



## Conrad Elementary School

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Newsletter #7

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*It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks until Spring Break. Students and staff have been working hard this term and are looking forward to a break.*

### **HOME READING CHALLENGE**

Conrad students participated in a Home Reading Challenge to celebrate 'Love to Read' weeks from February 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. Students were encouraged to read every night for 2 weeks and record their minutes that were tallied by division. We are happy to announce that Division 10, Ms. Dias' class, won the Home Reading Challenge! They have earned an ice cream party for their class. *Congratulations Division 10!*

As well, these top 5 students who read the most minutes over the 2 weeks have won themselves each a free swim/skate pass: Luke Eso, Ethan Thompson, Felix Mueller, Emily Tran and Dominik Bellerose. *Congratulations winners!*

### **WEATHER / SUPERVISION**

Our weather is improving and the days are getting longer. However, we still experience cold and rainy days. Please help us keep your child(ren) safe, warm, dry and healthy by encouraging them to come to school dressed for the weather. Unless it is severe weather, we are outside at recess and again at lunch.

### **SCHOOL TIMES**

A reminder that our school Breakfast Club and Library are not available until 8:30am. Outside supervision is only offered at the back of the school from 8:40am by a rotating staff member; there is no supervision in front of the school. We are noticing earlier student arrival times as the mornings become lighter. Please avoid dropping off your child(ren) too early.

Also, a reminder that there is no after school supervision. If you are late picking up your child(ren), please call the office to let us know. *We appreciate your help and understanding.*

### **SAFE ARRIVAL**

A friendly reminder from Ms. Jan, our school secretary: *Parents are requested to email [jan.currie@sd52.bc.ca](mailto:jan.currie@sd52.bc.ca) or phone the school if a child is going to be absent or late. If you phone after hours or during busy times, you may get the answering machine. Please leave a message as we check it regularly. In the event that your child is absent and we have not received a call or email, the secretary will phone parents to confirm the whereabouts of the child. We want to be sure all children are accounted for.*



### **CONRAD LOST AND FOUND**

Conrad's Lost and Found bin has collected many items again! If your child is missing something, please come to the school to have a look; their items may be in the Lost and Found. Lost and Found items will be placed on benches in the hallway leading to the Library from Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **WATER ADVISORY LIFTED**

The city water advisory has been lifted! Please send your child(ren) with refillable water containers with lids so that they can access water from our fountains once again. Keeping adequately hydrated is so important for them, especially as they exert so much energy during gym times, recess and lunch.

### **LUNCH AT SCHOOL**

Students staying at school for lunch are reminded that there are behaviour expectations during this time, as well as during instructional time. Students who cannot follow these expectations may be asked to find alternate arrangements if behaviour expectations cannot be adhered to. Lunch hour is meant to be a positive social time for students to enjoy. Please have a conversation with your child(ren) about behaviour expectations to avoid having to find alternate arrangements for them during the lunch hour. *Thank you for your help with this.* As well, just a reminder that microwaves and hot water kettles are not available for students during the lunch hour. We have minimal staff available during lunch hour, and their priority is supervision. *Thank you for understanding.*

### **STUDENT PICK UP AND PARKING**

We are asking Conrad families to please be extra careful during drop off and pick up times. There are plenty of parking spaces available on Conrad Street and Hays Cove Avenue. Please avoid parking in the bus drop off area and hindering the school buses that pick up and drop off students. Please also avoid parking along yellow lines around our school as this decreases the visibility of our students crossing the street. *Your understanding is vital for our student safety.*

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. If your child will be 5 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, they are eligible to start school this coming September. Please call the office to set up an appointment to register your child.

### **REPORT CARDS/GOAL PROGRESS & ELD REPORTS**

Term 2 report cards, goal progress & ELD reports will be sent home with students on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the office after Spring Break for your child(ren)'s report card if your child is not here on that day.

### **SPRING BREAK**

Our Conrad Community is looking forward to a much-deserved 2-week Spring Break in 2 weeks! The last day of school before Spring Break is Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The first day back after Spring Break is Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

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| Friday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Dress as Your Favourite Book Character Day  |
| Thursday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> | Barefoot Caravan Performance in the Gym (PM)  |
| Friday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Last day of school before Spring Break.<br>Report Cards/Goal Progress & ELD Reports Sent Home |



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| Monday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | First day of school after Spring Break |
| Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> | Conrad PAC Meeting, via Zoom           |

We hope our Conrad families enjoy a safe and healthy break and look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

*Mrs. Marogna*  
Principal

*Mrs. Guadagni*  
Vice-Principal