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February 2024 Newsletter

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Safe, Respectful, Supportive, Compassionate

Vice-Principal's Message

The month of February, although our shortest month, always seems so full. It is nice to see the days starting to have more daylight and there were many activities at Cameron that helped also make our days seem brighter.

We had many activities this month that focused on kindness and acceptance with many driven by our leadership group led by Ms. Larsen, Mr. Borean, Ms. Singbell, Ms. Starling, and Ms. Song. Some of the activities were kindness meters, positive message Mondays, compliments/kind notes, a kindness dance, and contributing to "The Shoebox Project" which will be delivered March 5th (for more information www.shoeboxproject.com). Students in Division 3 joined students from Second Street, Lyndhurst, and Burnaby Mountain in making a Pink Shirt Day display at the Lougheed Mall and then handed out positive messages to patrons. Pink Shirt Day reminds all of us that we need to be aware of our daily habits and think about how we treat one another. We must not judge one another, but rather accept each other as we are and celebrate diversity as well as practice kindness. I know I have certainly received a warm welcome as I joined this community.

February also had both our basketball teams show amazing sportsmanship and spirit as they closed out their season. Thank you to Ms. Wyatt and Mr. D'Agnolo as well as all our parent drivers. Please see their message later in the newsletter. We would also like to thank Ms. Good and Ms. Scott for supporting our felting club and our chess club, as well as Mr. Kuan for supporting our badminton club. Ms. Hall has been very busy organizing a Primary Days of Music concert that Cameron will be hosting on Tuesday, March 12th, as well as conducting our new Cameron Choir. So many wonderful opportunities volunteered at lunch, before school, and afterschool.

Staff attended the District's Professional Day on February 16th and each of us attended the Keynote presentation and two sessions on various topics. We are then able to share our learning with one another at a future date.

Students also had opportunities to further their learning with our PAC sponsored Body Science sessions from Saleema Noon in support of our Physical and Health Education curriculum. They also had opportunities to further their understanding in class as we also focused on Black History this month. Not to forget January, we celebrated Black Excellence Day and also had many exciting activities focused on Literacy in a weeklong celebration with wonderful support from Ms. Good.

Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 13th. Please take the time to look over this report with your child and celebrate all the learning that has happened this term. We are proud of all our students and their accomplishments. Please remember to send the envelopes back. April will provide another chance to celebrate their learning with Student Led Conferences taking place on Thursday, April 25th.

We hope you have a fantastic Spring Break with time to enjoy the outdoors and all the opportunities that are available to us on these beautiful lands of British Columbia.

M. Nielsen

Mr. S. Gaster, Principal Mr. M. Nielsen, Vice-Principal Ms. T. Miletich, Head Teacher Mrs. J. Brown, Secretary

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Cameron Leadership Kindness Campaign

Cameron Leadership has planned lots of fun activities that will help spread kindness in our community!

Kindness Meter

A kindness meter on display near the office. This will track acts of kindness that occur at Cameron in February. Instead of asking your child “how was your day”, you could ask “who were you kind to today?”



Positive Message Monday

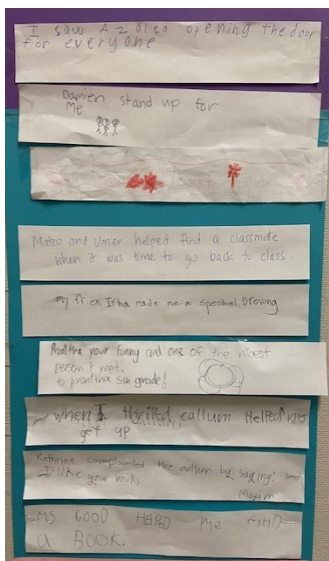
Each Monday we encourage students to wear a shirt that communicates a positive message. This could have a message written on it, or it could be a pink shirt to discourage bullying, or an orange shirt to show support for survivors of Residential schools...there are lots of possibilities!

