



# March Newsletter

## *Administrator's Message*

### Month at a Glance

#### March 6

School Spirit Day  
Read-A-Thon Dress in Your  
Country's Colour

#### March 7

Daylight Savings  
Move Clocks Ahead  
at Midnight

#### March 10

Intermediate Ski Day

#### March 12

PAC Movie Night  
Zootopia 2 - 6:30 pm

#### March 13

PAC Hot Lunch  
Cookies & Milk

#### March 14-29

Spring Break  
School Closed

#### April 3

School Not in Session  
Good Friday

#### April 6

School Not in Session  
Easter Monday

#### April 8

Class Photos

Dear Families,

#### **Playground Update**

Our PAC is in the final push for playground funding as we hope to secure a grant this year. An additional swing set will be installed this spring, with an additional playground hopefully following in the fall if the funding is available.

To make this playground the best it can be, we are also seeking corporate donations. Please see the attached Playground Proposal, which can be shared with local businesses interested in supporting this project. Playground equipment is very expensive—the swing set alone costs \$27,000—so we truly appreciate all the support we can get to enhance our outdoor play spaces for our students. Thank you for your continued support in moving this project forward!

#### **Read-A-Thon**

Tracking reading minutes has officially begun! Our school librarian, Mrs. Adams, along with Mrs. Rodney, has shown students how to track their minutes and collect pledges for the Read-A-Thon. Teachers will be collecting the forms and calculating minute totals.

Funds raised will support a new feature in the gym, additional books for the library, a technology cart, and our playground project. Thank you to everyone for your support, and a special thank you to Courtney Chanski for creating an engaging bulletin board that highlights class reading progress.

#### **Planning for Next Year**

Planning for the 2026–2027 school year is well underway. This year marked the largest student population in our school's history with the addition of AWES students. Next year, we will return to 10 classrooms, with the staff room and Learning Services space restored.

As budgeting and staffing decisions take place this month, accurate enrollment numbers are essential. If you know of any students who live in our catchment area but have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so. All out of catchment students who are currently enrolled are included in next year's numbers. Please ensure that your current address is up-to-date with the office.

#### **Learning Services**

Additional supports through our Learning Services department are available when students have a medical diagnosis that qualifies for additional funding. This funding is used to hire Learning Services teachers, EAs as well as Youth Care services.

Families are encouraged to stay up-to-date with your medical professional. A reminder that kids in BC are eligible for FREE eye exams. The wait list for the optometrist, doctor and for specialised services can be lengthy. Getting connected with your doctor early can provide the early interventions that your child needs to feel successful at school.



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# Administrator's Message Continued

## Elementary Sports

Thank you to coach (and parent) Heather Stuart-Primbs and former student Mataya Thronson for coaching our girls' basketball team, and to Mr. Flegel and Mrs. Reinarz for coaching our boys' team. Both teams had a great season and represented our school well at the Mount Baker Tournament. Our girls finished an impressive 5th overall, and our boys placed second after a heartbreaking two point loss in the final game.

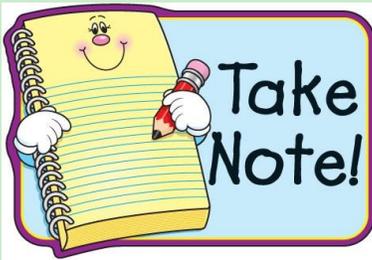
Track and Field is the next extracurricular opportunity for students in Grades 4–6. We will host a KO Track Meet at the College of the Rockies on May 13. All Grade 4–6 students will participate. Students who place in the top three for their grade and gender will represent KO at the Cranbrook Elementary Track Meet on June 2.

If you are interested in volunteering by helping to run a station for our track meet, please contact me at [carissa.hart@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:carissa.hart@sd5.bc.ca).

Kind regards,

*Carissa Hart*





# Kootenay Orchards Read-A-Thon

**Our Read-A-Thon is now underway and will continue until Sunday, March 8th.  
Last week, students brought home a reading log and pledge form.**

Students are invited to share in the joy of reading and keep track of how many minutes they have read each day. Students are welcome to ask family and friends to sponsor them in this challenge. Pledges can be made for minutes read (ex: 10 cents per minute) or as a flat amount. Donor names and amounts can be recorded on the Pledge Form.

Students are asked to record minutes on their individual Reading Logs each day. We would love this to be a family affair, so any minutes that you or a family member read to your child also counts!

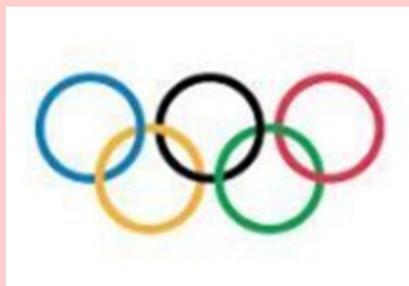
Students do not need to collect pledges to participate, we just want everyone to read and have fun! Even if your child doesn't raise funds, please send back their minutes read!

