



RAFT RIVER NEWS

REMINDERS

Kindergarten Registration



Registration for Kindergarten at catchment schools is now open. Check out this link for information about registering your child:

SD73 K Registration Info

Blue River Ski Race

Thank you for ensuring that permission forms have been returned on time. We are excited for this upcoming annual event! Please keep in mind that our numbers are secured for the bus and we cannot make alternate transportation plans moving forward.

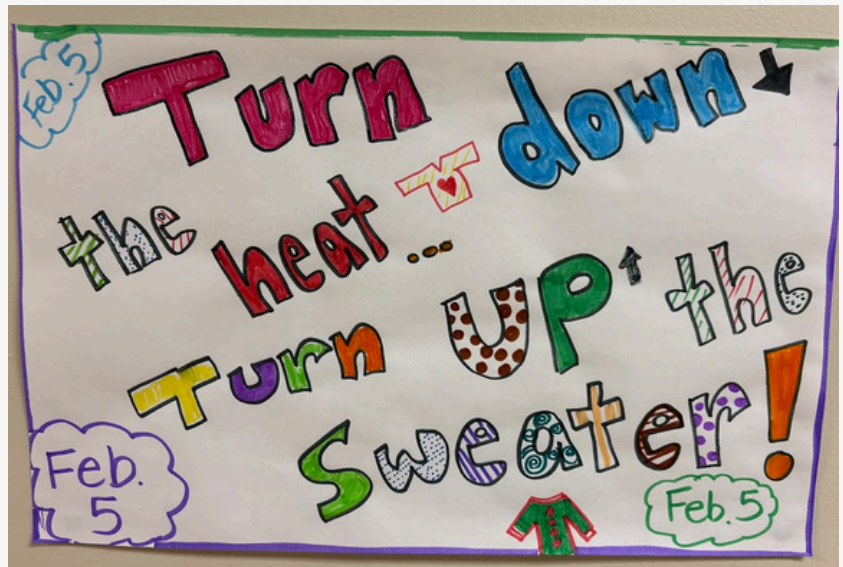


Highlights



Eco Club

Eco Club students are excited to celebrate National Sweater day on February 5th. They are challenging students to bundle up with a cozy sweater. National sweater day promotes bundling up to conserve energy at home.



Bus Garage

If you have questions about bus stops, bus routes or any other bus specific questions, it is best to contact the Clearwater bus garage directly at **250-674-3224**.



Open Parachute

Our next theme will be friendship. Intermediate teachers surveyed students on various topics from Open Parachute that they would like to learn more about, and friendship was the most popular choice!

This month, some skills we will be exploring:

- * how to repair a situation after making a mistake
- * how to set boundaries
- * how to solve a problem with a friend
- * how to accept the word no respectfully

Friendships are an important part of children's social and emotional growth. Families can support positive friendships by talking with children about their day, practicing kindness and problem-solving at home, and encouraging inclusion of others. Helping children name feelings, listen to different perspectives, and work through small conflicts builds skills they use at school every day. When home and school work together, children are better supported in developing healthy, respectful friendships.



Bus behaviour

We are noticing an increase in unsafe bus behaviours and have been reviewing expectations regularly. We would greatly appreciate a reminder at home that it is important to stay seated, use an inside voice and keep hands to self for safety purposes. We appreciate your support with this messaging!

Screen Time

We are noticing an increasing amount of students engaging in inappropriate conversations from content accessed online. This is impacting both our primary and intermediate students.

Having conversations at home with your child about technology use would be greatly appreciated.

See this link for tips on building healthy screen time habits:

Healthy Screen Time Habits

We are also noticing an uptick of students interacting negatively at the intermediate level online. Students often do not consider the impact of a digital footprint or the impact of posting negative comments online attached to their name. It is strongly recommended to continually monitor social media apps, such as SnapChat to ensure appropriate use of tech.



Upcoming Dates



- ◆ Feb. 5 - Turn down the heat, Turn UP the Sweater Day
- ◆ Feb. 6 - Non-Instructional Day
- ◆ Feb. 12 - Blue River Ski Race
- ◆ Feb. 25 - Pink Shirt Day



Lief made a hat for his duck-creative!



