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February

Welcome to February! While this is a short month we have packed many exciting learning opportunities into our class calendars and know our students and school community will enjoy them. With Family Day on the horizon, please check out the many great [Family Day](#) events activities available throughout the City of Surrey this year. Enjoy a [Geocache Treasure Hunt](#), activities at [Historic Stewart Farm](#), or head to the theatre at the Surrey Arts Centre to enjoy the play [Th'owxiya: The Hungry Feast Dish](#). We hope you enjoy a wonderful day with your families!

Parking Update

Over the past two years our school has been working alongside the City of Surrey, the Surrey School District facilities department, Safe & Active Schools, and the RCMP to gain insight and strategies for safe parking and pedestrian safety around our school. We are very fortunate to have a significant number of parking spaces within our neighbourhood accessible to our families. The school driveway however was identified as a hazardous area due to the movement of students on the sidewalk and the flow of traffic into the limited parking spaces. In consultation with the departments listed above, our Crescent Park PAC, and school staff it was decided that the parking spaces inside the main school gate be reserved for students and/or families with mobility issues, sensory challenges and/or safety concerns around traffic. As I'm sure you can agree, the safety of our students is paramount and parking expectations are necessary. Please ensure that you use the parking spaces along 24th Ave, 128th Street and within the City of Surrey parking lot only. Access into the school parking lot is not permitted without a parking permit.

Kindness at Crescent Park!

This month our school is beginning our **Acts of Kindness Project**. At Crescent Park we believe that every day can be a random act of kindness day and we want to celebrate these acts as a school. Kindness is one of the easier skills to understand and make a part of our daily lives and it means so much to those around us. To celebrate Act of Kindness we are asking our families to take note of kind acts at home and within the community and share these with us. Over the next few days your child will bring home a page of hearts. Please write down any acts of kindness you see your child doing at home or in our community and return them to school so we can add them to our school-wide 'Hallway of Hearts'.



Spirit Days

This month we will be celebrating a few great days at school to build school spirit! Please encourage your child to participate in the following fun days:

- Tuesday, February 11th – Future Day! What do you aspire to be for your future occupation? Grab your gardening gloves, your fire fighters' hat, your lab coat or your school secretary notebook (Mrs. Rebiffe loves her job!) and join the fun!
- Thursday, Feb. 13th – Jersey Day! The Vancouver Giants are coming back to see us again. Let's show our school sporting spirit!
- Friday, Feb. 14th – Valentine's Day! Who doesn't love to wear a little pink, red and/or white? Grab your heart socks, red sweater or pink hoodie and feel the love at Crescent Park!

Global School Play Day

"You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." –Plato
On Wednesday Feb. 5th from 12:30-2:30pm our students participated in the Global School Play Day joining thousands of other students worldwide for a time of unstructured play. To learn about the benefits and necessity of play, as well as the effects of the decline of play on our culture, please visit www.globalschoolplayday.com. I also encourage you to view the following informative TEDx video with [Peter Grey](#) to learn more about this worthwhile initiative.

West Coast Weather

At Crescent Park we recognize that outdoor play is vitally important to the success of our students throughout the day. As we live on the west coast we believe our students should be prepared for all types of weather. Unless we are experiencing a torrential down pour we will be sending our students (and Mrs. Colter!) outside on rainy days. Please remember to send your child to school with a jacket, boots and umbrella, if they wish. Additionally, if your child is prone to getting dirty, please remember to pack an extra set of clothes (socks too) for them to change into should they get wet and muddy outside.



Digital Citizenship at School – a reminder

The use of personal devices at school is a privilege given to our students with the understanding that the following expectations will be respected and upheld at all times.



- All devices must remain in the student's backpack at all times while the student is on school property, inside and outside of the building.
- The use of electronic devices is not permitted during recess and lunch.
- Devices must remain in the student's backpack unless under direct supervision and with permission from the instructing teacher.

Should students demonstrate difficulty following these expectations, electronic devices will be retained by the classroom teacher until the end of the school day. Subsequent concerns will require consultation with Mrs. Colter and the student's parents and may result in a loss of privileges.

Pink Shirt Day

Anti-Bullying day in on Wednesday, February 26th and the theme this year is LIFT EACH OTHER UP! These positive and encouraging words are meant to remind our students to treat each other with kindness, look beyond our differences and celebrate the things that make us unique. We aim to remind all students to be complimentary rather than critical. To be friendly instead of fierce. Wearing a pink shirt on this day reminds all students that we will never tolerate bullying and that help is available at all times.

PAC News (Parent Advisory Council)

Our next PAC meeting will take place on February 10th from 9:00-11:00am in the music room. If you are interested in learning about the role of the PAC at Crescent Park Elementary or would like to help out in any capacity we encourage you to come and join our meetings. The PAC is a wonderful way to meet families and feel part of our school community while supporting your child at school. We look forward to seeing you!

Please take a moment to visit the Crescent Park PAC website at www.crescentparkpac.com for parent information and related resources.

Upcoming Dates: (also available on our school website)

Mon. Feb. 10 th	PAC meeting in the library, 9:00-11:00am. All are welcome!
Tues. Feb. 11 th	Future Day! – Spirit Day at school
Thurs. Feb. 13 th	Vancouver Giants Assembly & Jersey Day (again!)
Wed. Feb. 14 th	Valentine’s Day – wear red, pink and white to school
Mon. Feb. 17 th	Family Day – No school
Wed. Feb. 19 th	Class Photo Day – bring your best smile to school 😊
Fri. Feb. 21 st	Non-Instructional Day – No school for students
Mon. Feb. 24 th	Groove Masters Percussion (drumming) – school-wide
Wed. Feb. 26 th	Pink Shirt Day

Hot Lunch Menu for February: 12th Subway, 19th White Spot, and 26th Fuel day

School Website

Please check out our website for information and updates at www.surreyschools.ca/schools/crescent_park/. To eliminate paper waste, newsletters and other important information are communicated to families by email. Please register on our website in order to stay up to date with school news.

Warmest regards,

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Growing and Caring Together at Crescent Park Elementary