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Cook Community

The Week Ahead: February 12 - 16, 2024

Monday	Breakfast Club
Tuesday	Breakfast Club Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs Anderson
Wednesday	Breakfast Club <i>Happy Valentines Day</i> ❤️ Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs. Tomsett
Thursday	Breakfast Club EARLY DISMISSAL at 12:00pm for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday	Professional Learning Day – NO SCHOOL

Important Information:

- Happy Lunar New Year to our community:** Lunar New Year occurs on February 10, 2024. In Chinese tradition each year the Chinese zodiac is associated with an animal sign. Lunar New Year 2024 is the Year of the Dragon. The dragon is considered a symbol of strength, courage, and good fortune. Happy new year to all of our families who observe this tradition.
- A friendly reminder that **Parent-Teacher conferences** take place next week. We have **Early Dismissal on Thursday, February 15th at 12:00pm** so that teachers can begin meeting with families. **PLEASE be sure to pick up your child on time on the 15th!** This is an excellent opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher and see how they are doing at school so far. *This year report cards are NOT coming home in March rather report cards will be coming home on April 26th, so meeting your child's teacher now is highly recommended.*
- There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, February 16th** as it is a District Professional Learning Day.
- There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, February 19th** as it is Family Day.
- Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in **Black History Month** festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians (people of African or Caribbean ancestry who have settled in Canada), past and present. Canada declared February to be Black History Month in 1995.

Canada's 2024 theme for Black History Month is "Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; a Future to Build." The new theme is announced by the Government of Canada in the first week of February each year.

Black History Month offers opportunities for educators and students to share in Black joy and excellence and learn about strength and resilience in the face of racism and injustice. Through critically understanding the impacts of systemic and individual discrimination on human lives both in the past and continuing today, students can begin





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to reimagine and work towards a world that is free from marginalization—a place that honours and celebrates the diversity and vibrance of all races, ethnicities, and cultures.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that February 14th is love your library day?

There are many reasons to love our library! The school library is the heartbeat of a school. It's more than just a place to take out books, it's also a place where people come together and share ideas, create cool things, but most of all share in beautiful stories.

Upcoming Dates:

- February 19 – Family Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 21 – Gr. 7 Boys Basketball @ Cook vs. Garden City
- February 22 – PAC Lunch: Elephant's Kitchen
- February 23 – SPIRIT DAY: Dress up as your favorite villain
- February 23 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Currie
- February 26 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Cook vs. Anderson
- February 27 – Gr. 7 Girls Basketball @ Cook vs. Currie
- February 28 – Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day)

~Cook Highlights~