Compliments/Kind Notes

Students and staff will share compliments at school, and we encourage families to share compliments at home.

Kindness Dance: Thursday, February 22

Kindergarten to Grade 7 students were invited to the gym to dance and celebrate kindness.



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Candygrams

In February we will also be selling Candygrams to help raise money for gift cards to put into the shoeboxes. Candygrams can be purchased for a friend or oneself. Candygrams will have a message and a lollipop attached. Candygrams will be sold at recess and will cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Candygrams will be delivered to recipients in early March.

Shoebox Project for Women: February 5 to March 5

As part of the Cameron Kindness Campaign, classrooms will be participating in the Shoebox Drive. The Shoebox Project for Women is an unaffiliated, non-religious, registered Canadian charity with over 45 volunteer-driven Local Chapters. The mission of the organization is to share empathy, kindness and compassion with local women impacted by homelessness through the collection and distribution of gift-filled Shoeboxes and messages of support. To learn more about the project and to find out what specific donations are needed, visit www.shoeboxproject.com



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Division 17 & 21 Kindness Collage

The Kindness Collage was colored by Mrs. O'Connell's and Mrs. Cameron in recognition of Pink Shirt Day and to support the Leadership Kindness Campaign .



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Literacy Week Celebrations

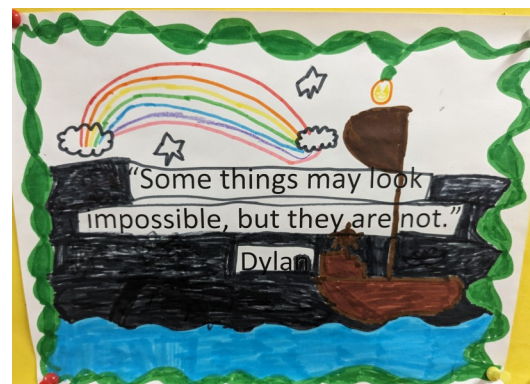
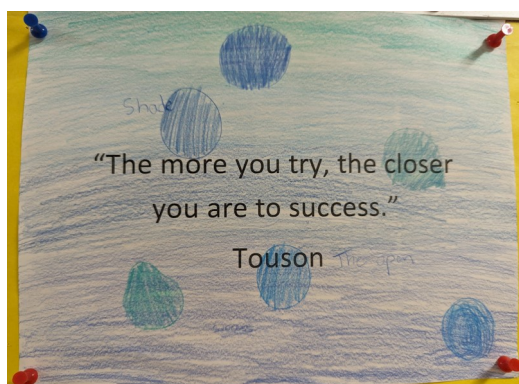
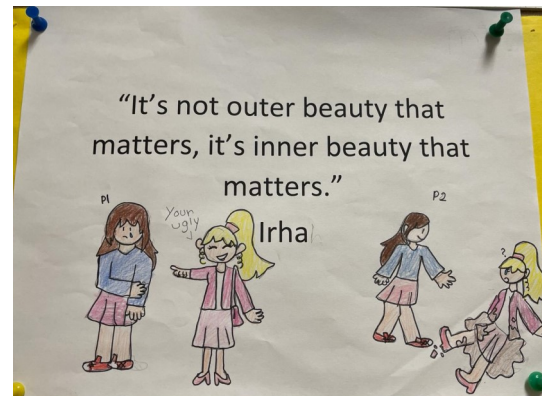
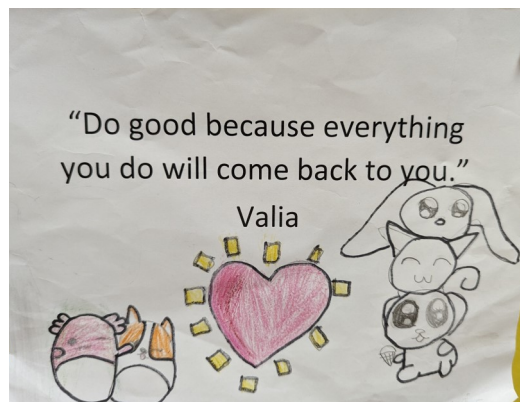
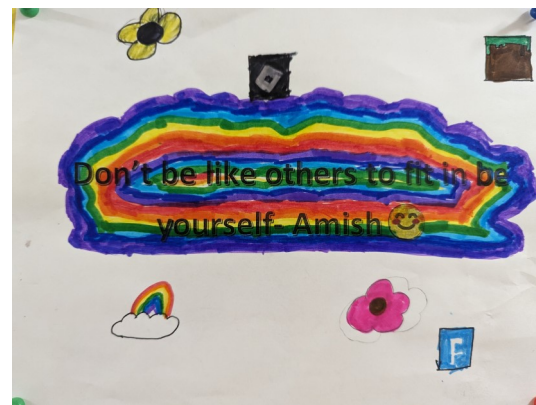
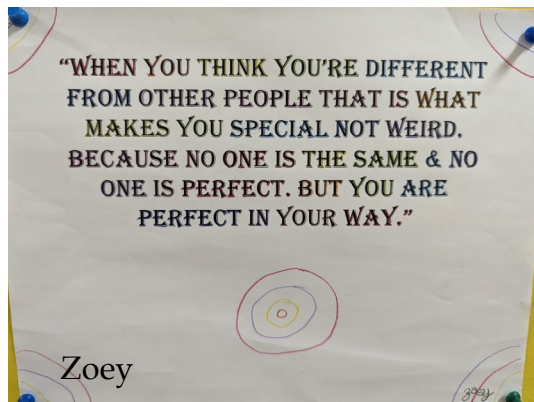


