



UPPER PINE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2020

SPORTS

Basketball is underway and we have 3 teams playing this year. Grade 5/6 Boys, Grade 4/5 Girls and Grade 7 Boys. Teams are working hard and looking forward to games and tournaments for the Elementary teams.

You may have noticed the big pile of winter activity gear that is piled up in the entryway. Our replacement equipment from the fire has arrived. We have 75 pairs of skis, boots and poles. We have 75 pairs of skates and 25 full shield helmets. And already being used are 75 pairs of snowshoes which are sized for ages 5 - 99.

We are working with the district to finish up the new building that will be the new home for all of our outdoor equipment.

The ice rink area is still under repair however Mr. Fell has been working on a temporary rink. If anyone knows of someone with a water truck with a sprayer that can help him with this project please contact the school.

READING LITERACY

One of our school goals is to help students increase their reading level. Do you know what 20 minutes a day reading with your child will do for their confidence and their willingness to read on their own. Yes, even your teens can be read to, find a novel and read a few chapters each night, and if you want a challenge, review each night what you read the night before, without looking into the book.

Here is one of my favourite Gr 7 novels, from my favourite series: Seven The Series



A BIG THANK YOU

After the loss of the old skate shack building and all the winter sports equipment last April the community has really come forward with assistance. The PAC would like to send out a big thank you to Altagas NW Processing for the donation of a C-Can and to DW Wilson and their staff for moving the C-Can and cleaning it out. The North Pine Farmers Institute donated funds to help with replacing lost equipment. We are very grateful for all of the support and are happy to have the kids enjoying outdoor sports.

KEY DATES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Feb 12 - PAC Treat Day

Feb 14 - Valentines Day

Feb 17 - Family Day - no school

Feb 20,21 - BC Winter Games - no school

Feb 24 - NID - no school

Feb 26 - Elementary Girls Basketball Tournament

Feb 27 - Element. Boys Basketball tourney

March 4 - Pizza Day for all thanks to Kelt Exploration

March 6 - Science Fair - Passion Project

March 9 - Report Cards home

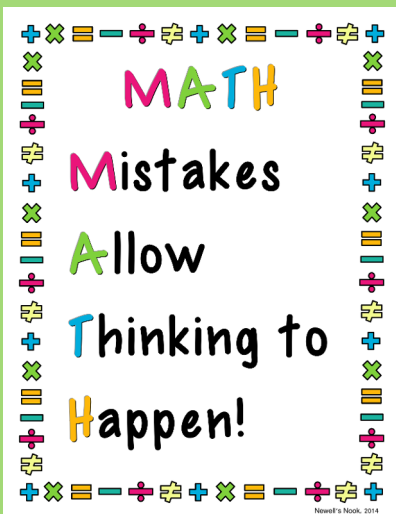
March 11,12 - Early dismissal

March 13 - Last day (Spring Break)

MATH LITERACY

One of our school goals is to increase students' speed in recalling math facts. Here are a couple of ideas you can do at home to help your child improve with their math facts.

- 1) War - using a regular deck of cards, or a game that has numbered cards, you can play a variety of math fact games. a) Multiplication war - each turn over a card and the first to multiply and get the correct answer gets the cards - here you could adapt it to how high you wanted to practice - up to the five times table.
b) Addition war - flip two cards over and the first to correctly say the sum wins the cards.
c) Subtraction war - flip over two cards and the first to correctly say the answer wins the cards.
- 2) Learning to count forwards and backwards - as you set the table count the cutlery - as you clean off the table subtract and count down as you take the cutlery off the table.



APPLESCHOOLS UPPER PINE NEWS



Mrs. Baumeister, as our Healthy Schools Coordinator, has been working hard to introduce so many good things to our students. Family fun nights have begun and will be continuing throughout the spring, with two happening in February, Feb 14 and the 28th. The focus will be badminton next time, this is a family oriented night where you get to come and spend some quality fun time with you and your children.

Snack Tuesday will also be continuing. Our fruit bowls will be out in every classroom now, with the donation from Braun's flooring of big metal bowls for fruit as well as small plastic bowls that will be used for snacks, & fruit and veggie cups on Fridays. Thank you to the PAC for your gift of \$200 to help us buy the fruit for the fruit bowls.

New in February. As part of our APPLESchools Community Outreach Program and School District #60 Early Learning program, our Ready Set Learn program will be back. RSL will begin February 14th from 10 - 12pm and continue February 28, and March 13. Please register by phoning the office at 250-827-3691. This program is geared for children ages 3 and 4.

PAC NEWS

Upcoming PAC events: Treat day Wed Feb 12th

Ongoing Fundraisers: Booster Juice Coupons - save money and buy booklets or coupons ahead of time - perfect for all those attending activities at the Pomeroy Sports Centre. Ice Melt - we always have ice melt available for those slippery sidewalks! Loveable Labels - if you need to refresh labels on your children's

items please check out the easy online ordering at www.upperpine.lovablelabels.ca

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your ongoing support.

Reminder to any former Upper Pine students that are graduating this year if you are planning on attending post secondary school please look into the Upper Pine PAC Bursary.