



SALMO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February
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Have a Heart Day

Along with Family Day, our Indigenous Education program will be honoring "Have a Heart Day" in February, which brings attention to Jordan's Principle and Shannen's Dream. Both of these Initiatives bring attention to and focus on improved equity and access for First Nations Children in the areas of school and health care. While progress is being made, there are actions you can do to help.

More info about how you can support these initiatives can be found at:

<https://fncaringociety.com/jordans-principle> and
<https://fncaringociety.com/shannens-dream>



Special Thanks



We are so thankful for the very generous donation of an incredible amount of beautiful craft supplies from the family of **Sue Pierce** – grandmother of Abrea, in Mr. Vanlerberg's

class. Sue was an avid artist and creator, and her family chose to pass on her crafting legacy to the school. We look forward to enjoying all of these wonderful supplies in our classrooms for years to come.



Another big thank you to **The Gathering Place**, who made a very generous donation to our school's food program, including the addition of a new blender to make student smoothies!



LUNCH CLUBS

During the colder weather, many of our students have been enjoying our lunch time club offerings – including our Wednesday sewing club (as pictured), offered by Mrs. Naomi.

Other lunch time activities include Ribbon Skirt making for our Indigenous students with Mrs. Naomi, Book Club with Mrs. Pierce, floor hockey with Mr. Vanlerberg, lego with Mr. Caulford & volleyball with Mr. Janssen.

Important Dates



- Feb 7 – FREE Basketball Seminar (next page)
- Feb 9 – Valentine's Dance
- Feb 14 – Valentine's Day / Have a Heart Day
- Feb 16 – District Pro-D – NO SCHOOL
- Feb 19 – Family Day – NO SCHOOL
- Feb 28 – Pink Shirt Day

We are Hiring Bus Drivers

School District 8 is currently hiring **bus drivers**. Bus drivers require a Class 2 license, a criminal record check & the ability to work well with children. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please visit the school website or makeafuture.applytoeducation.com

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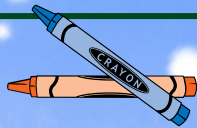


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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! If you or someone you know would like to register a child for kindergarten, please come by the office between 8 am and 3:30 pm on school days to fill out a registration form. Children registering for kindergarten *must* be turning age 5 within the calendar year that they begin. This means children must be age 5 on or before December 31st of 2024 to register for September 2024.



Mrs. Arnett

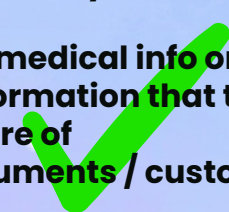
WELCOME NEW STAFF

While Mrs. Hatt is away, we are pleased to welcome teacher Sarah Arnett into her classroom until she comes back! Sarah is also stepping into the role of our Indigenous Education Teacher on Thursdays. Sarah loves running and skiing, and of course teaching your kiddos!

We are also welcoming Marope Chappell, who is a new EA supporting our classrooms!

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Completed registration forms
- Your child's birth certificate OR Passport
- ID of parents / guardians
- A piece of mail with your in-catchment address on it
- Any pertinent medical info or diagnostic information that the school should be aware of
- Any court documents / custody agreements



Kindness Initiatives

Beginning in the month of February and going forward, we will be rolling out some school wide "Cool to be Kind" initiatives! Students will be recognized for exemplary kindness, and can choose to be a part of our School **Kindness Squad**! Be on the look-out for an email and post on our website by Mrs. Terpstra about this, and for a new bulletin board that will be going up in support. Don't forget to **wear your Pink Shirt on February 28th!**

Parents can also find a copy of our school's revised Bullying Policy on our school website.

Upcoming Basketball Seminar



We are pleased to announce that the school will be supporting a **free** basketball seminar on **February 7th** after school! Come learn some skills and shoot some hoops!

This seminar is being facilitated by parent volunteers Dale Verdon and Paul Terpstra, and is **open to all grades and skill levels** - including home learners.

Students in kindergarten, grades 1 & 2 will have a shorter 20 minute workshop from 2:40 to 3:00, and students in grades 3 - 6 will have an hour workshop from 3:05-4:05. Participating students will need a water bottle, inside shoes & a willingness to learn some new physical skills!

To sign your child up for the workshop, please **send an email to clerical.ses@sd8.bc.ca** with your child's name and age grouping!