

## Administrators' Message

Happy March everyone! I am really hoping that we are headed into my personal favourite time of year- Spring! I know eventually we will get there, but February didn't give us much cause for hope in that regard, and March isn't off to a great start either! Good for the skiers and snowshoers, I guess, but I'm still hoping for warmer temperatures.

A few reminders for parents:

1. Please remember that supervision at school does not begin until after 7:45 am, so if you are driving your children to school, this is the absolute earliest that they should be dropped off. Students are expected to be outside until 8:30 am, so there is no rush to get them here much before that.
2. Please remember that our protocol for students is that if they do not have a note from their guardians advising of alternate plans, then we MUST send them home on their regular bus.
3. For the safety of our students, we are in the beginning stages of changing our parking and student drop-off area. Stay tuned for further information as it happens. Though we have to wait until the weather warms up before we can do much, please remember in the meantime:
  - Do not park near the fire hydrant when dropping students off.
  - Do not execute U-turns in front of the school.
  - Watch carefully for school buses and students on foot when driving in front of the school.

## Blue River Cross Country Results

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Raft River send a team of just over 50 skiers to take part in the Blue River "Andy Aufschneider Memorial Cross Country Ski Meet". The annual event is sponsored by the Bruderschaft Friends Blue River Society, and organised by the staff and volunteers at Blue River Elementary School. Our thanks to everyone who helped to make this wonderful event happen- especially Ms. Tegart and Mrs. Onslow at the school, and Ms. Carter and Ms. Gormley who took our students. Thank you as well, to our parent volunteers who helped out at the event. Medals were awarded to the top 3 finishers in each category. The following Raft River students were medal winners- congratulations to them and all of our participants!

### **Kindergarten Girls**

Jordyn Romeril- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Kindergarten Boys**

Skye Kernachan- 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Grade One Girls**

Bree Bonnamour- 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Grade One Boys**

Jackson Hedman- 1<sup>st</sup>

Bentley Shymkiw- 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Grade Two Girls**

Emelia Rotzetter- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Two Boys**

Darian Morgan- 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Grade Three Girls**

Ellie Thompson- 1<sup>st</sup>

Presley Wicks- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sandra Tilley- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Three Boys**

Gion Volk- 1<sup>st</sup>

Braeden Osmond- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kash Baker- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Four Girls**

Evan Colborne- 1<sup>st</sup>

Olivea Wall- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Four Boys**

Chace Smith- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Blake Irvine- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Five Girls**

Cadence Cisna- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kenzie Stelter- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Five Boys**

Theron McLarty- 1<sup>st</sup>

Evan Cooke- 2<sup>nd</sup>

Torin Murray- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Six Girls**

Cleo Coates- 1<sup>st</sup>

Michaela Nesterski- 2<sup>nd</sup>



Lilly Dulaba- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Six Boys**

Reid Muddiman- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Michael Shook- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Hunter Chrystall- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade Seven Girls**

Georgia Lamond- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Rebecca Pisarczyk- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Grade 7 Boys**

Soren Coates- 1<sup>st</sup>  
Owen Sim- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ethan Smith- 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **PAC Ski Equipment Donations**

While on the subject of cross-country skiing, the staff and students of Raft River would like to thank our dedicated and hardworking PAC members for donating \$500 toward the upkeep and replacement of our ski equipment this year. They are always willing to help us out to make sure that our students have the chance to learn and practice their skills. We certainly appreciate them for this and many other reasons!

### **Student Learning Surveys**

After Spring Break, students in Grades 4, 7, 10 and 12 will do a student learning survey at school. Parents will also be sent a login code and asked to complete an online survey for this as well. If you could find the time to help us with some information and data gathering we would really appreciate it. Please watch for more information regarding this after Spring Break.



### **Battle of the Books**

This year's Battle of the Books teams continue to practice their questions every week and are making their way through the 12 books they have to read by the time the competition arrives. The Zones take place April 10 and the Districts are April 17, both in Kamloops.

### **2019 Elementary School Swim Meet**

The Kamloops Classics Swim Club is hosting their annual school swim meet for SD #73 students. Ms. Gormley has generously taken on the organising of this event for our Raft River students. Expressions of interest have already been taken and she has about 24 students who have signed up. She is busy getting all the details ironed out.

The meet will take place on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Canada Games Aquatic Centre in Kamloops.

### **Young Artists' Conference**

The Young Artists' Conference is an annual event for aspiring artists in elementary schools to showcase their artwork and take part in a series of workshops. The school district has offered this unique opportunity to our students since 1987.

Over 120 students, from grades 4 to 7, are selected to participate in the Young Artists' Conference. Each school chooses up to 5 students to represent them at the Young Artists' Conference.

In recent years, the Young Artists' Conference has been held at Thompson Rivers University with many workshops held in the university's art studios. Students choose from a variety of workshops and receive instruction from community professional artists and outstanding art educators. This year's Young Artists Conference will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mrs. Shook is the teacher representative for this event. This year the following students have been chosen to attend: Keiro Mairs, Brodie Rempel, Sienna Van Rooy, and Lylyan Roberts. They will have a great time, and learn so much! Well done!

### **Day of Suwewtwecw**

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the SD#73 Day of Suwewtwecw will be happening at all schools in the district. We are in need of volunteers to help us with the many plans we would like to run on that day. Please see the attached invitation to participate, and let us know if you can help out! We hope that we will get enough volunteers to make all of our plans into reality! Thanks in advance for your help!

### **Upcoming Events**

March 4	Grade 6's and 7s to Sun Peaks
March 6	PAC Paint Nite- 6pm
March 12	PAC Meeting- 8am
March 16-24	Spring Break
March 25	Back to School
April 1	Non-Instructional Day
April 5	SD #73 Day of Suwewtwecw
April 8	School Board Dinner and meeting at Raft River

