



# Kidston Elementary School News

## February 2017

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Growing Together ...

Caring, Capable Citizens in a  
Changing World

### January in Review

Happy New Year! January was a very busy month that just seemed to fly by. Thank you to all the families that came to the student led conferences. It was wonderful to see the students sharing and talking about their learning. Our girls and boys basketball teams are in full swing of practices and games. Students in grade 4 and 7 are beginning to write the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) which consists of reading, writing and numeracy tasks. Please visit the SD22 website and give your feedback for the proposed 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school calendars. Christmas break and September Pro-d dates are the main input items.

### Registration/Transfer Dates

January 17-February 15, 2017. If you have a Kindergarten child please come into the school and register. This is also the time to put in a transfer for September 2017.

### Kidston Cares Soup Kitchen

On February 11 Kidston School will be sponsoring the annual Kidston Cares Soup Kitchen at the Anglican Church basement 9am-1pm. We need families help with this in a number of ways: donations of \$2.00 or more per child to pay for the food (send money to the office - our target \$ amount is \$500), a "Food Safe" volunteer, student and parent volunteers for an hour slot of time starting from 9-10, 10-11, 11-12 and 12-1pm. Please let Mrs. Cullum know how you can help.

### 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/>

Thank you so much for such a successful Book Fair! A special thanks to those of you who volunteered to set up, run the fair, and take it down. It was very helpful. Our goal was \$3000 and we beat that by raising **\$3603.85!!** This means that we will have lots of new titles and more copies of popular books for our students to enjoy. If your child made an order at the book fair they should have already brought it home or it is waiting at the library for pick up.  
Shannon Truesdell - Teacher-Librarian

### New Curriculum

Staff will be continuing to develop their craft on the February 24 Pro D day and examining the new curriculum on February 10. Students are not in attendance on both days. Check out the new curriculum on line at <http://curriculum.gov.bc>.

### Lock Down Practice

The school will be doing a scheduled lockdown practice on February 22. This is our yearly practice doing something we hope we never have to do for real. We will announce that it is practice and we will discuss with our classes the procedure. Feel free to talk to your child about the lockdown and help them realize this is not meant to be a stressful event. It is an exercise so that we can practice gathering our students into a safe environment in case we are worried that about something unsafe.

## PAC MEETING MONDAY

### February 6, 6:30 PM

### PAC Happenings...

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

PAC Basket and Movie/Pizza night is happening Friday, February 17 @ 6:00pm. A newsletter about the event and what theme basket your child's class is doing was sent home last week. Items for the basket need to be in by February 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the baskets will be sold at movie night as well as a pre-sale of tickets for those who cannot make it to movie night.

### Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 6 PAC 6:30pm
- Feb. 10 Curriculum Implementation Day
- Feb.11 Kidston Cares Soup Kitchen Day
- Feb. 13 Family Day – No School
- Feb. 14 Spirit Day- Wear red & white
- Feb. 21 Duffle Bag Theatre here
- Feb. 22 PINK SHIRT DAY, lock down practice
- Feb. 24 Pro-D day NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 3 March newsletter

Kidston Elementary Presents:



**SHOW DATES:**

Tuesday, March 14

Wednesday, March 15

Location: Kalamalka Secondary Theatre