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March 2026 Newsletter

Perseverance & Team Work

The Olympics have given the world a front row seat to what is possible when perseverance and team work come together. Many of us cringed as both of our Canadian Hockey Teams lost in overtime to the United States as we watched tears being shed on one bench out of celebration and the other in loss. This is part of the beauty and despair of sport, but the perseverance that was needed to get to this place cannot be understated.



On a day to day level at school, we are guiding students to persevere when tasks become challenging and to support one another when a helping hand is needed. Working through a struggle builds self-confidence and having a team mate cheering you along makes the journey much easier.

Some of the ways that we are coaching students to grow in perseverance and team work include:

- **The Power of "YET":** Instead of saying "I can't do this," try saying "I can't do this YET." That one little word changes everything!
- **Mistakes are Magic:** Did you know that every time you make a mistake, your brain sparks? Mistakes aren't "wrong"—they can be clues that help you find a better way.
- **Keep Pushing:** If a task is hard, take a deep breath, count to ten, and try one more time. You've got this!
- **Look for Opportunities:** Find someone who is struggling with a task and give them a "High Five" or a word of encouragement!

With the conclusion of the Winter Olympics for another four years, we are left with the highs and lows of competition and the playing out of how the highest level athletes in the world have navigated this time. It is a great opportunity to pull out lessons for all of us to learn and to challenge ourselves to persevere and be the best teammate each of us can be.

Upcoming Events & Dates

- Mar 4 Arts in the High Country - Sagebrush Theatre
- Mar 11 Term 2 Learning Updates published
- Mar 13 Last day before Spring Break
- Mar 30 First day back from Spring Break
- April 3 Good Friday (no school)
- April 6 Easter Monday (no school)
- April 7 Day of Suwewtwecw
- April 16 LifeTouch class photos
- April 27 In-Service Day (no school for students)
- May 5 Intermediate School Track Meet
- May 8 Point of Contact #4 Interim Report
- May 15 In-Service Day (no school for students)
- May 27 District 1000/1200 m Finals at Hillside
- May 28 District Track & Field Meet at Hillside
- June 25 Summative Learning Updates published
- June 25 Last day of school - dismissal at 12:34 pm
- [SD #73 School Calendar for 2025/2026](#)
- [SD #73 School Calendar for 2026/2027](#)

Learning Updates Overview

- **1st Point of Contact:** Classroom Connections - Nov 6th
- **2nd Point of Contact:** Written Learning Updates published - Dec 12th
- **3rd Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates - March 11th**
- **4th Point of Contact:** Interim Report - May 8th
- **5th Point of Contact:** Summative Written Learning Updates published - June 25th

Written Learning Updates (Report Cards)

On Wednesday, March 11th, Written Learning Updates will be published to the [MyEd BC Parent Portal](#). Now is a good time to sign in and ensure that your information and password are up to date. If you would like a paper copy of your child's Learning Update, please contact your child's teacher.

Open Parachute Learning Moment

This month's Open Parachute Learning Moment shares ideas around how to support your child's [Mental Health at Home](#). We hope that this 30 minute learning opportunity will give some ideas that will work for your family.

Day of Suwentwecw

The Annual Day of Suwentwecw (April 7th) will be happening during the second week after Spring Break. The theme this year is "Wenecwtsin: Speak Your Truth." On the Feb 6th Pro-D, our staff team learned about the work of George Littlechild. We are looking at guiding students through an art idea following the style of Littlechild with a focus on "The person who nourishes your spirit". In the afternoon of April 7th, students will be sharing their displays of learning with one another.

Kindergarten Registration 2026

We are still accepting Kindergarten registrations. If you know anyone with a student who is turning five by December 31, 2026, please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible.

Lost and Found

We will be donating Lost & Found items to charity during Spring Break. Please ask your child to check the Lost & Found for items that belong to them and remember to label your kids clothing! The Lost & Found is located in the hallway by the gym.



Flag Football Coaches Still Needed

We do not currently have any coaches for the upcoming Flag Football season and without coaches the season will need to be cancelled for our school. We would like to give Grade 5-7 students the opportunity to play Co-Ed Flag Football in the SD73 Elementary League that starts up after Spring Break. The season runs during April & May with two practices and one game per week.

The schedule lasts for five weeks and ends with an optional Jamboree style event. There are no playoffs in Flag Football. If you have a Criminal Record Check on file and lots of patience to guide students in a fun-based football experience, please contact me at dconroy@sd73.bc.ca For the most current information about sports, please visit our [website](#).



Lunch Hour Supervisors Still Needed

We continue to be in need of a second Lunch Hour Supervisor on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. If you are interested, please connect with Mrs. Maskell by contacting the office or by email (smaskell@sd73.bc.ca) and she will walk you through the process of joining our supervision team.

Arts in the High Country - March 4th

Ms. Gauley has been working with a number of students in Grades 3-7 who are participating in the upcoming Arts in the High Country Festival. These performances will be at Sagebrush Theatre on March 4th and parents and community members are welcome to come cheer us on. We are excited that both our bands and our lunchtime choir from Rayleigh were accepted to perform in this festival, and that these students will have an opportunity to present their work and enjoy the creative work of other students. We want to say a huge thank you to Ms. Gauley for the many volunteer practice sessions that have taken place to prepare our students for this exciting opportunity.

PAC News

The Rayleigh PAC would like to thank all those families who supported our Make it Sow and Mitchell's Soup Fundraisers. Successful fundraisers help us support all of our classes and teachers and enable meaningful field trips and exciting curriculum additions!

Please note, our Movie night scheduled for February 27th has been cancelled and we will not be holding a March PAC Meeting.

We have an exciting fundraiser coming up soon - a Read-a-Thon! This fundraiser will take place leading up to and during Spring Break, and we encourage families to get involved to help their children be successful in this school wide event!

Our next PAC Meeting will be held April 1st at 6:30 pm in the Library. We will be discussing and organizing the Spring dance, the Community Garage Sale in May, and the end of year BBQ in June. We hope to see you there!