to next?

We have been focusing on making our learning targets clear and visible for students. We are turning the learning targets into an "I can..." statement for specific objectives. From here we engage with the student learning (student self-assessment, peer feedback and teacher conferences/evaluation) using multiple approaches. Students and teachers offer feedback and check in to see "How the learning is going...". The Learning Targets are meant to be interactive and highly visible and helps build a common language around assessment for students

throughout the school. Ultimately - for students to take ownership of their own learning - we must continually have this transparent dialogue about how the student is learning and ensure the pathway forward is clear for them to understand.

We look forward to our upcoming Student-Led and/or Parent-Teacher-Student conferences where our students can share their learning and progress along with goals on what they can do for next steps moving forward.

New Staff:

Please join me in welcoming a new staff member to Cougar Canyon: Mrs. Kirincic will be teaching Wednesdays in Division I. Mrs. Kirincic has been a Delta teacher for many years and is currently our Teacher Mentorship Coordinator. Welcome to Cougar Canyon!!!



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for students residing in the Cougar Canyon catchment area will take place at Cougar Canyon on **February 16th from 9-Noon**. If you are not in the Cougar Canyon catchment area you **should register at your catchment area school on the designated registration date, and indicate that you are requesting Cougar Canyon**. Students living outside of the catchment area or outside of Delta wanting to attend Cougar Canyon must complete a Non-Catchment or Non-District application before the March 9th deadline.

At the time of registration, the following original documents must be provided:

- 1 Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received)
- 2 Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card)
- 3 Immunization record, Care Card, medical and emergency contact information
- 4 Proof of Residency (Property Taxes – current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt)



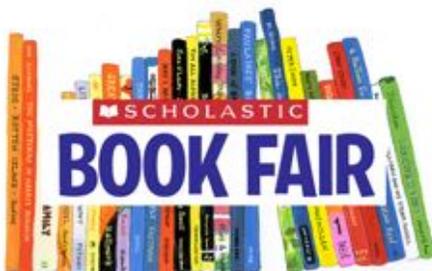
Jump Rope For Heart

On **January 31st** we had our Jump Rope For Heart Event. The Jump Rope for Heart program encourages kids to get active by skipping rope while they collect pledges for heart disease and stroke research. I'm so excited to say that we **raised over \$5,000** for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Way to go Cougars!!!!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on February 21 and February 22. You will receive information with regards to scheduling a time for your visit on February 14th. **We will have an early dismissal of 2pm on both those days.**



Scholastic Book Fair

Back by popular demand, we will be having another Scholastic Book Fair on February 21 and February 22. The last Book Fair was very successful in helping to support literacy in our school. The Book Fair will be open before school at 8:30am, at recess, and at lunch. It will also be open during Student-Led/ Parent Teacher conferences.



Rocks and Rings/Winter Olympics

Starting February 7th through to February 9th the Egg Farmers Rocks & Rings presented by Curling BC will be coming to teach all of our students the sport of curling. Various drills, relays and team-building activities are used to introduce students to the sport of curling. It is a highly interactive program with the emphasis on fun! Unique indoor floor curling equipment is used to provide a true curling experience without requiring ice!

With curling being an Olympic sport, this is an excellent lead up to the Olympic's Opening Ceremony on February 9th. **Students are being encouraged to wear red & white or Team Canada wear on February 9th to celebrate the start of the 2018 Winter Olympics.** Thank you to our Spirit Committee who will be making announcements and keeping us up to date on how Team Canada is doing throughout the Olympics.



Basketball Season:

Basketball season is well underway. Our Grade 6 and 7 boys and girls have been practicing hard and started our after school games. We have students from Seaquam who have volunteered to help coach our Gr. 6 Boys. We have Mr. Hanly, Mr. Maerov, Ms. Barker and Ms. Trentini coaching as well. Thank you so much to all our coaches for volunteering their time.

The District's Annual **Hoop Shoot** event will be taking place on March 15th at Seaquam. Cougar Canyon will be holding our own Hoop Shoot finals. Finalists from our own event will attend the evening event on March 15th from 3:34-5:45pm. Hoop Shoot is open to all students in Grade 5, 6 & 7.



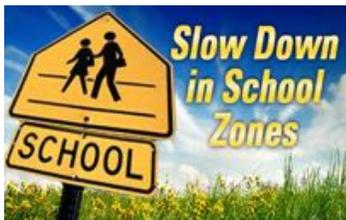
Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 28th is Pink Shirt Day. On this day students wear pink to symbolize that we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. Our Spirit Committee is making announcements and raising awareness about spreading kindness to one another. This year's focus will be on Cyberbullying. **Please remember to WEAR PINK on Wednesday, February 28th.**

READY, SET, LEARN

Ready, Set, Learn

On **March 9th from 9:00-10:00 am in our school library**, all **three and four year old children** and their parents/caregivers are welcome to join us for a morning of fun and learning. Ready, Set, Learn is designed to connect families with their local school and other local community agencies. The preschool aged children participate in fun activities while parents and caregivers learn how to support young children's learning and development.



Slow Down and Drive with Caution!!!

Our Community Police Officers were out in full force again. We continue to see cars speeding, parking illegally (including blocking our neighbours driveways), making unsafe and illegal U-turns...

Please be aware that although our community officers do not hand out tickets they do take down licence plate numbers of offenders. These licence plates are then put into a data base. If your licence plate gets flagged twice you will receive a visit from a police officer.



Cold & Flu Season

At this time of year Fraser Health raises concern for spreading of cold and flu germs. Strong recommendations are that hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and personal hygiene are the best ways to prevent spreading germs.

Scent Free ZONE

Severe Allergies to Fragrances

We have many staff members and students that are highly allergic to fragrances. This includes things like: scented moisturizers, strong deodorants, perfume, body sprays, scented soap, after shave... Please support us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all by avoiding the use of strong fragrances at school.

Visitor Sign In

To keep our hallways and school grounds safe, we request that all parents and visitors report to the office via the front door before going to classrooms. Unless established with the classroom teacher, please do not enter the building through side doors. Unfortunately, this has led to side doors being 'boxed' and therefore accessible during the school day. Parents and visitors are requested to sign in at the office and wear a visitors tag while they are in the school or visiting on the playground. These tags are then returned to the office upon your departure.

Parents are encouraged to **drop their child(ren) off outside** so they can gain independence coming in and following the morning routines with their peers. This also creates a calm atmosphere in the hallway and cloakroom areas so students can get settled in for the day. We are also encouraging you to meet your child outside of the school in a predetermined location. **We have older siblings picking up as well, many of whom wait in the hallways . Please let them know which door your child is dismissed from so they can meet them outside.** This allows teachers to organize and dismiss the class in an orderly fashion. Parents bringing lunches or other school items to the school are requested to leave these items at the office. Students will be called down at recess or lunch to retrieve them. We are so fortunate at Cougar Canyon to have so many parents volunteer and be part of our school community. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive learning environment for our staff and students.