

*"Celebrating Our Diversity As Learners"*

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## **COOK COUGARS**

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## **NEWSLETTER**

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### **MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

Pink Shirt Day 2021 was a very successful day at Cook!

It was a great way to reinforce the Cook Cougars Care for ourselves, each other, this place. I continue to be impressed by the number of students and parents who exchange "Good morning" "Have a good day" with me. It makes me feel welcome and I hope it gives students and parents a pleasant start to their day.

We continue to help students feel welcome and safe at school. Parents can help the learning continue by reinforcing that it is never okay to hit or push another student or adult. Also, using kind words goes a long way and families can help younger children learn to use "please" and "thank you" by modelling it for them. Remember parents are a child's first teacher!



Division 9, Mrs. Verkade's Grade 3/4 Class showing their Pink Day spirit!

### **IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

**March 13<sup>th</sup> – March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Break. The school will be closed during this time. The school will reopen for the third term on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Long Weekend. Statutory holidays, the school will be closed.



Some of our All-star Educational Assistants were in the Pink Shirt Day Spirit.



### REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be going home on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents should keep all the paper material. The report card envelope needs to be **signed and returned** to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. If parents have questions about the information received in the report card, we

encourage you to e-mail the teacher.

Once again, students in Div. 1-7, 11 and 14 (both in school and on Transitional Learning), you will be receiving information about your child's growth and progress through e-portfolio. You are able to access your child's e-portfolio at any time during the school year and provide feedback on the work you are seeing. Assessment posts will be made throughout the year and may be alternate times to the rest of the schools reporting period.

If your child is on Transitional Learning, you will need to come to the office between **8am – 4pm on March 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>** to pick up your child's report card.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is important that we have your current residential address on file. If you have moved or will be moving to a new address, please inform the school office. We also require a proof of residence in order to update the student record in the office. For more information, please contact the school office.

### LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found tables will be set up next week outside the gym doors. Please check to see if your child has any lost items. Any items that have not been picked up will be donated over the Spring Break.



### EXTENDED LEAVE FOR STUDENTS

If you are planning on travelling, please remember to inform your child's classroom teacher and call the school office. Remember that at Richmond School District, students are allowed to be absent from school for a **maximum of 20 school days** at once. After the 20<sup>th</sup> day, the student will be withdrawn from the school and you will need to re-register your child again online at [Student Registration](#) once your child has returned from the trip.

### W. COOK LLC UPDATE

It has been a busy term in the library! Thank you for showing all your love the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated [#LoveYourSchoolLibrary](#) & [#IReadCanadian](#). Many chocolate bars were delivered with books checked out by the Canadian authors/illustrators. We also read many books to celebrate Chinese New Year and Black History Month.

We are nearing the end of our Readers' Choice Book program. Many intermediate students have read at least 3 novels and completed the book reviews so they will be called down to put their name into the prize draw. Primary classes are also wrapping up their readings and will be voting for their choice picture book. Winners will be announced before we head off for Spring Break! Please remember to return any overdue books to the library. You can continue to read eBooks in our Digital collection [here](#). Remember to join Mrs. Storey for her weekly Zoom Storey Time on Monday mornings at 9am for primary classes and in the afternoon for intermediates. Please check with your teacher for the zoom link.

Happy Reading!

– Mrs. Storey



### **DAYLIGHT SAVING**

Daylight saving will begin at 2am on **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Remember to spring forward by 1 hour.



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- March 1** – Anna (Div. 21)
- March 2** – Cailey (Div. 1)
- March 4** – Chloe (Div. 9)
- March 6** – Naisha (Div. 5)
- March 9** – Kendrick (Div. 13)
- March 10** – Sabir (Div. 10) & Matt (Div. 5)
- March 12** – Jayden (Div. 19) & Amax (Div. 15)
- March 13** – Gabriel (Div. 9)
- March 14** – Aylla (Div. 17) & Rayden (Div. 14)
- March 15** – Kaden (Div. 11) & Dennis (Div. 1)
- March 17** – Jimmy (Div. 7)
- March 18** – Ariel (Div. 17)
- March 19** – Anson (Div. 14)
- March 20** – Oscar (Div. 3)
- March 21** – Claire (Div. 18)
- March 22** – Saskia (Div. 8)
- March 24** – Caden (Div. 8) & Lea-Erick (Div. 5)
- March 25** – Semeion (Div. 5), Zaijian (Div. 10) & Ayessa (Div. 1)
- March 28** – Janna (Div. 10)
- March 29** – Sabrin (Div. 6), Deanique (Div. 22), John (Div. 16), Angelina (Div. 9) & Lojain (Div. 6)
- March 30** – Bosco (Div. 8)
- March 31** – Teadora (Div. 21) & Temesgen (Div. 23)

### **EARTH HOUR – MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

Earth Hour is a world-wide event held each year around the end of March. Individuals, families, businesses, communities, cities and countries are encouraged to turn off their lights and electronic devices for 1 hour (8:30 – 9:30pm) on March 27<sup>th</sup> as a symbol of our commitment to the planet. For more information, please visit [Earth Hour](http://Earth Hour).



### **D.A.R.E. PROGRAM AT COOK**

Our Grade 5 students will participate in the DARE Program beginning after Spring Break. DARE stands for Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education. It is a program developed by the RCMP. We will have an officer from the Richmond detachment of the RCMP assisting in the teaching of the lessons to our students. The program runs for 10 weeks and at the end of it, students will receive a certificate.



### **PAC MEETING**

Our next PAC meeting will be **Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** through Zoom. The Zoom link to the meeting will be sent out closer to date.