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Newsletter #8 – April 1, 2026

Day of Sucwentwecw (Day of Acknowledgement)

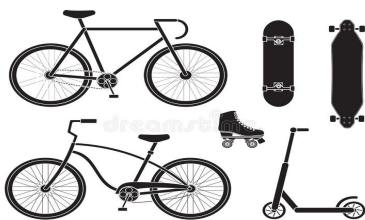
The Day of Sucwentwécw (Acknowledging One Another) is an annual initiative held on April 7 each year, to recognize and celebrate the Secwépemc People (Secwepemcúl'ecw) and other Indigenous people residing within the Secwépemc Territory.

This year's theme, "*Wenecwtsín - Speaking Our Truths*," is based on the First Peoples Principles of Learning and Indigenous Worldviews and Perspectives. This is an opportunity for all schools to continue to embed the First People's Principles of Learning, and to address the Calls to Action as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



BIKES – ROLLERBLADES - SKATEBOARDS, ETC!

Rollerblades, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and wheely shoes are all methods of transportation to and from school. Students are reminded that once they arrive at school, everyone needs to 'walk their wheels' Bicycles and scooters are placed in the racks next to the parking lot, preferably locked up!



Order Due: May 8th

 **ORDER
YOUR
Yearbook!**



Yearbooks for the 2025/26 school year are on sale NOW!

There will only be a soft cover option this year, starting at \$28.00 each, personalization will be \$4.00 extra.

The Yearbooks will be sold through SchoolCash Online. Here is the link to order:

<https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com/Feedback/Details/47338/255/False/True>

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Monday, April 27th
*is a Non-Instructional Day.
There will be no school for
students on this day.*

**PAC Meeting:
Wednesday, April 15th
@ 6:30pm**

DT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We have several Battle Of The Books Teams who will be representing our school in the following upcoming BOTB's competitions:



School-based (fun) competition: The week of April 6-10th

Zones Battle Competition:

April 16th @ WSS Highschool (only district teams involved)

District Finals Competition:

April 23rd @ Henry Grube, fingers crossed our teams make it to finals:)

Head Lice & Ticks



As a precautionary measure, we are asking that all parents/guardians take a moment and carefully check your child(ren) for head lice. In recent weeks, a few cases have been reported and we want parents/guardians to be aware and take immediate action if necessary. Please be on the look-out for ticks in your children's hair as well.

HOW TO CHECK:

Step 1: Find a comfortable well-lit spot

Step 2: Check the hair from the scalp to the end of the hair strand. First, look at the hair at the back of the neck, behind the ears and above the forehead. Then, check the rest of the head.

Step 3: You are looking for live lice and/or eggs. Nits (eggs) are attached to hair close to the scalp. Nits are white to light brown in color and may be confused with dandruff. Nits are firmly attached to the hair and do not move unless you slide them down the hair strand.

Step 4: If you find a louse or nit, check all household members. Treat only those who have head lice or nits. Please see attached.

Step 5: Let the school know if your child has head lice or nits.

Remember:

- Make weekly head checks part of your routine.
- Scratching and itching of the scalp may be a sign of head lice.
- If your child has long hair, keep it tied back.
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Please contact Kamloops Public Health Services at 250-851-7300 for further information.

GRADE 7 INFANT/TODDLER PHOTOS NEEDED!

Parents and Caregivers of grade 7 students:



In preparation for the year-end celebration, one of our Grade 7 parents, Kate (Carter's mom), is hard at work creating a slide show for the year end celebration. Please email her a photo of your child when they were an infant/toddler: kate.isaac09@gmail.com

Growing Smiles Plant Fundraiser



SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER!

ORDERS DUE: APRIL 15

We're selling beautiful Spring flowers, planters, veggies, & more!

Visit our website for more details!
<https://davidthompson elementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

