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Bulletin for Friday, February 19, 2016

Important Reminders!

Monday, February 22 - Jesse Miller Student Presentation (Details below)

Tuesday, February 23 - Jesse Miller Parent Presentation at 6pm. (Details below)

Wednesday, February 24 - "Anti-Bullying Day" (PINK SHIRT DAY)

Why do we observe Pink Shirt Day?

Students and staff are encouraged to wear PINK to school on Feb. 24, 2016 as a symbol of anti-bullying. The Day of Pink is being promoted to show that as a society we will not tolerate bullying anywhere. In 2007, two Nova Scotia students turned the tide against bullies who picked on a fellow student by using homophobic slurs because he wore a pink shirt to school. They purchased a large number of Pink T-shirts from the local dollar store and with the positive use of social media got the word out to their peers. They distributed the shirts and tank tops the following day at the start of school. The show of support halted the bullying and also gave birth to a national campaign to combat all types of bullying.

Wednesday, February 24 - Staff collaboration 2pm dismissal.

Thursday, February 25 - District Lockdown Day. The school will participate in a lockdown drill sometime during the day.

Monday, February 29 - Curriculum Implementation Day. Students do not attend.

When: Tuesday, February 23 @ 6pm
What: a PAC presentation by JESSE MILLER
Who: For all parents and caregivers

"Change your approach to Social Media"

Social Media and Mobile Communications has changed the world - Are you keeping up?

As social media has embedded into our society, the trends and trials of online sharing have entered many different learning environments causing positivity for some and chaos for others.

Presentations designed for schools by Jesse Miller over the past 6 years have shaped how students use and communicate over social media websites and applications with the sole purpose of producing smart, aware and ethical social media participants who communicate an effective and positive message and build an online reputation that will help students into the next stages of life.

The parent event, **Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:00pm**, will address the current climate of social media concerns in British Columbia but specific to our North Shore community, the presentation will highlight usage trends, mobile tech behaviours, techniques to introduce positive usage behaviours, and parenting tips to address the tech concerns within the home and from peer groups. **After, parents can remain and attend the PAC meeting.**

The presentations for each group of children taking place on **Monday, February 22**, will cover the themes of digital citizenship, internet safety and awareness specifically to social media, online video content, texting, and online gaming.

The Grade 4/5 presentation will not introduce the topics until the students volunteer their literacy with questions that are designed to assess their understanding and usage of mobile and static technologies.

The Grade 6/7 presentation will mimic the presentation seen by students in Grade 8 at the NVSD secondary schools - it will provide options to address their current usage, realities of current concerns and threats, concepts to help introduce appropriate digital citizenship to usage of mobile technology, and health and wellness options for school (study) and home (focus).