**Reading logs, pledge forms & any monies collected are due back to the school by  
Wednesday, March 11th.**

Prizes will be awarded to the top readers (most minutes read) from each classroom, as well as prizes for the top reader from both the Primary and Intermediate grades. We will also be awarding a pizza party to the Primary and Intermediate classes with the highest combined minutes read.

**Monies raised will go toward replacing outdated Library books  
and the building of our new playground.**

**Thank you for your support!!! Let the Games Begin!!!**





# Read-A-Thon School Spirit Day

**Friday, March 6th**

In celebration of the Read-A-Thon, students are invited to dress in the colours of the country assigned to their class. Please see the class countries below.

**Mrs. Feltham—Sweden**

**Mrs. Linardic—France**

**Mrs. Malmberg—China**

**Mrs. Adams—Japan**

**Ms. Boss—Mexico**

**Ms. Flegel—Australia**

**Mrs. Reinarz—Norway**

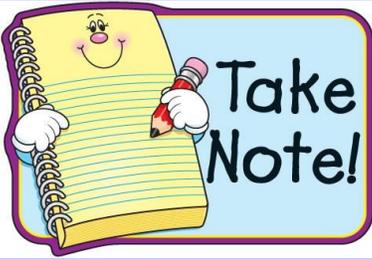
**Mrs. Kingwell—United Kingdom**

**Mrs. Kirkpatrick—Germany**

**Mrs. Halldorson—Italy**

**Mrs. Potter—Finland**





**Spring KO Swag Wear Sale**

**KO Swag is available to order from now until April 5th.**

**Please use the following link to place an order:**

**[KO Sport Factor](#)**

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**Friendly reminder to families to turn your clocks ahead at midnight for Daylights Saving this Saturday, March 7th.**

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**Lost & Found**

**We have accumulated a large number of items in our Lost & Found. Please kindly ask your child/ren to take a look to see if any items belong to them. Items that have not been claimed by Friday, March 13th will be donated to the thrift store over spring break.**





INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MÉTIS ASSOCIATION**

# WHY ART?

THE REAL QUESTION SHOULD BE WHY NOT ART?!

- Art builds fine motor skills & increases neural connection.
- Art enhances creative ability & encourages imagination among all.
- Art makes you feel good-it boosts your self-esteem!
- Art improves communication.
- Art builds connections with others and community.

**Our next group will be held on Mar 10th**

Please join us for our drop-in art group at the Rocky Mountain Métis Community space, #110 - 108 Van Horn Street South. On every second Tuesday of the month from 6 pm to 8 pm. Ages 13 and up (Anyone 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult)

There will be no instructor for this, just free craft time. All art supplies are provided.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MÉTIS ASSOCIATION**

Rocky Mountain Métis Community  
Kitchen Party Potluck

# POTLUCK Dinner

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE  
WE WILL HAVE  
YOUTH JIGGING GROUP  
KIDS ART TABLE  
DOOR PRIZES

**SATURDAY MARCH 7TH**  
@ 6:00 PM IN THE  
ROYAL ALEXANDREA HALL  
@ THE CRANBROOK TRAIN MUSEUM

For More Information Please call  
250-489-8960

Registration: Please scan the QR Code

March 6 - 8, 2026

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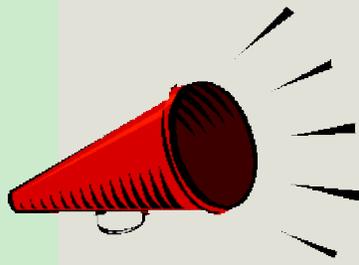
**KOOHKOM MARIE**  
Southern Michif Speaker

**AMY CROSS**  
Métis Facilitator

Rocky Mountain Métis Community Space, Cranbrook BC  
Cost FREE, Limited Registration, For Ages 10+.  
Starts Mar 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm  
CHILD CARE IS NOT PROVIDED FOR THIS EVENT

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If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Leduc at [terrace.leduc@sd5.bc.ca](mailto:terrace.leduc@sd5.bc.ca).



# PAC News!!

**SCHOOL  
MOVIE NIGHT**

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
**\$5 POPCORN / CHIP COMBO**

**FEATURING:**  
**ZOOTOPIA 2**

**March 12th • 6:30 PM**



# PAC News!!



If you would like to place an order, please visit [Muncha Lunch](#).

*Please Note: Orders will need to be placed one week before the scheduled hot lunch day with the exception of the February 6th date as orders for that one will close on Tuesday, February 3rd. All orders must be paid in full within 12 hours of being added to your cart otherwise they will be automatically deleted.*