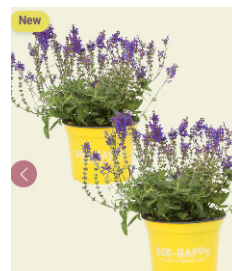


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**PLANT PICK-UP:
MAY 1st**

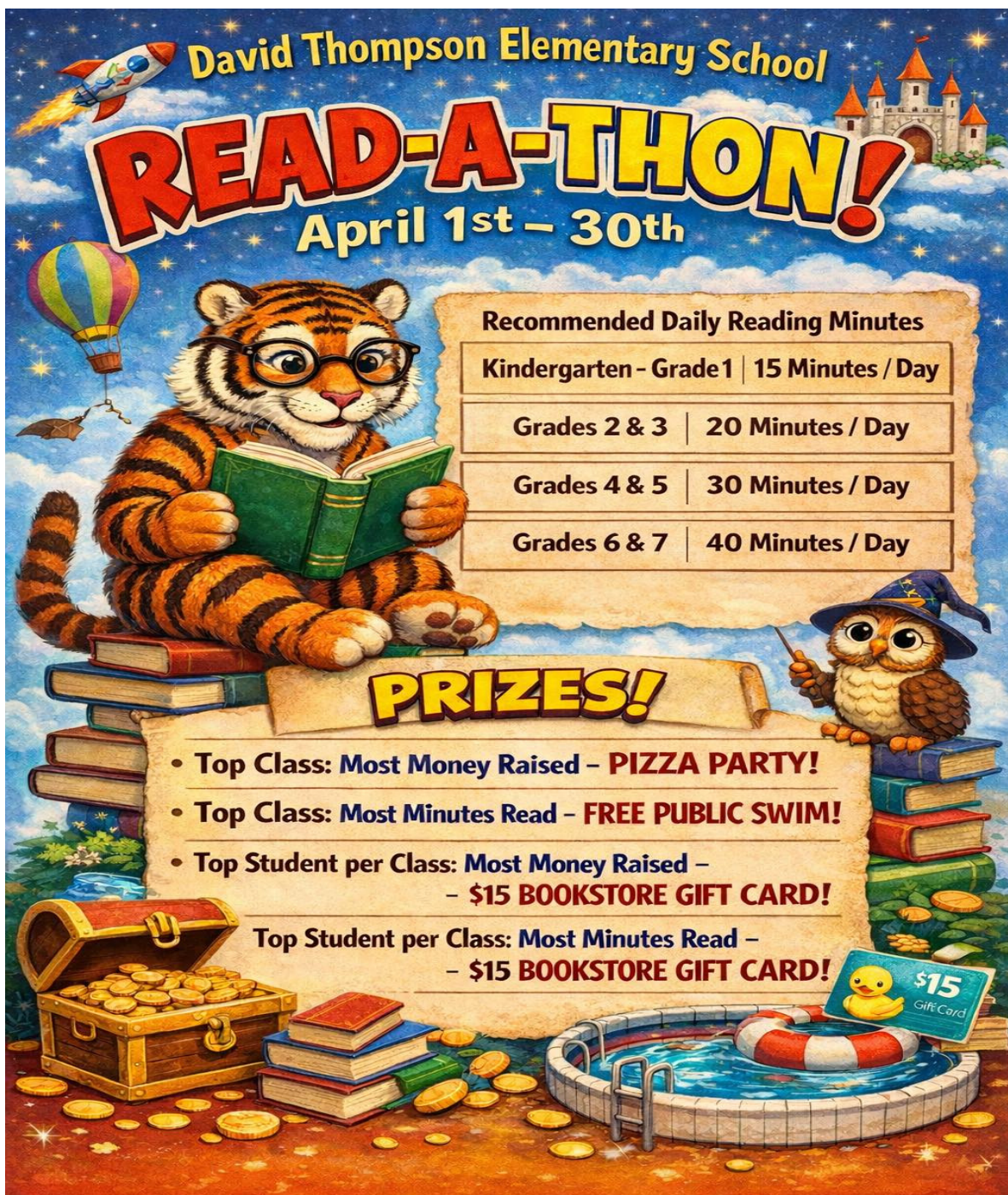


MARCH 30TH - APRIL 10TH



LEADERSHIP FOOD DRIVE

DT's Leadership students are organizing a food drive that will run until April 10th. Each classroom has a designated collection box for donations. The class that brings in the most non-perishable items will be rewarded with an extra recess and a special treat!



It's time for the David Thompson Elementary Read-A-Thon!

Our school Read-A-Thon begins on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 and is sure to be a fun and exciting event.

We understand that your time is valuable. We also know that providing the best education for your child is important. That's why we are encouraging everyone to activate their student's Read-A-Thon account as soon as possible. The instructions are straightforward, making it quick and hassle-free, and it should take less than 5 minutes of your time.

Watch a short video to see how to sign up your reader:

<https://youtu.be/12tmuXH8zCg>

This account will serve as a hub for recording and monitoring your child's progress as a Reader in the event, and for you to share their Read-A-Thon message with friends and family. Use the link below to activate your student's Reader account:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/Jhgwyi/1?utm=email>

Thank you so much for your participation and support. Together, we can make this Read-A-Thon an amazing experience for our young readers!

David Thompson Elementary PAC

April



2026

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
	<u>30</u> <u>WELCOME</u> <u>Back to School</u>	<u>31</u> <u>Pasta</u> <u>Lunch</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u> <u>Good Friday</u>	<u>04</u>
<u>05</u>	<u>06</u> <u>Easter Monday</u>	<u>07</u> Day of Sucwentwecw <u>Edo Japan</u> <u>Lunch</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u> PAW Path Assembly – 'Compassion'	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> <u>Hotdog Lunch</u>	<u>15</u> PAC MEETING @ 6:30PM	<u>16</u> <u>Battle of the</u> <u>Books - Zones</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Booster Juice</u>	<u>22</u> <u>EARTH DAY</u> 	<u>23</u> <u>Battle of the</u> <u>Books – Districts</u> Art Starts – The Trollsons <u>1:30pm-2:15pm</u>	<u>24</u> <u>Fun Lunch Friday</u> <u>Pizza Lunch</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <u>Non-</u> <u>Instructional</u> <u>Day</u>	<u>28</u> <u>Whitespot</u> <u>Lunch</u>	<u>29</u> Sparks Session #1	<u>30</u>		