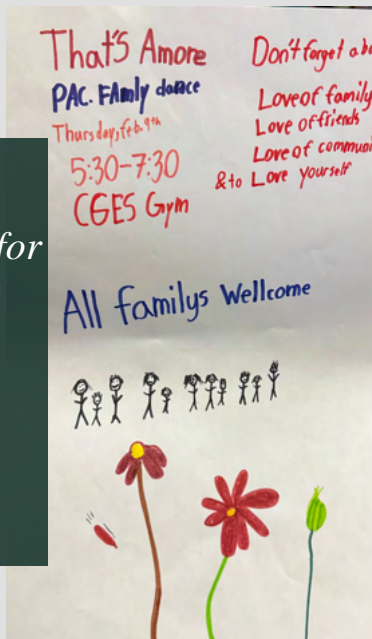


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*Student
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Family
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'That's
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

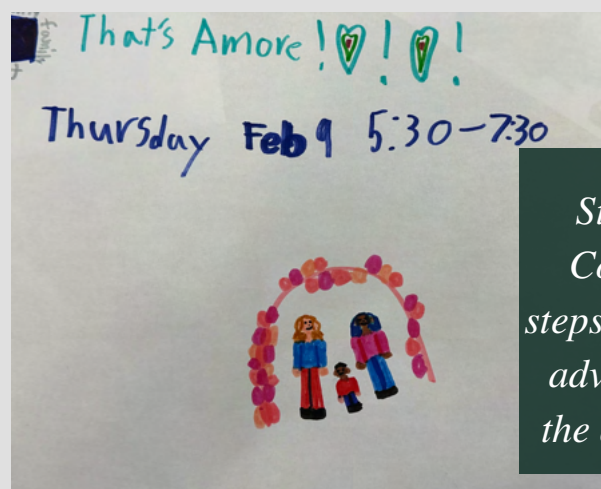
Dear Families & Caregivers,

In a blink of an eye, January has reached its end and we are looking at a busy February ahead. This is reporting season for the second term and teachers continue to trial the new reporting language and format mandated by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. It is also the season where we anticipate the promise of the spring, more sunshine (wishful thinking?), crocuses and red and green tree buds.

February will start off with a PAC sponsored family dance dubbed, *That's Amore*. The dance will take place in the gym at Cedar Grove Elementary School on February 9th between 5:30 and 7:30.

Please go to the PAC Facebook page for more information. Student Council members have volunteered to assist with the dance. A permission form will go home with those students who wish to volunteer their time. The PAC welcomes all parents to join as well.

Black History Month is underway. With the wonderful help from Ms. Reid, CGES librarian, teachers have been provided numerous resources online and in print organized into themes that support both the curricular and core competencies around inclusion, equity, and diversity. Ms. Reid's unique way of organizing the library for students, extends to how she approaches organizing resources for staff- mindful that the themes she identifies speak powerfully to the interests of students, and the pedagogical needs of her colleagues.

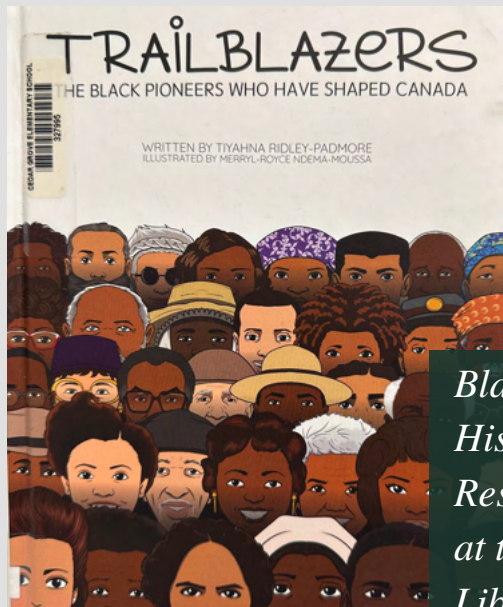


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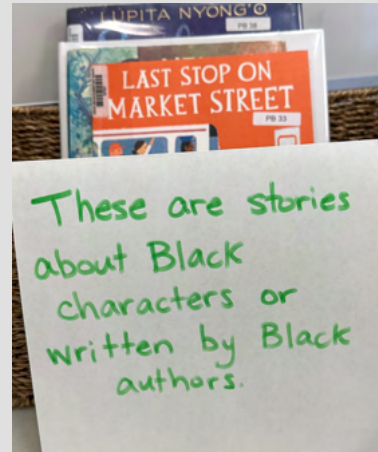
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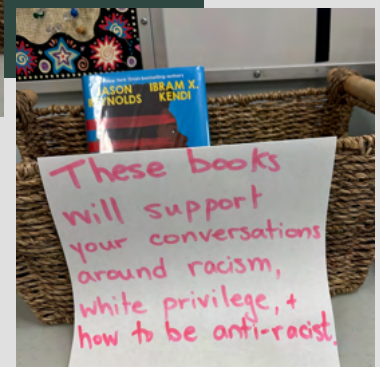
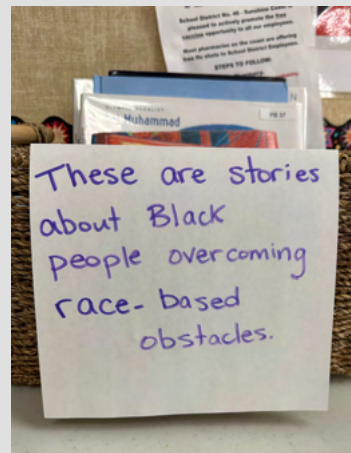
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D



*Black
History
Resources
at the
Library*



*CGES
Staff Room
Display*



In a similar way, both Ms. Reid and Ms. Marquis lead the way in orchestrating a hugely successful Family Literacy Week. If there was a team who sees reading as a way to have fun and find joy, they are it! I want to not only thank them and the rest of the staff who made this weeklong event go so smoothly, but also acknowledge the enthusiasm of all our students, and the incredible support from the parent community. The Tuesday Hot Chocolate and PJ's morning was a highlight of the overwhelming participation throughout the weeklong celebration of reading.

