

Weekly News

From the Office of Richard McBride
February 8 - 19

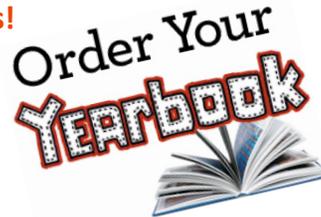


Extended Ordering: 2020/2021 Yearbooks!

Ordering for non-personalized yearbooks has been extended!

Online Orders due by Sunday Feb 14

Paper Orders due by Friday Feb 12



2021/2022 Programs of Choice & OOC/OOD

Applications for Programs of Choice (Montessori & French Immersion) close Friday February 12 at 4:00pm.

The application window for OOC/OOD placement closes Friday February 12 at 4:00pm.

Apply online at newwestschools.ca ([Registration](#))

2021 FEBRUARY



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12 School Spirit Day: Wear your white, pink, or red! Paper Yearbook Orders DUE
15 Family Day (School Closed)	16 Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students) StrongStart Centre Closed	17	18	19
22	23	24 Pink Shirt Day PAC Meeting - 7:00pm	25	26
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Mark Your Calendar



February 15
Family Day
(School Closed)

February 16
Non-Instructional Day
(No School for Students)

March 12
Last day for new student
Registration before break

March 15-26
Spring Break (School Closed)

April 2 & 5
School Closed for Good
Friday & Easter Monday

Dear McBride Families,

We have been so fortunate to enjoy mild weather through the start of February, this has allowed many classes to take their learning outdoors. With Valentine's Day around the corner, we will be having a school spirit day! Children are invited to wear red, white or pink day on the 12th. Children will be able to exchange cards with their classmates, but we ask that you do not send any food treats; please check with your child's teacher for classroom specific plans. As always, we kindly ask that if you are helping your child exchange cards, that you do so through the lens of inclusion and ensure that one is provided for every child in the class.



Over the past week your child likely came home with an assignment from their teacher to have a conversation with you about their name. The children were asked to interview their parents about how their name was selected and what special meaning it holds for your family. We all enjoyed a beautiful story called Your Name is a Song, by Jamilah Tompkins-Bigelow, in a virtual assembly, read by Mr. Elves. School wide we are talking about the importance of identify and the importance of our names as part of identity. Classes have created beautiful displays, created class books and had thoughtful conversations about identity through this lens. We are connecting this work to the conversations that we are having about the renaming of our school, and the importance of naming. Please see [this link with Mr. Elves' reading of the story "My name is a song."](#) I know you will enjoy the story!

Finally, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to our parents who continue to be mindful of social distancing and wearing your mask during pick up and drop off times. As we are all aware, due to the construction project, our outdoor space is limited, and we appreciate your continued efforts to ensure that distancing is in place in order to ensure everyone's safety. We are currently reviewing any adjustments to our procedures that may result from the updated COVID 19 guidelines issued yesterday. As our Superintendent noted in his message yesterday, we will provide updates as soon as possible.

Happy weekend!

Kathleen

Salmon Update

After lots of preparation, Division 12 welcomed eyed eggs into the smaller fish tank in our hallway in January. Some of the eyed eggs are becoming darker – this means these ones will become alevin soon!



View from the corner of Devoy Street and School Street

Construction Corner

