

Feb. 1, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The second term interim will be coming home with this letter today (with the exception of Mrs. Taillefer's class). Please read the interim carefully and be sure to contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Now is the time to provide extra support or encouragement to your child so he or she can take advantage of this busy time of academic learning.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Sheena Taillefer to our school. Mrs. Taillefer is teaching the grade 7 class. Ms Halbert is on a medical leave.

This next month also promises to be a busy time with extra activities for students.

Cabin Fever Day Students have chosen their activity for Cabin Fever Day on Feb. 20. Parents of students who have chosen to go skiing will be asked to attend a meeting on Feb. 5 or 7th. Please look for an additional letter with this newsletter telling of the meeting. Permission forms and information on the other activities will be sent home within the next two weeks.

FSA assessments Students in grades 4 and 7 will begin FSAs on Monday in Reading, Writing and Math. It is important that all students are in attendance during the FSA assessments and that students are well rested during the assessment weeks. We want our students to feel confident on the assessments and to do their best. However, students are reminded that FSA assessments are just one form of assessment and only show a small snapshot of time for the student's learning. Classroom teachers are assessing progress on an on-going basis and have a very accurate view of how the student is achieving.

100 Day Younger primary classes will be celebrating the 100th day of school with many activities related to the number 100 on Feb. 11. Students will have an opportunity to find out the meaning of the number 100 in a number of fun, educational ways.

Book Fair Our library will be hosting a Book Fair from Feb. 11 – 15. Be sure to come in and see the wide range of books available.

PAC The PAC meeting this month will be on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the library. On Monday, Feb. 18, PAC and Community Policing will be presenting Kym Stewart to speak to Media Education for Parents. Come out to hear this important topic that can affect our students behaviour and learning.

Jump Rope for Heart On Feb. 28, we will be holding our Jump Rope for Heart event. All classes in the school will have an opportunity to participate during the day. Students will be encouraged to donate coins to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Details will be coming on the announcements.

Basketball Basketball season is underway for students in grades 4, 5, 6, and 7. Thank you to Mrs. Henrickson and Mrs. Knight who are coaching the girls' grade 4/5 team, Mrs. Boyd who is coaching the boys' grade 4/5 team, Susan Simpson who is coaching the girls' grade 6/7 team and Brad McGillvray who is coaching the boys' grade 6/7 team. The girls' games are on Tuesdays and the boys' games are on Thursdays. Come out to our gym and cheer on our teams!

Leadership Club On Wednesday, Feb. 6 the Leadership Club is asking all students who do not like bullying to wear something pink. We are using the colour pink to symbolize our dislike of bullies and their bullying tactics. We encourage all students to take a stand against bullying and wear something pink on Wednesday.

On Feb. 29, the Leadership Club will be hosting a dance for intermediate students. The theme of the dance is Dance Fever. More information about the dance will be coming near the end of February. Leadership Club will be selling glow stick products during the last week of February to raise money for student activities.

Correspondence Please check out our web-site at www.ogilvie.prn.bc.ca This web-site has been recently rejuvenated and contains the latest newsletters and information about the activities at our school. New information is added weekly. Be sure to check it out!

E-mail If you would prefer to receive the newsletter and calendar by e-mail, please fill in the bottom portion of this newsletter. We would be happy to send information electronically and save some paper! Also that way we can ensure that the information gets home and does not get lost in a backpack!

Lunch time expectations Our lunch time expectations have made a big difference in lunch time behaviour. Students are remembering to sit down when eating, to clean up after themselves and to show respect to the Lunch Period Monitors. Thank you for your help in reinforcing the expectations with your child. Staff will be choosing the next area from our matrix to practice with the students.

Cold weather During this cold weather when children cannot play outside, we encourage you as a family to play games with your child in the evenings. A deck of cards is inexpensive and everyone benefits from a fun game such as 'Fish', 'Crazy Eights' or 'Crib' and others. Turning the T.V. off also helps students focus the next day at school.

Feedback We appreciated your thoughts and feedback from January's newsletter and look forward to your ideas on this newsletter.

Up-coming dates

March 3	Assembly at 8:45
March 6	Science Fair
March 7	Non-instructional Day
March 12 and 13	Early dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
March 14	Second term report cards sent home
March 15 – 30	Spring Break
March 31	Schools reopen Assembly at 8:45

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Gibson
Principal

Mrs. D. Boyd
Vice-Principal

Return this portion of the newsletter by **Friday, Feb. 8** to be entered in a draw for prizes!

Parents, please take a moment to give us some feedback:

I feel well informed by the school. _____ Yes _____ No

I would suggest the following changes to enhance communication _____

I have been on the Robert Ogilvie web-site. _____ Yes _____ No

_____ I would like to receive newsletters and other information by e-mail. My e-mail address is:

Thank you for your time and thoughts!

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Parent Signature _____