

NEWSLETTER – March 2018

Xpey' Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

March 16	last day of school before Spring Break
March 19 – 29	Spring Break
March 30	Good Friday – Statutory Holiday
April 1	Easter Sunday
April 2	Easter Monday – Statutory Holiday
April 3	first day back at school after Spring Break
April 3	Immunization
April 4	Div. 2 Field Trip to UBC Farm
April 4	Vision Screening 9:15 – 10:20
April 18	Div. 2 Field Trip to UBC Farm
April 27	Professional Day – School not in session
April 30	Xpey' Talent Show – time to be announced later
May 2	Div. 2 Field Trip to UBC Farm
May 3	Big One at Two: VSB Earthquake Drill
May 16	Div. 2 Field Trip to UBC Farm
May 18	District Closure Day – school closed
May 21	Victoria Day – Statutory Holiday
May 30	Div. 2 Field Trip to UBC Farm

NEW ADMINISTRATOR ANNOUNCEMENT

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Ms. Rose MacKenzie as the new Principal of Xpey' Elementary School effective May 1st, 2018. Ms. MacKenzie is the current principal of Squamish Elementary in the Sea to Sky School District No. 48. We are excited that she is joining Xpey' as she brings a wealth of experience and passion for Indigenous education opportunities, and will be here to welcome in the new era for the school as it is formally named Xpey' Elementary School in June. Mr. Agabob and I will continue to be joint administrators of Xpey' for the month of April, and will continue to work alongside Ms. MacKenzie until the end of this current school year. Please join me in welcoming Ms. MacKenzie to Xpey' Elementary!

SAD GOODBYE

It is with sadness that I announce that Mr. James Chamberlain, former Principal of Xpey' Elementary, has extended his health leave until further notice. Our thoughts are with Mr. Chamberlain as he continues to support his family during this difficult time.

STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE LATE

If your child is late (arriving after the 9:00 a.m. bell), please make sure you sign in on the clipboard in our office. Our teachers take attendance promptly at 9:00 a.m., so if your child is marked absent, you will be receiving a phone call home. Please help our busy office staff by making sure you sign in, so it is one less phone call home!

GARDEN

Thank you to staff members who are meeting over Spring Break to help clean up our school gardens. Thank you for volunteering your time to make our school more beautiful! Well done!

PAC MEETING DATES

At our last PAC meeting on March 6, an updated list of dates was announced. Please note the following dates for future PAC meetings which will now be held on **Tuesdays**: April 17, May 15, May 29, and June 12. Meetings will be in our school library starting at 5:30 p.m.

"HOLD THE DATE" FLYER

Please be on the lookout for a flyer in early April asking you to reserve Friday, June 1st on your calendar. This is the date for our official Naming Ceremony. More information will be announced throughout April and May as presentations are booked.

PLEASE HELP US: NO TOYS AT SCHOOL

It is my understanding from staff members that there has been a long-standing expectation that children do not bring their toys to school, unless their teacher is asking them to for "Sharing" or "Show and Tell". We have had many unhappy children as toys are taken away (by classmates or the teacher), go missing, or are broken. Please help us by keeping these toys at home as they are often a distraction in the classroom.

CHILDREN ARRIVING TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING

A gentle reminder that official supervision at school does not begin until 8:45 a.m. All children arriving before this time must be supervised by an adult. It is my understanding that the breakfast program begins at 8:30 a.m. and parents are encouraged to stay with their children until 8:45 a.m. when staff supervision begins. Please do not send your children to school early, as we have seen children being dropped off at 7:30 a.m. We do not have staff supervision at that time and it is not safe for children to be wandering around the school or grounds unsupervised.

SPRING PROGRAM: SPUDS IN TUBS

This program is offered by an organization called Agriculture in the Classroom. It gives the children the chance to see that potatoes don't just come from a store! Classes will be hosting a pot and Ms. Lehmann will be collaborating with the classroom teacher to teach a short lesson on the parts of the potato plant and how they grow. Students will be planting five seed potatoes in each pot and then make predictions on how many potatoes there will be in June when we harvest them.

XPEY' TALENT SHOW!

Come one, come all! Xpey' is having a talent show in late April. Start thinking about your performance and start practicing during Spring Break! We are looking for talented singers, dancers, actors, rappers, comedians, magicians.... Thank you to Ms. Miller for organizing this special event for our students. She will be holding practices in the Blue Room or Library on the following lunch breaks: April 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 23, and 24.

On behalf of the staff at Xpey' Elementary, I wish you all a great Spring Break and Happy Easter! Please remember that the first day back will be Tuesday, April 3rd.

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Ms. Joanne Dale
Acting Principal