



## Principal's Message

Welcome to **February**! We have a lot of things happening in the month of **February**.

I wanted to update everyone with our staffing. We still do not have a teacher hired for our grade 3/4 class. I am hoping we will have some successful applicants next week and get someone hired for this classroom.

We also have had to say goodbye to Mrs. Laws (Kindergarten Teacher) as she was presented with the opportunity to work more days at another school in the district.

Please welcome Kathy Pinkerton who has accepted the 2-day a week job share with Mr. Jiwa until the end of the year. Mrs. Pinkerton comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience teaching in Abbotsford Schools for over 20 plus years.

This month is Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Valentine Celebrations, Family Day, and Anti-Bullying awareness day to name a few. Students will participate in celebrations and learning within their classroom of all these days that are significant this month.

This month we are bringing back grade 5 fundraising for our grade 5's to help offset the cost of some activities to help celebrate their last year in elementary school. Our first fundraiser is **Candy Grams for Valentine's Day**. Be on a look out for information on Candy Gram's that will be sent home with your child on Monday, February 5th.

*Ms. Nahal*

*Principal*

# dates to Remember

## February

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Black History Month

Early Dismissal @ 11:50am

Parent/Teacher Meetings from 12:30-7:00pm

Parent/Teacher Meetings from 12:30-2:30pm

Lunar New Year – Year of the Dragon

PAC meeting @ 8:45am

Valentine's Day

Global Day of Play

Pro-D – No school for students

Family Day – No school

Pink Shirt Day

## March

4-8

14

March 18-April 1

April 2

Book Fair in the Library

Report cards go home

Spring Break

School reopens

## Falcons Basketball Team

Come cheer on our basketball team as they play their games from 3-4pm.



- Feb 13 – Sem'ath @ Alexander
- Feb 20 - Centennial @ Alexander
- Feb 27 – Alexander @ Godson

Parents are to arrange transportation to the game at Godson Elementary.



## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Come on out and support our awesome parent group! Check out the Alexander Elementary PAC FaceBook page that has been set up for parents. Meetings are usually the second Tuesday morning at 8:45am. There is also a PAC board in the foyer of the school.

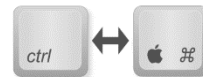
***Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 13 at 8:45 am.  
All are welcome.***

**SchoolAppointments.com**  
Scheduling Parent Teacher Appointments  
Can be Easy for Everyone!

| Appointment Date = Monday November 10th, 2008 |                                     |
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### School Appointments - Parent Instructions

1. Go to our school appointments web site for your school.
2. Register for an account by clicking the "**REGISTER**" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "**Register Now**" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "**Add a Student**" button. Click "**Insert New**" button to add more children.
4. Click the "**date**" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments. Select the staff you wish to book appointments with and the "**View Calendars**" button. Use the "**Ctrl**" or "**Command**" key to select multiple staff to view at the same time.



5. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.

**“Play** is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children **play is serious learning**. Play is really **the work of childhood**”  
– Fred Rogers



**When:** Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Global School Play Day is celebrated in schools around the world to give children an opportunity to experience a day of free, unguided play

**Why:** The Academy of Pediatrics reports that unstructured play time allows for peer interactions and is an important component of social-emotional learning. Please check out [www.globalschoolplayday.com](http://www.globalschoolplayday.com) for more information.

We are inviting all our students **to bring in a toy** to play with (and share with friends) on this very special day. Here are some examples:

Puppets

Doll

Board Games

Puzzles

Blocks / Legos

Cars / Trucks

### **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**Non-Violent Toys /Action Figures (no weapons)**

All toys should:

- fit in your child’s backpack (or in a bag they can carry themselves)
- not have many removable parts that can be lost (except board games)
- be non-fragile.
- not have batteries or any electronic devices (unless in a board game)
- be marked with your child’s name
- **ALL TOYS WILL BE YOUR CHILD’S RESPONSIBILITY**

**Please contact your child’s teacher with any questions.**

**We are looking forward to a fantastic day!**