**Friday, March 13th: Cookies & Milk**

**Friday, April 10th: Pizza Hut**

**Wednesday, April 22nd: Taco Time**

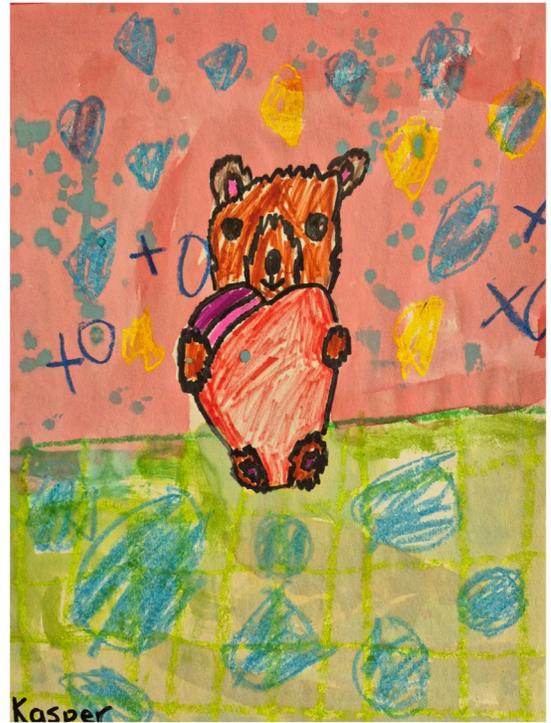
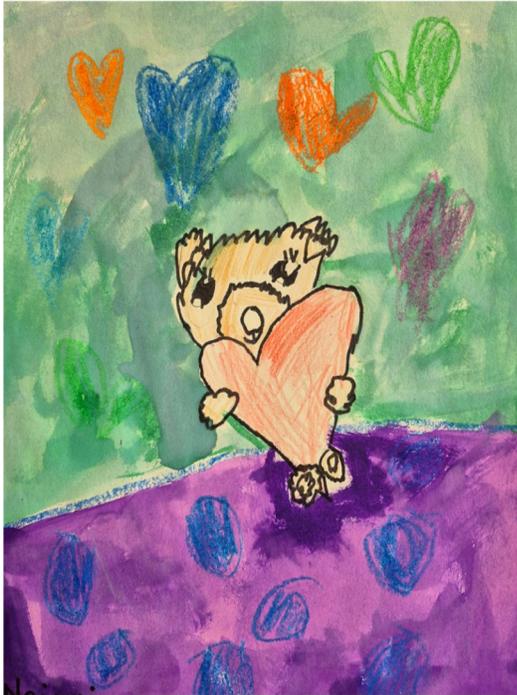
**Wednesday, May 8th: Hot Dog Day**

**Friday, May 22nd: Cookies & Milk**

**Wednesday, June 3rd: Boston Pizza**

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: Subway**

Mrs. Malmberg's  
Grade 1 Class



The Six Senses Of Winter

By Oakley

Winter looks like white bunnies hopping through the snow.

Winter sounds like crunchy snow wherever you go.

Winter smells like hot chocolate dripping in your mouth.

Winter tastes like soft snow coming onto your tongue.

Winter feels like soft snow coming from the clouds.

Winter feels like making hot chocolate with your family!

# Ms. Boss' Grade 2/3 Class

The Six Senses Of Winter

By Jackie

Winter looks like snowflakes falling down.

Winter sounds like hot chocolate sizzling.

Winter smells like fresh cold snow.

Winter tastes like a happy meal.

Winter feels like a nice cup of hot chocolate.

Winter feels joyful, fun, and happy!



The Six Senses Of Winter

By Harlowe

Winter looks like sledding hills filled with joy and all the laughter fills the air.

Winter sounds like happiness around the world and hearts filled.

Winter smells like freshness surrounding the air.

Winter tastes like hot chocolate on a cold winter day.

Winter feels like presents opening with a bundle of joy.

Winter feels like love is coming on its way!

The Six Senses Of Winter

By Morghan

Winter looks like going up a hill and sledding down.

Winter sounds like "Swoooooosh!".

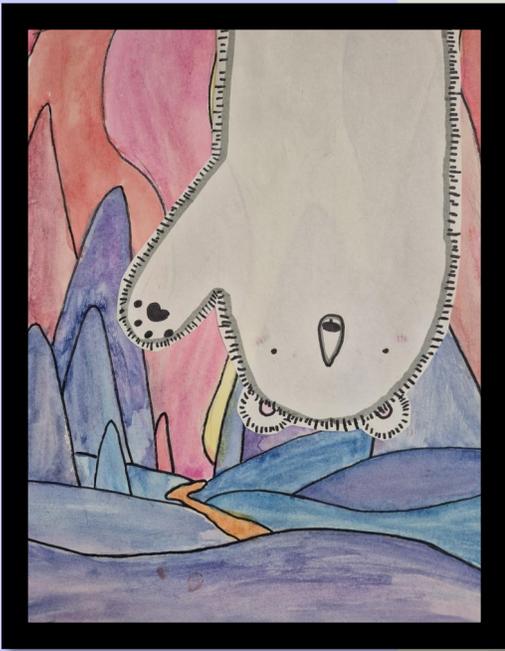
Winter smells sooooo cold. It makes my nose red.

Winter tastes wet and watery.

Winter feels so cold it makes my hands freeze.

Winter feels like Christmas!

Mrs. Reinarz's  
Grade 4 Class



# Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with your phone's camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



**tunwa·kaṭu'ka**

For sun to shine from behind  
clouds



**ṭumayit**

To be Spring



**kaqṭuyitqa**

Green



**ṭa·qanuk**

Puddle



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.