



# Heffley Creek Elementary

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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 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 Suwentwecw
- April 16 LifeTouch class photos (at Heffley)
- April 27 In-Service Day (no school for students)
- April 29 Point of Contact #4 Open House at 1:30 pm
- May 15 In-Service Day (no school for students)
- June 25th Summative Learning Updates printed & published
- June 25th 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 - Oct 29th
- **2nd** Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates printed & published - Dec 12th
- **3rd Point of Contact: Written Learning Updates printed & published - March 11th**
- **4th** Point of Contact: Open House - April 29th at 1:30 pm. More information to come from teachers
- **5th** Point of Contact: Summative Written Learning Updates printed & 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 help your child [Build Self Esteem](#) as they grow and mature. We hope that this 30 minute learning opportunity will give some ideas that will work for your family.

## Day of Sucwentwecw

The Annual Day of Sucwentwecw (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.

## Criminal Record Check

Thank you to everyone who has worked through the process of getting a Criminal Record Check done this year. Having a completed Criminal Record Check on file alleviates last minute stress and opens the door to participating in a number of school-based activities such as field trips, in-class helping, PAC activities and much more. All that you need to go through this process is on the Raleigh [website](#) (we share a portal between the two schools).

## PAC News

If you are looking to connect with the Heffley Creek PAC, feel free to email: [pac.heffleycreek@gmail.com](mailto:pac.heffleycreek@gmail.com) Our PAC needs more helping hands to keep providing fun and exciting activities for the school community. Please consider coming out to PAC meetings and volunteering to support PAC-run initiatives.

The Heffley Creek PAC will have the next meeting on March 31st at 9:00 am in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Here are the [minutes](#) from the February 17th meeting.

## Kindness in the Hallways

