



# Kidston Elementary School News

## March 2017

Growing Together ...

Caring, Capable Citizens in a  
Changing World

Check out our school growth plan on the Kidston website under the *About* tab

### February in Review

Our girls and boys basketball teams finished their season strong and represented Kidston well. Thank you to Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Schmiegelt and Ms. Herzog for coaching. The time you spent with our basketball players is much appreciated. Students in grade 4 and 7 wrote the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) which consisted of reading, writing and numeracy tasks. Your child's results are now available. See Mrs. Cullum if you want them. Our intermediate classes were busy x-country skiing and downhill skiing this month. We celebrated Pink Shirt Day on Feb. 22 and continue to work on using kind words and actions in our everyday interactions.

### Report Cards

Report cards for term 2 will be released on March 15.

### READY SET LEARN EVENT @ KIDSTON

Kidston Elementary is inviting all families with children 3 to 5 years old to visit our school for this event.

Wednesday March 15, 2017 8:30-9:30 in the gym

Call the office to register 250-542-5351

See attached poster for more information.

### Heritage Fair

Both grade 6/7 classes have been busy this term working hard on their Heritage Fair projects. Guest judges were in the school on March 9 to talk to the students about their projects. All projects were very impressive and really highlighted inquiry based learning and personalized learning for students. Thank you to Mr. Soon for taking the lead on this event as well as Mrs. McAllister, Mrs. Redgwell and all the help from other staff to support student learning and Heritage Fair.



### Kidston Garden News

We are very excited to share that our Kidston School Garden and its amazing programs and opportunities for our kids and teachers have been featured in the [January Healthy Schools newsletter](#). Please keep checking our Kidston Garden [website](#) for more information and to watch as our garden and programs continue to grow... we have big things planned!!!

Ways to stay updated on garden news:

<http://www.kidstongarden.com/>

### Library News

Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our library. We have been enjoying all the new books that the Book Fairs have brought in and we have just placed another order! We were also able to have Eric Walters at our school on March 2nd to speak to our Intermediate students. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to meet an author and learn about the writing process.

We are preparing to start our annual Kidston Book Battle, the Red Warrior. Our Grade 3-7 students are able to join a team and read from a selection of books for their grade level. Then in May the teams will get together for a fun evening to answer questions about the books for points in a large game style event. The teams dress up, make cheers, and make banners. Please ask your child if they are interested in participating. This is a great way for all levels of readers to be a part of a team and encourage reading new books.

Next week the students will pick their teams and be able to sign out a book to start reading. We ask that if your child is participating that they respect the one week limit, when we return from Spring Break, so that others are able to have a turn with the book.

We are looking for a few parents to team up with our teachers and EAs. You will read a book (Adult options provided) and help with a few other things. On the day of the Battle I will need some help with decorating the space, snacks, and score keeping. Please e-mail me if you're interested in helping with a team or on the day of the Battle.

We ask that before we go off for Spring Break that all books are returned to the library, especially any overdues. Please check your e-mail or child's agenda if you are unsure if your child has an overdue book.

### PAC Happenings...

Produce orders, hot lunch orders, coffee orders and fundraisers available on [kidston.hotlunches.net](http://kidston.hotlunches.net) access code KHL

The PAC Spring fundraiser is Purdy's Easter chocolates. Catalogues as well as an email were sent home regarding ordering instructions. You can order online by following this link : <https://www.purdysgpp.com/460699> or by filling in the order form that was sent home in the catalogue and returning the order to the PAC mail slot in the office.

Thank you for your support!

**ORDERS DUE FRIDAY MARCH 17 PICKUP April 5th**

### Upcoming Events:

March 13 Principals Tea

March 14 & 15 The Little Mermaid Production

March 15 Ready, Set, Learn event 8:30 am

March 17 Spirit Day Luck of the Irish – Green Day

March 18 – April 2 SPRING BREAK

April 3 School back in session

Kidston Elementary Presents:



**SHOW DATES:**

Tuesday, March 14 @6:00pm

Wednesday, March 15 @6:00pm

Location: Kalamalka Secondary Theatre

**Tickets on sale (by donation) at Kidston office  
until Monday**



**KICKSTART TO LEARNING EVENT  
READY SET LEARN**



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to visit our school**

**Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**



**Discover Reading, Play & Fine Motor Development**

**Join us in our Gymnasium  
12101 Linden Dr., Coldstream, B.C.**

**Parents will learn about:**

- Community Programs
- Child Development
- Getting ready for school

**Each child will receive a storybook and a goody bag,  
participate in fun activities, story time, and have a healthy  
snack.**

**Please call to register: (250) 542-5351**