



Sangster's Weekly News Update



"Come Aboard – Treasure the Voyage!"

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Sangster School Goals

Goal 1 (Numeracy): To improve the achievement and attitudes of all students in the area of Numeracy with special emphasis on reducing the gender gap between girls' and boys' achievement.

Goal 2 (Social Responsibility): 1) to continue a school-wide framework for problem solving and social responsibility; 2) to involve all students in school-wide initiatives related to global citizenship.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Since Jan. 19, District Curriculum Coordinator **Jeannie Deboice** has been working with staff to help address our Numeracy goal. To mark the end of her time with us, we held a "Math in Your Pocket Day" today. From 9:45- 10:15 a.m., students shared Math problems with one another and with staff to demonstrate their learning. The focus was on getting them to "show their thinking" – not only with numbers, but with words and pictures as well! *George Kruse, Principal (gkruse@sd62.bc.ca)*

Sangster Swim Club (a note from Mrs. Cook)

Sangster Swim Club starts Tuesday, February 9 at Juan de Fuca pool from 3:00 – 3:30. It is open to swimmers from Kindergarten to Grade 6 who can swim lengths in the big pool (Swim Kids 3 or higher). Our PAC pays for the pool time and instructors (Thank you!) Rides to and from the pool are parent's responsibility. Mrs. Cook (in a pinch) can take 1 or 2 to the pool. We leave at 2:45 sharp to be at the pool and on deck by 3:00. If swimmers are sick or can't make it some weeks, that is fine – join us when you can. See you at the pool on Tuesdays 3:00-3:30. Dates for swim club – Feb. 9, 16, March 2, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27.

Night Sky Party Reminder (a note from Mrs. Bonfonti)

Please remember to return your tear-off if you are planning to attend the Night Sky Party. This will help organizers estimate the number of telescopes required.

March 25 Spring Fair Update

Our PAC is still collecting "Used Books" for a table at the upcoming Spring Fair on the evening of March 25 – and they would appreciate receiving your donations. There is a box located in the school office for book donations up until March 24th.

Haiti Fundraising Update

Further to last week, some final donations raised for Haiti relief totaled \$1,160. We were contacted by Sylvia Hadfield, who organized all District donations last week at Savory Elementary with "Unity in Diversity" students, and she informed us that the funds Sangster raised will be added to (4 to 1) by the Canadian Food Grains Bank and Canadian International Development Association to provide food and seeds to the "Joy and Peace Orphanage" in Haiti, which currently houses 5,500 displaced people. Once again, many thanks to the entire Sangster community for your support!

Two Week Overview

Monday, February 8

- **Change from usual time** Weekly assembly at 10:30 a.m.
- Olympic Women's Hockey Team member and gold medal winner, Katie Weatherston presents on respect, goal-setting and overcoming obstacles (10:45 – 11:45 a.m.) Students are asked to dress in red and white, or Olympic wear if they have it.
- Girls' Basketball game at 3:15 p.m. – Sangster at Ruth King

Tuesday, February 9

- SPC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

- Boys' Basketball game at 3:15 p.m. – Sangster at Lakewood
- **Change from usual time** PAC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – Guest Speaker Werner Liedtke will present on "Number Sense"

Thursday, February 11

Friday, February 12

Monday, February 15

- **Student Olympic events – primary students in the morning and intermediate students in the afternoon will participate in a series of fun "Olympic Events" representing various countries from the Olympics with presentation of "medals" for Gold, Silver and Bronze winners.**

Tuesday, February 16

- Girls' Basketball game at 3:15 p.m. – Sangster at Colwood

Wednesday, February 17

- Boys' Basketball game at 3:15 p.m. – Willway at Sangster

Thursday, February 18

Friday, February 19

- **Professional Development Day – Students do not attend.**

Long Term Planning Calendar

Monday, February 22

- **Olympic Mascot Day – students will be making paper mascots in class or they may bring in any Olympic mascots they have at home. Students are asked to dress in red and white, or Olympic wear.**

Tuesday, February 23

- Night Sky Party – 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 1

- School-wide Skating Field Trip – p.m. (permission forms will be sent home)

Tuesday, March 2

- The Scholastic Book Fair will commence after school and run until Friday, March 5. Please contact Jeanine Woodman (jeaninewoodman@telus.net) if you would like to help.

Wednesday, March 3

- Parent Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal (at 11:45 a.m.)

Thursday, March 4

- Parent Teacher Conferences (this is a non-instructional day for students)

Friday, March 5

- Report cards to go home (some Primary teachers may distribute reports earlier)
- Last day before Spring Break

Saturday, March 6 – Sunday, March 14

- Spring Break

Monday, March 15

- School back in session

Friday, March 19

- VIVA Children's Choir performs 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

- PAC Spring Fair 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 2

- Good Friday Holiday

Monday, April 5

- Easter Monday Holiday

Thursday, April 15

- School-based Staff Development Day – Students do not attend.

Tuesday, May 4

- Whole School and Class Photos

Friday, May 14

- Intermediate Student Track Meet

Monday, May 24

- **Victoria Day Holiday**

Friday, May 28

- **Parent Appreciation Drive-By – drop by for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack!**

Monday, June 28

- **Beach Day**

Tuesday, June 29

- **Last day for students – final report cards home**
- **Year-end Assembly and Leaving Ceremony for our grade 6's**

Wednesday, June 30

- **Administration Day - Students do not attend.**