



February 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

What a strange month we have just finished at BCA. A couple weeks of online classes, a couple weeks of in person classes, internal renovations due to a broken pipe in the sprinkler system and lots of snow. I am not sure I have ever had such a wild and crazy month in all my years of education. But as crazy as it has been, we have been able to see God at work and we continue to thank him for His blessings.

February is starting off with a bang and everyone is excited about the Olympic theme for the next couple of weeks. We have Olympic type activities planned for the whole school and you will be hearing more about that from your children in the next couple of days. A number of events that were put on pause for the month of January will be starting up again. The Lunch Lady will be returning for hot lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Pizza and Fun Snack Friday will return on February 25th.

Term 1 Report Cards will be shared on Edsby this coming Friday, February 11th. Teacher interviews are the following week on Thursday, February 17th. Make sure you sign up for an interview with the teacher(s) of your choice on Edsby. Information and the link to sign up will be available starting Monday, February 14th. The interviews will be online again using a Zoom link for each teacher.

Renovations for the four classrooms affected by the break in the sprinkler system are well under way. We are thankful that insurance will cover the majority of the cost of the repairs, it will be the cost of repairing the sprinkler system that will be significant. The Music room and the Resource room should be finished by the end of this week and we are hoping the grade 4 and 5 classrooms might be finished the following week. Due to the flood many of the tiles in the floor have started to come up so we will be replacing the old tiles with vinyl wood flooring much like we have in the foyer. All four rooms will be repainted and many of the shelves and wooden structures will be replaced.

We have a number of events coming up in the next couple of weeks so please post the following on your family calendars and look for more information from your teacher(s).

- Friday, Feb 18 – P.J. Casual Day – sponsored by the Student Council
- Monday, Feb 21 – Family Day holiday – no school
- Friday, Feb 25 – Toonie Casual Day to support Next Door Social Space
- Saturday, Feb 26 – Coldest Night of the Year – 10 km walk to raise funds for the needy

For those who love to ice skate, the PTA has built an ice rink on the hill behind the school this year and you can sign up to use it on the PTA Edsby group site. Just watch out for the curling rings painted on the ice, all part of the Olympic events going on at BCA this week. Thank you again for your support, we will continue to keep you updated on any new developments and the loosening of Covid restrictions.

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Principal