ANNIEVILLE NEWS

Meeting the needs of all our students

Important Dates

Friday, Feb 4, 11, 25 & March 4

Ski/Snowboard Program

Wednesday, Feb 9

Hot Lunch

Feb 14 - 17

Jump Rope for Heart

Tuesday, Feb 15

PAC Zoom Meeting @7:00

Friday, Feb 18

Professional Day- No School for Students

Monday, Feb 21

Family Day-No School

Wednesday, Feb 23

Pink Shirt Day & Hot Lunch

Friday, March 11

Last Day Before Spring



Term Two

We are well into the shortest term of the school year, which seems crazy to say! I'm really hoping that we won't see any more snow like we had at the beginning of January, though I'm sure the students feel the opposite!

As I'm sure you've seen our Ga Ga Ball pit has been installed on our gravel field. I know that there have been issues with students getting muddy and we've had quite a few students coming in with injuries to their hands. There are other schools in the district who have pits on gravel fields but haven't had the same issues we're experiencing. We are working with the District to see if there is an affordable solution to this. We'll keep you updated as we try to figure things out.



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Jump Rope For Heart

Our Jump Rope For Heart event will take place the week of February 14-17 to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Fundraising is purely voluntary, but should families wish to sign up, they can do so here at <u>Jump Rope for Heart</u>. Follow the links to join Annieville.

Look for how your child can receive Gift Cards to popular stores for money raised. We would like all fundraising to be completed by Friday, March 11th.

PAC Information

Thanks to those of you who filled in the PAC survey and shared your email address with our PAC. This will simplify communication for us when it comes to PAC fundraisers and events.

<u>Flipgive</u> If you haven't yet signed up for Flipgive, we would love for you to try! It's a great and easy way for you to support the school. All you have to do is download the app or go to the <u>website</u> and then enter the Annieville Code: 6BT2CB

Hot Lunches are back! Don't forget to order your child's hot lunch on Munch a Lunch. Paper copies for ordering are available in the office or you can order online at Munch a Lunch. Paper copies are due the Friday before by 3:00 PM. The Munch a Lunch ordering closes at 12:00AM the Friday before.

Kindergarten Registration

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2022 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2022.

The online application process for registration for the 2022-2023 school year will be held online from <u>February 14-20, 2022</u> starting at 8:30 am. Please register for your catchment school.

For the link and step-by-step instructions on how to create an account and register your child online using MyEducation BC, please click here?

Please have the following documents ready to upload with your child's registration (all documents must be received for registration to be accepted):

- Proof of birth date for the student (birth certificate or passport) (registration will not be accepted until proof of birth date is received).
- Proof of citizenship for both the parent and the student (Canadian birth certificate, citizenship card, passport, landed immigrant document, permanent resident card).
- 3. BC Services Card (please include both sides of this card)
- 4. Proof of Residency (Property Taxes current receipt, purchase/rental agreement or rental receipt).



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ANNIEVILLE SEAHAWKS



We are Safe.
We are Openminded.
We are Accepting & Kind.
We are Respectful.

School Agreements

How we have articulated who we are and what's important to us has changed a little over the years. For many years we have used the

acronym, **SOAR**, which makes a lot of sense since we are the Annieville Seahawks!

I have heard from you (thank you to all the families who filled in the parent survey sent out earlier in the year.) I've heard from the students about how safe they feel at school

and with almost three years of experience at the school, I've seen where we have some challenges.

In Week One of introducing the agreements, I worked with classes and we talked about how we're doing with each of these five elements. We have been having three extra recesses in the afternoons to give teachers a chance to focus on elements of the agreements that are important for their specific students and to help students understand that this is something we need each and every one to commit to, in order to bring this to life everywhere at our school.

This is more than just helping our students remember these phrases. It's about feeling it in their hearts, understanding that it is both everyone's rights and their responsibilities.

The WITS Program

For most of our students, we feel that the WITS program can support students learning to navigate challenges they have at recess and lunch, on the playground. We are really focusing on helping students recognise the signs their body gives them when they're feeling upset or angry so that they can use strategies to calm themselves down. Learning these things can help students make better choices as they navigate challenges they have on the playground.

Here is a great, <u>kid-friendly video</u> that you might like to share with your child(ren) as a conversation starter. We would love for you to chat with your children about using their WITS to help solve problems on the playground.

What to do if someone is **BOTHERING** you?



Use Your WITS!

www.witsprogram.ca

For our older students, this program may be too simple a program, and may not be the kind of focus they need. We will be looking at structures, programs, and guest speakers to better target their learning needs.

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