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Seymour Heights

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IMPORTANT NEWS

As we commence the month of February, we express our enthusiasm for the start of Black History Month, a time dedicated to honouring the invaluable contributions, achievements, and historical significance of Black individuals.

We are committed to providing a learning environment that not only values diversity but actively celebrates it. Black History Month offers a unique opportunity for us to delve into the rich tapestry of Black history, exploring the stories of trailblazers who have left an indelible mark on our society.

In classrooms, our dedicated educators will be integrating special lessons and activities that highlight the achievements of Black figures across various disciplines. We encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about the significance of Black History Month, fostering a sense of appreciation for the diverse contributions that have shaped our world.

Here are some resources for your review:

- [Celebrating Black Leaders | PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- [February is Black History Month - Canada.ca](#)
- [Black History Month: Exploring the past and future of February's annual celebration | CBC Kids News - YouTube](#)

Your involvement is crucial in creating a supportive and enriching educational experience. We encourage parents to share personal stories, family traditions, or cultural experiences that can contribute to our collective understanding and celebration of Black History Month.

As we celebrate Black History Month, let us collectively reaffirm our commitment to building a school community that values and embraces diversity. By acknowledging the importance of Black history, we contribute to the creation of an inclusive environment that fosters respect and understanding.

Thank you for your continued partnership in making Seymour Heights a place where every student feels seen, heard, and valued.



Students celebrated and learned about the Lunar New Year!

GUIDING BELIEFS

Meaningful learning happens when all members of our learning community model and support our shared values of respect, responsibility, trust, and collaboration; when the learning community is calm and welcoming; and inclusion is practiced and we respect each other's differences.

MISSION

We believe Seymour Heights Elementary School provides meaningful learning experiences for all students based on a culture of individual and collective success.

SCHOOL PLAN

Goal #1 – Social Emotional Learning is valued and intentionally taught.

Goal #2 – Diversity is honoured.

Goal #3 – Meaningful assessment is practiced and ongoing feedback is provided.

Please review for the complete [School Plan](#).

SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Please be mindful that all members of the Seymour Heights School Community, students, staff and parents, are expected to *Take Care of Myself, Take Care of Others, and Take care of this Place.*

Click here for a more information on our [School Agreements](#).

We would like to thank the Coast Salish people, specifically the Skwxwú7mesh Nation and Səlilwətał Nation, whose unceded traditional territory North Vancouver School District and Seymour Heights Elementary reside on. We value the opportunity to learn, live and share educational experiences on this traditional territory.

PINK SHIRT DAY FEB 28

As part of our ongoing commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for students, we wanted to bring your attention to an important event taking place in our school district - Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day, observed on February 28, is an annual campaign that originated here in Canada with the aim of raising awareness about bullying and promoting kindness, inclusivity, and respect among students.

Our goal is to create an environment where every student feels safe, valued, and respected. Students will be participating in various activities throughout the week. Here's how you and your child can get involved:

- **Wear Pink:** Encourage your child to wear a pink shirt on Wednesday, February 28. This simple act sends a powerful message of unity and support.
- **Discuss Kindness:** Take some time to talk with your child about the importance of kindness and inclusivity. Emphasize the impact small acts of kindness can have on others.
- **Anti-Bullying Resources:** Explore anti-bullying resources together. There are various books, websites, and videos that can help initiate conversations about bullying and its effects.

Please click [HERE](#) for parent/guardian [books and resources](#).

By participating in Pink Shirt Day, we demonstrate our commitment to creating a school environment where every student feels accepted and supported. Together, we can make a difference and contribute to the wellbeing of our entire school community

STUDENT ABSENCE REPORTING REMINDER

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please call the school if your child will be absent. Parents have the choice to communicate the absence in the following ways:

1. Please call the school at 604-903-3760 and leave a detailed message stating the child's name, grade, and division with a call back number in case you need to be reached.
2. Parents can log the absence in SafeArrival app. Please click on the following link for more information – [SafeArrival Pilot Program - Seymour Heights Elementary \(sd44.ca\)](#)
3. Parents can also email seymourheights@sd44.ca with child's name, grade, and division.

2024-2025 ELEMENTARY BAND INFORMATION

Our school will continue providing the band program for next school year. Registration for the 2024/25 Elementary Band and Strings program opened on Monday, January 15. For more information, please click [HERE](#). There are two registration options and fees for 2024/25:

1. Registration between January 15 - February 29, 2024 – the fee is \$535 and can be paid through a monthly instalment plan that will be in place until September 1st.
2. Registration between March 11 - September 27, 2024 (Late Registration*) – the fee will be \$600. No monthly installment plan is available for this option.

Families can withdraw their child from the program and receive a FULL refund up to June 14, 2024. After this date, a \$75 fee will be charged.

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Ks sharing their groundhogs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16

District NVT A Pro-D Day – no school

FEBRUARY 19

Family day – no school

FEBRUARY 20

3:30 Gr. 6 Girls Tripleball SH at Cove Cliff

3:30 Gr. 7 Girls Tripleball SH at Lynnmour

FEBRUARY 21

Hot Lunch: Well Fed

3:30 Gr. 6 Boys Tripleball SH at Upper Lynn

3:30 Gr. 7 Boys Tripleball SH at SH

FEBRUARY 22

Intermediate Student of the Month

PAC Meeting in Library (7:00)

FEBRUARY 23

Field Trip: SFU Science Workshop for Div. 3

Hot Lunch: Hot Dog Day

FEBRUARY 26

Hot Lunch: Pizza Day

3:30 Gr. 6 Boys Tripleball SH at Highlands

3:30 Gr. 7 Boys Tripleball SH at Ridgeway

FEBRUARY 27

3:30 Gr. 6 Girls Tripleball SH at Boundary

3:30 Gr. 7 Girls Tripleball SH at Dorothy Lynas

For all events, please go to the [online school calendar](#).

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