



## **March 2020**

February was a fun filled month. Fundraising, playing and raising awareness emerged as the themes throughout. I am especially proud to see the Joyful Literacy initiatives throughout the school. I have heard from many teachers that some of their students have jumped several levels in their spelling/reading. It is a busy time of year as we gear up for Spring Break and the final term of the year. Below are just some of the things we did as a school this month.

### **Children's Hospital and Mission Food Bank**

Once again, the Dewdney community demonstrated their giving spirit. In total we raised nearly \$300.00 for Children's Hospital and hundreds of nonperishable food items for the Mission Food Bank. A small price to pay to be taped to the wall. The students also enjoyed sundaes as we celebrated *Red, White, Pink and Hearts Day*.

### **Pink Shirt Day**

Every year schools participate in Pink Shirt Day. It is a statement that all are welcome at school. Wearing pink is a sign that we support those around us. According to [pinkshirtday.org](http://pinkshirtday.org), Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students, David Shepherd and Travis Price, took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new grade 10 student was harassed and threatened for wearing pink. It is a great statement that should last beyond one day. Thank you all for participating.

### **Volleyball**

The team is off to a great start. We have already won four games this season. Our final day of regular season play is Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. If all goes as planned, we will have an extra week of playoff games in March. Way to go players! Thank you coach Gus for all your time and effort.

### **Global School Playday**

This is the first year we have participated in Global Playday. The idea is that students are provided the opportunity of unstructured play. Students could bring toys, as well as use classroom items to play with and among their classmates. This promotes cooperation, compromise, conversation and connection among one another. It was a fun day of play and learning.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Report Cards go home

Mar 12<sup>th</sup> Report Card Conferences

Mar 13<sup>th</sup> Non-Instructional Day - No School

Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Schools reopen

Sincerely,

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*Principal*

