



# NORTH SHUSWAP ELEMENTARY



School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

## April News

### *Principal's Message*

I hope everyone was able to have a fun, safe and relaxing Spring Break with their families. It was great to see all the students excited to be back at school (most of them lol). After a long winter, I am grateful that the weather is beginning to look a bit like Spring and classes will be able to provide more outdoor learning opportunities for our students. Please remember that it is still quite chilly in the morning, so ensure your child has appropriate clothing for the day. We are also very excited that our Secwepmec Culture and Language Teacher Craig Adams has been approved to join our classrooms a few days of the week for the rest of the year.

Before the break our students were involved in many exciting activities along with the regular day to day curriculum. Our primary students were able to go to the Chase arena for skating and hockey. Thank you to all the parents that were able to come out and help with this wonderful activity. Our grade 1/2 class released the salmon fry that they raised from eggs into the lake. It was 100's day for all of our primary students marking the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this year. Lastly, the school was able to enjoy many fun games during an adapted PE unit with our district set of wheelchairs.



### *Absences*

***Please ensure that you call the school when your child will be absent.*** We do follow-up with safe arrival calls when we don't hear from you, but would appreciate your help in ensuring these calls are limited. Students missing school should consult with their teacher about work that needs to be completed upon their return. Teachers are not expected to provide work for students away on holiday but will be able to provide an idea of what will be missed while away so families can practice, prepare and catch-up upon their return.





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***Late Arrivals***

Arriving late in the morning can be unavoidable on occasion, but we have a number of students who are routinely late. Coming to school late is hard on your child and the learning environment. The start of the day is where instructions are given, routines are established, and students are settling into their day. Arriving late not only interrupts the class but can also add extra stress and anxiety to your child as they try to get caught up. Our teachers would appreciate your best efforts to ensure your child arrives on time each day.

***Vision Screening***

A Lions Club Vision Screener Letter has been sent home to all parents of children in Kindergarten, Grade 3, and Grade 6. *It is established that 1 in every 15 children has a vision problem and the numbers appear to be increasing with increased screen time on computers and electronic devices. Using a Welsh Allyn SPOT Vision Screener, the portable device detects six different visual discrepancies a child may have and will then be **confidentially** referred to see an optometrist.* Please make sure you read the letter and if you would not like your child to participate, sign and return it to the office no later than April 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Cultural Arts Performance***

SAM2 by Scrap Arts Music re-invents do-it-yourself musical performance from the ground up with a creative, student-friendly and eco-positive mandate. Thrown-away material becomes the foundation for a new generation of sound and visual discovery. Unforgettable power-percussion is the result. Expressed well by a youth, Scrap Arts Music transforms "scrap into art" and "arts into music". SAM2 features the musicians, sculptural instruments and original music from Scrap Arts Music's international touring productions, customized for presentation in school gyms.

***Important Dates***

- Apr. 7            Good Friday (No school in session)
- Apr. 10        Easter Monday (No school in session)
- Apr. 14        Deadline to drop out of vision screening (letter to the office).
- Apr. 20        Discussion with Michelle Kirby (Ministry of Education and Childcare) about new childcare spaces in the North Shuswap (Location: NSH Elementary/Time: TBD)
- Apr. 21        Earth Day
- Apr. 25        Cultural Arts Performance (Scrap Arts)
- Apr. 28        Pro D: No School for Students (Regional)
- May 1         Pro D: No School for Students (Ministry Designated)
- May 3         Class Pictures

