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Kindness

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 4 & 5 –
 Teacher's Convention
 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 12 –
 Valentine's Day at
 school

Feb. 15 –
 Family Day –
 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 24 –
 Pink Shirt Day

Feb. 26 – PD day
 No school

Kindness.....

February is fast approaching and we will reach the half way mark of the school year this Friday, January 29th. We need to 'keep our foot on the gas' though, as we still have a considerable amount of work to complete. Your assistance and support through the first five months has not gone unnoticed! It certainly helps us maintain a healthy school environment as we navigate through what we hope is the final few months of the pandemic.

The **Kindness** virtue is from and center for the month of February. February is also Heart month, making the virtue of **kindness** that much more prominent. With a ton of support from your School Council, a Kindness project begins in February and will run through until the end of April. Simply, it's an increased effort to recognize the many acts of kindness, little or big, that occur every day throughout our building.

December and January is the timeframe for collecting feedback from parents, students, and staff via surveys. Thank you to all who completed the survey, this feedback *does* inform the planning process. As always, if you have any questions about your child's experience at school, please contact us.

Valentine's Day

COVID will not cancel Valentine's Day! It will however be altered. All items related to Valentine's must be in by the end of the day **Tuesday, February 9th so the 72-hour quarantine** requirement can be met. We will celebrate on Friday, February 12th. Your child's teacher can answer any questions specific to how their classroom will celebrate Valentine's day.

However, because of COVID.....

Unfortunately a number of activities have been cancelled. To name a few, the list includes Lip Sync/Air Band, the Heritage Classic, the French Family Dance, the French Immersion Carnivale d'hiver, the Grade 5 ski trip, and the basketball season. We look forward to the return of all these events next year!

No One Likes a Bully

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021 is Pink Shirt day. Started a few years ago because of a bullying incident at a Nova Scotia school, this has grown into an international awareness campaign. At WES, we would like to show our support for anti-bullying, and the virtues of kindness and acceptance. We will therefore, re-visit our anti-bullying strategies and curriculum with the students and promote Pink Shirt day on Wednesday, February 24.



Parking Woes

Safety is of paramount importance in and around the school. The flagrant disregard for parking regulations and signage continues to be a major safety concern putting all of us at risk.

Please adhere to the parking and handicap paint and signage and exercise common courtesy when dropping off or picking up students. There is always **plenty of space in our south parking lot**. If you are in need of assistance with anything, as always, please ask.

COVID-19 Update

I really have nothing but good news to update! Schools in other districts have recently moved back to online learning and others have outbreaks with upwards of 10 positive cases in one school. Our experience is the opposite. We continue to follow the AHS guidelines (daily health symptom check, mask use, distancing, hand hygiene, etc...) and to date, have had no positive cases in the New Year! Let's all stay vigilant in the weeks and months to come. Your support in doing this is greatly appreciated.