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Thank you, Volunteers!

We are fortunate to have such an involved group of parents at Sunset School, and we value all the time spent helping out in the classroom and at school-wide functions.

We are in the process of developing a school Visitor/ Volunteer policy, and it will be sent home soon. It is important that all volunteers have a recent Criminal Record Check on file. These forms are available in the office.

Science Fair March 8

By now, students should have decided on the topic for their Science Fair project. The next step will be to research: read books from the library, search online, observe related events, and gather information. In doing this, a question should come to mind about what you would like to specifically study. This question will be your hypothesis, and your experiment be designed to help you answer this question.

Now is the time to begin a Project Log. In this log, you can make notes as you work on your project. These may be rough notes, but they should be detailed enough to show the judges the thought that you are putting into your project.

Student Artists Recognized

Recently, the BC Science Fair Foundation selected artwork by Grade 7 students Matt Lingl and Mason Friman to become part of a puzzle set to be sent out to each elementary School in BC. Their artwork depicts BC scenery. Congratulations!

PAC Meeting tonight, 7pm

Katherine McIntosh, Director of Instruction, and Werner Manke, School Trustee, will be attending tonight's meeting to get parent feedback into implementation of the upcoming Port McNeill school reconfiguration.

Congratulations!

Royal Canadian Legion Contest

The following students have won prizes at the Zone level for their entries in the Royal Canadian Legion's Poster and Literacy Contest:

Shae Simpson: 1st place, Intermediate Essay

Brandon Purdey: 2nd place, Intermediate Poem

Matthew Lingl: 1st place, Poster (Black and White)

Hopie McLendon: 1st place, Junior Essay

Randi Ward, 1st place, Junior Poem

Cassiel Carlson: 1st place, Primary Poster (Colour)

Students who placed first at the Zone level will now be entered into the Provincial competition. Good luck, everyone!



Family Literacy Celebration

Sunset School celebrated Family Literacy Day on January 25. We kicked off the day with an assembly to celebrate student success in writing, and heard an inspirational message from our trustee, Mr. Manke, about the importance of literacy. Students then took part in reading and writing activities with their Buddy Classes.



Students' Council held their judging for their 'Decorate A Door' contest during Family Literacy Week. The challenge was to decorate their door to represent a favourite book. The competition was tough, but the winners were:

Primary: Chester by Mrs. Nordin's Gr. 2 class

Intermediate: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Mr. Ogren's Gr. 6 class

Staff: Where the Wild Things Are by Ms. Fraser

Winners will receive games for their classes to share.

Hot Dog Day
February 17, 2011
\$2/ hot dog; \$1 chocolate milk

Please feel free to contact Ms. Sweeney, Acting Principal, or Mr. Neilson, Acting Vice-Principal, with any questions or concerns.

If you prefer to have this newsletter emailed to you, please email Ms. Sweeney at rsweeney@sd85.bc.ca

Environmental Club News

Sunset's composting project has been underway since last fall. Student reporters Miranda Estlin and Saiya Gachter interviewed Mr. Berry, our custodian, to see if we are making a difference:

According to our custodian, Mr. Berry, there is less compostable food in the black garbage bags since the Environmental Club started the project. There has been lots of compostable food in the classroom composting buckets.

The Environmental Club would like to thank Macey Guldager and Danielle Lacasse for being so reliable in emptying the classroom composting buckets.

Mrs. Brooks will be working with the Environmental Club on Tuesdays to make 'Recycled Art' creations.

Upcoming Events

PAC Meeting

Monday, February 7; Babysitting available

Dance (Grades 5-7)

Monday, February 14

Hot Dog Day

Thursday, February 17

District Pro-D/ Inservice

Friday, February 18

Jump Rope for Heart/ Hoops for Heart

Friday, February 25

Sunset School Science Fair

Tuesday, March 8