Eco Club -placing reminder stickers to turn off lights



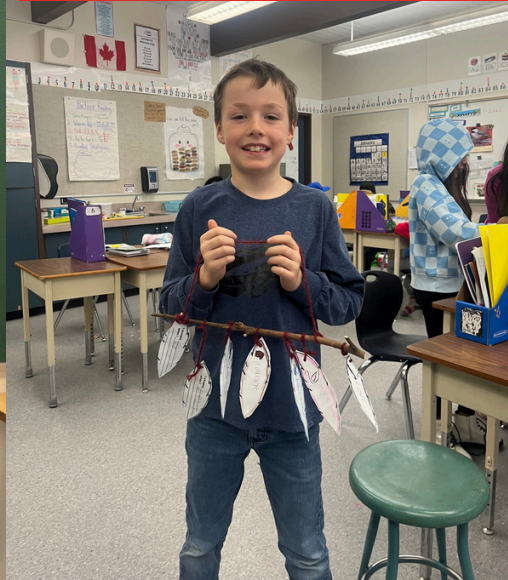
Big buddies Jolee and Isaiah reading with little buddies

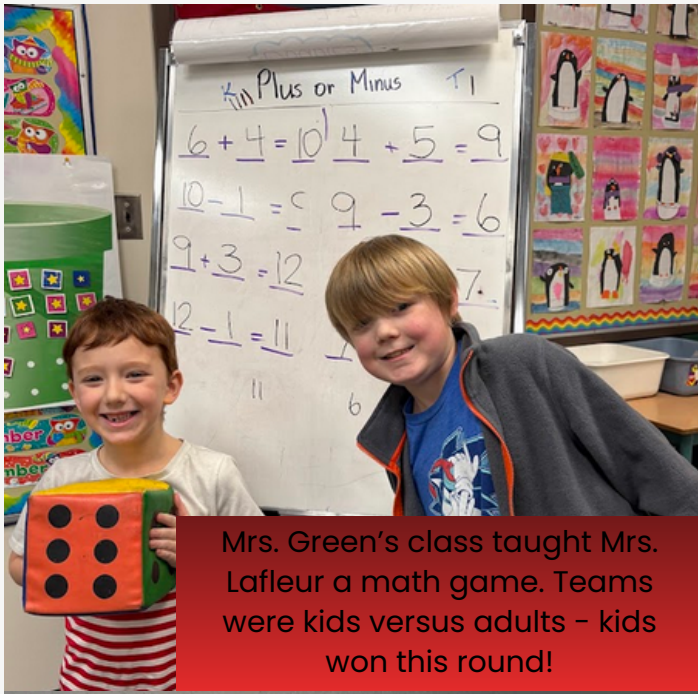


Ridley sharing a mask she made - beautiful!

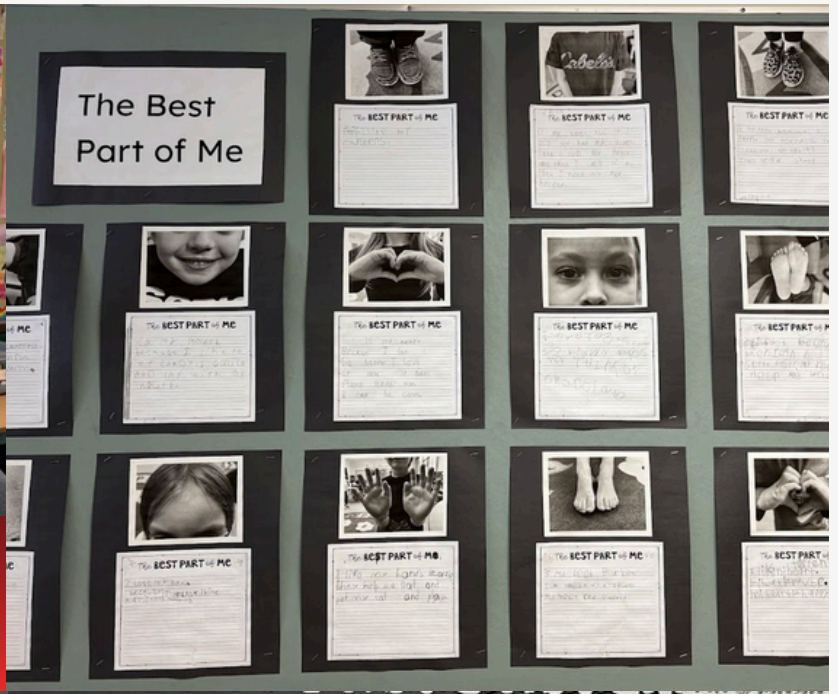


Rosie and Ellery sharing their feather mobiles





Mrs. Green's class taught Mrs. Lafleur a math game. Teams were kids versus adults - kids won this round!



Exploring fine motor skills through play

Community Supports for Children & Youth

Empower Your Family with
Community Connections!

Are you curious
about community
supports as your
child enters
kindergarten?

Would you like more
information from
organizations that
can help support
your family or
school-aged child?

Are you wondering
about services that
may be available as
your youth
approaches
adulthood?

February 24, 2026
4-6pm (drop-in)

Henry Grube Education Centre
(245 Kitchener Crescent)



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)

Learn about local programs and services designed to
support your child's unique journey. Together, we can
build a stronger, more inclusive community!

Questions?



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