

# NewsFlash

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#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



With great respect and humility, we acknowledge and honour the lands of the Snuneymuxw people. The Snuneymuxw people maintain their profound, unique and spiritual connection to the land through ageless traditions, teachings, stewardship and expressions of reciprocity. One of the daily practices at syuwence is honouring the land on which we all get to learn, grow, and play. Our student announcers share the land acknowledgement in the daily messages, and the whole school recites it during our assemblies. However, I made a shift in our assembly this month, moving the land acknowledgement to come before the singing of O Canada. The land is Snuneymuxw territory for time immemorial, and Canadian through colonization. As Jully Black sang at the NBA Allstar game, "O Canada, our home **on** native land", small acts have significant power to influence change.

# Pink was the colour of the day!







There was a sea of pink in the school on Wednesday as students and staff alike donned their pink shirts and sweaters in support of taking a stand against bullying. Students worked on a variety of projects, focusing on ways to "lift each other up." Our assembly on Thursday focused on the overall theme of kindness.

Things started to happen this week



Then more shirts appeared ...



#### Check out what some classes were thinking about:



"We use kind words in Div. 1"



"Be kind and include others"

Division 11

"Be Kind" – Div 5



"Be kind, be inclusive, be helpful, use kind words" Div 13.



"Be the 'l' in kind" – Div 6



"Our promise is to stand up for others" Div 12



"Always appreciate others for who they are, even if they are different" Div 14

Division 8 (Mrs. Reynold and Ms. Hawkins) and Division 15 (Ms. Westaway and Mrs. Nielsen's) classes worked together to create a video for our assembly, using the song "K is for Kindness" as the backdrop! The video was amazing!







Students were also shown the resources available to them through the erase – **expect respect & a safe education** – website that is featured weekly in this NewsFlash. I encourage you to click on the link and have a look!

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase

## **CALENDAR UPDATES!**

Please note that all the events are on our school website https://ct.schools.sd68.bc.ca/

- Grade 7s to meet with Wellington staff @syuwenct February 28 March 1 PAC Meeting on Zoom March 2 Div 6 & 7 to Museum March 3 Grade 3 Swim to Survive – Pool March 8 **One Colour Wednesday Dinner and a Movie!** March 8 March 10 Grade 3 Swim to Survive - Pool March 10 Last Day before Spring Break March 10 Fun Lunch – Subway March 13-24 Spring Break
- School resumes March 27
- March 28 Kindergarten Hearing and Dental screening
- Month End Assembly March 30
- Fun Lunch Cobs March 31



Next PAC Meeting is Wednesday March 1. Please join us on ZOOM at 7:00 PM.

Topic: March PAC Meeting Time: Mar 1, 2023 07:00 PM Vancouver

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87457841333?pwd= OVBBQm14Nkpla2s1TWNpQ3AxRm0xZz09

Meeting ID: 874 5784 1333 Passcode: 641642

#### PARKING REMINDERS

Following up for my message last week, please remember the following expectations regarding parking at svuwéńct.

- 1. The driveway is for vehicles with "accessible" signs and daycare busses only.
- 2. There are two fire hydrants in front of the school. These areas are NO PARKING regardless whether drivers stay in their vehicles.
- 3. Many of your children walk to and from school. They need to be seen at the crosswalks so please be mindful when parking close to these areas.

**CHILD GOING TO BE AWAY?** 

Email info.CT@sd68.bc.ca or call us at 250-729-0450. Our new name populates in the email message ( $\infty$ )

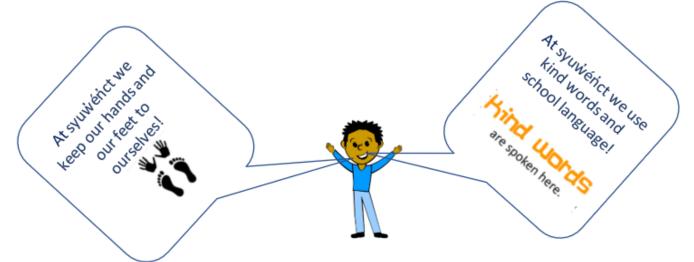
## SNOW! (AGAIN!)



Stunning view!

Bury me!

**Bursting free!** 





Family and Friends of syuWén'ct Elementary School stay in touch with all that is going on. https://munchalunch.com/login For returning families

https://munchalunch.com/schools/syuwenct For new families



Need help in providing your child with the Fun Lunch through MunchaLunch? Please reach out to the school or the PAC!