Cedar Grove is a vibrant and engaging learning community. All of the staff at Cedar Grove wish to thank the support of the parent community, as we seek new ways to engage our students in their learning journey.

J. Sadler- CGES Principal

*CGES
Reading
Olympics
Medal
Presentations*



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE



Our public health nursing team is following up with a few Grades that may be needing immunization catch ups. While we are in the process of contacting individual families, we have provided this message for the school to include in its newsletter:

“ Does your child in Kindergarten or Grade 3 have outstanding immunizations? Please contact the Gibsons Health Unit to book an appointment at 604-984-5070 or feel free to contact the school nurse directly with questions about your child’s immunization history and eligibility. Marcia French, RN. Cell: 604-803-4298 or email: Marcia.French@vch.ca”.

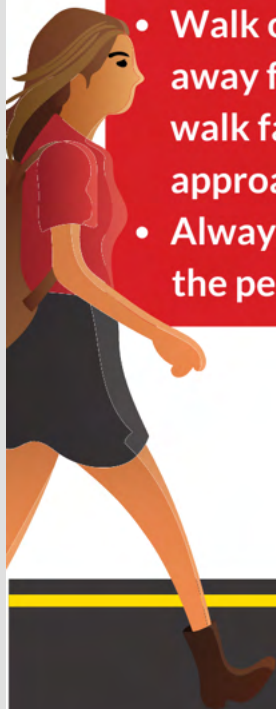
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ROAD SAFETY FOR STUDENTS



- **LOOK** left-right-left and shoulder check before crossing. Make eye contact with drivers and keep looking for approaching vehicles while crossing.
- **LISTEN.** Remove your headphones so you can hear approaching traffic that may be hard to see.
- **BE SEEN.** Wear reflective materials or bright clothes and use lights after dark.
- **Walk** on the inside edge of the **SIDEWALK** away from the road. If there's no sidewalk - walk facing oncoming traffic, so you can see approaching vehicles.
- Always use **CROSSWALKS** and follow the pedestrian signals.*

*Road safety tips by ICBC.



ROAD SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

School zones and road routes to schools are busy places in the mornings and afternoons.

With increased traffic comes a need for extra attention from parents and caregivers, along with all drivers in the community. Here are some tips to help make everyone safe.



FOLLOW SCHOOL ZONE RULES.

A 30km/h speed limit is in effect in school zones from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. when school's in session and in playground areas from dawn until dusk, unless otherwise posted.



KNOW THE LAW.

Always yield to pedestrians and stop for school buses. When the school bus isn't moving and the stop sign is out and flashing, traffic has to stop in both directions.



REDUCE CONGESTION.

Consider walking, cycling with your child or parking a few blocks away and walking your child the rest of the way to school.



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

Look out for safety risks such as kids darting from cars, along with kids who are cycling and other pedestrians.



BE PATIENT AND COURTEOUS.

No matter what's going on around you, be patient and courteous. Reacting with extreme frustration may aggravate the situation and increase the risk of unsafe behaviours.

February is Kindness Month!

Friend-ship!

Kindness C k ie Campaign



Div. 7 is baking kindness this month!

What: Kindness Cookies!

Buy 2 cookies – Give 1 away!

Do something sweet!

Surprise someone with a cookie as a gift!

When: Friday, Feb. 17th & 24th

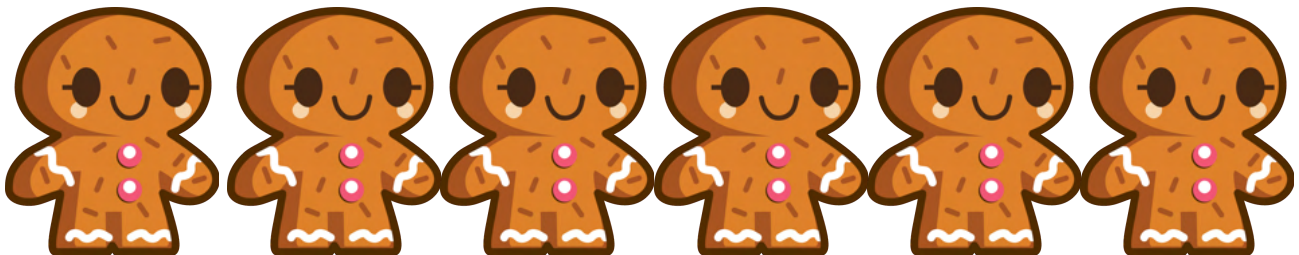
Lunch recess (12:05 – 12:30 pm)

After school (2:30 – 3:00 pm)

Cost: 2 for \$3

Cash only please!

Kindness begins with you!



Proceeds will go to help pay for Div. 7 field trips this year.

Baking mouth-watering cookies since 2022!