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End of Term

Term Two Student Progress Reports will be issued on Wednesday, March 13th. Please take some time to review it with your child and celebrate the successes they have achieved.

Your teachers will also indicate some areas your child could benefit from focusing on, especially with such a long break ahead of them. The kids have all earned a break from the day to day, but we don't want their progress to be halted. Whereas Term One is like a warm-up for learning, and Term Two sets the pace for learning, Term Three is the long straight away (with some definite uphill sections) to the finish line. This has been an exciting term, and I know there's still so much more adventure in store.

School Goal

To increase our critical thinking in Literacy, Numeracy, and Social Responsibility.

School-Based Team

Many of you will be familiar with the term 'school-based team'. For the benefit of those that don't, an 'SBT' is a group of staff within a school that meets regularly to problem-solve and plan interventions for students who are struggling with any aspect of their education.

The regular members of our SBT include our Principal, our Learning-Assistance teachers, our Resource teacher, our Counsellor and our Child and Youth Care Worker. The SBT will also include the classroom teacher, the parents/guardians of the student in question, and Educational-Assistants that support the student in class. The student may also participate in these meetings (determined

case by case in consultation with parents). At times, other District staff and outside agency representatives may be invited to participate. Additionally, parents can invite a supportive friend or family member to join them.

Typically, it is the classroom teacher that makes the initial referral. However, there are times when it is the parents that request an SBT to discuss concerns they may have. The first step in both cases is for the teacher and parents to talk. If, after discussion, it is felt a larger meeting would be helpful, the teacher will then submit a formal referral to our SBT.

At Cheam, we schedule our SBT meetings on Monday afternoons (between 1:00-2:15 pm). We have some flexibility to meet at other times, however this is the one block of time where we have all staff on site and are able to provide coverage to release the classroom teacher to attend.

Please check over the attached "SBT-Parent Information" document for further details. And here is a link to our District Student Services Department website: <https://learningservices.sd33.bc.ca/resources-parents> . If you have any questions about this process, you may also call me at school or email me (iain_gardner@sd33.bc.ca).

World Book Day

Help us celebrate World Book Day on Friday, March 15th. As a culminating event for our *One School, One Book* initiative, and to celebrate literature in general, students are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from *The Lion, the Witch*

and the Wardrobe. If that's too difficult to pull together, come dressed as any character from other books you have read.

Spring Break

Friday, March 15th is the last day of school for Term Two. Schools are closed for Spring Break from March 16th to April 1st. School is back in session for Term Three on Tuesday, April 2nd.



Here's a preview of some of what we have in store after the Break. Updated information will be provided as we approach the various events. Please keep informed by checking our website regularly.

This is a snapshot of events on the horizon. Please keep your eyes on the website for details and updates.

Important Dates to the End of the Year

Mar 13: Hot Lunch/Reports sent home

Mar 15: World Book Day/Popcorn Day

Mar 16-April 1: Spring Break

Apr 2: School Returns

Apr 22: Earth Day

Apr 23: Class Photos

Apr 25: Ready, Set, Learn

Apr 26: Pro-D Day

May 6: Spring Production

May 16: Hot Lunch

May 17: Pro-D Day

May 20: Victoria Day

May 21: Indigenous Activity Day

May 30: Break the Rules Day

May 31: Pro-D Day

Jun 4: Kindergarten Orientation

Jun 7: Summer Fun Day/Hot Lunch

Jun 13: District Track and Field Meet

Jun 17: Bridal Falls Water Park

Jun 27: Early Dismissal/Reports Home...Last Day of School!