# THE WEEK AHEAD

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#### What's going on this week?

Feb 21-28: Kindness Week

Feb 26: PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm

Feb 28: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 29: Hot Lunch - Sushi Lover's

Mar 1: Family Literacy Morning with Primary @ 8:45am







Learning Update #3: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please sign up for a learning conference with your child's teacher. We ask that all parents take time to meet with their child's teacher for an update on your child's learning. Our staff will be contacting families to sign up for learning conferences. If you cannot come to school TEAMS video calls or phone calls can also be utilized to connect with your child's teacher. Important updates regarding your child's progress in their literacy and numeracy learning will be communicated. There has been so much amazing learning happening in our community, please come in and celebrate the learning. We have an early dismissal on Thursday, March 7th to accommodate the learning conference. However, staff may schedule before or after the 7th of March.

Our students choose a joke to read for the *Joke of the Day* segment at our morning announcement. Here's a sample from our joke book:

Why do bees have sticky hair?

Because they use honeycombs!



## **PINK SHIRT DAY**

In 2007, Berwick Nova Scotia, after a new student at their school was bullied for wearing a pink shirt, two grade 12 students bought 50 pink shirts and encouraged their classmates to wear pink. The next day they went to distribute the shirts and to their surprise the majority of students arrived wearing pink! With that act of kindness, Pink Shirt Day was born.

In recognition of the Berwick event, Nova Scotia proclaimed the second Thursday of September "Stand Up Against Bullying Day." In 2008, British Columbia proclaimed February 27th to be the provincial anti-bullying day, and the movement has continued to grow. In 2012, the United Nations declared May 4 as Anti-Bullying Day, and now the last Wednesday each February is Canada's national Pink Shirt/anti-bullying day.

Many countries now recognize specific days for raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion. In Canada, many students have heard the Pink Shirt Day message from kindergarten through to their high school graduation.

The movement continues to grow.



**Important Dates Ahead** 

- Feb 21-28: Kindness Week
- Mar 1: Family Literacy with divisions 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15 @ 8:45am-9:45am
- March 6-7: Grade 7 Feeder Tournament McMath
- Mar 7: Learning Update #3 Conferences Early Dismissal at 11:50am
- Mar 8: Spirit Day Dress Like a Teacher Day
- Mar 14: Spirit Day Pajama Day
- Mar 15-28 (inclusive): Spring Break
- Mar 29: Good Friday (School Closed)
- Apr 1: Easter Monday (School Closed)
- Apr 3: Safer Spaces TCO2 Grades 4-5 @ lpm
- Apr 5: Rick Hansen Foundation Presentations
- Apr 10 Jun 5: DARE Program (10 Wednesdays) Grades 5-6 with Constable Walker police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives
- Apr 15-19: Spirit Week
  - o Apr 15 Matching Monday
  - o Apr 16 Tie Dye Tuesday
  - o Apr 17 Wacky Wednesday
  - o Apr 18 Tropical Thursday
  - o Apr 19 Fancy Friday
- Apr 23: Cyber Safe Presentation Grades 6-7 @ 9am
- May 7: Music in our Schools
- May 7-9: Hop On Bike Lessons Grades 4-6
- May 17: Pro D Day no school for students
- May 20: Victoria Day (School Closed)
- May 21: McRoberts Grade 7 Orientation Day
- May 24: Spirit Day Superhero Day
- May 31: McMath Grade 7 Orientation Day
- Jun 3-5: Spirit Week
  - o Jun 3 Rainbow Day
  - o Jun 4 Tacky Tuesday
  - o Jun 5 Crazy Hair/Hat Day
  - o Jun 6 Dixon Day
- Jun 4: Community Celebration Engaging Artist
- Jun 5: DARE Celebration Grades 5-6
- Jun 7: Dragon Day
- Jun 12: Beach Day @ Spanish Banks East
- Jun 13: Safer Spaces TCO2 Grades 6-7 @ lpm
- Jun 26: Grade 7 Assembly
- Jun 27: Last Day of School



Feb 29

Mar 14

Apr 4

Apr 18

Apr 25

May 2

May 16 May 30

Jun 6

Jun 20

## **PAC Meetings**

#### Where?

**Dixon Library** 

### When? 6:30pm

Feb 26

Apr 22

May 27

**Jun 17** 



## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Dates

#### February is...

#### **Black History Month**

Feb 10: Lunar New Year

Feb 14: Vasant Panchami

Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

Feb 15: Nirvana Day

Feb 19: Family Day

Feb 20: World Day of Social Justice

Feb 21: Int'l Mother Language Day

Feb 24: Lantern Festival

Feb 24: Magha Puja Day

Feb 28: Pink Shirt Day