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Precepts from Division 6

Earlier this year, Division 6 read the novel 'Wonder'. This is a terrific book that the class really enjoyed. One of the ideas in the book is to have a precept, or motto, to inspire ourselves and to help guide our actions.

Each student in division 6 chose a precept. Many chose an inspirational quote from people ranging from Albert Einstein to Maya Angelou to Taylor Swift. Other students chose to write their own. Below is a sample of original precepts written by students in Division 6:



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Cameron Music Programs



The Cameron Elementary music program is so excited and grateful for the donation of 32 , 5 gallon buckets from Home Depot. These buckets will be put to great use in the spring with our bucket drumming units. Bucket drumming builds student rhythmic vocabulary, and develops gross and fine motor coordination. It is a collaborative and creative way for students to explore and express their creativity.



Students in K/1 have been exploring the music piece “William Tell Overture”. They enjoyed using the parachute, and coloured flashlights to define the ‘form’ of the music.



Professional trombonist Steven Eckert has been volunteering in the music room this term. He shared his experiences of playing in various orchestras, he performed numerous musical selections, answered questions and taught students about trombone airflow and sound.



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Cameron Basketball Teams

The Basketball teams both finished successful seasons in the middle of February. The students who played demonstrated skill, improvement, effort, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. Both teams played several weekly games against other Burnaby schools and then participated in a series of mini games during year-end playdays at one of the Burnaby high schools. Congratulations players.

Thank you to the parents who drove to the away games and the play days as we would not be able to participate without you. Mr. D’Agnolo and Ms. Wyatt.



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Important Dates

Report Cards

In the coming weeks, your child(ren) will be bringing home their report card on **Wednesday, March 13**. The goal of these reports is to ensure that parents and caregivers are well informed, involved in decisions and dialogue about their child's learning, and understand ways to support and further their child's learning. These reports will include a provincial proficiency scale, descriptive feedback that is strength based, and self-reflection from your child. I encourage you to engage with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns after receiving these reports. [Click here for more information from the Ministry of Education.](#)



Primary Days of Music
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Spring Break
Monday, March 18, 2024
To
Monday, April 1, 2024



Student Led
Conferences
Thursday,
April 25

Early Dismissal
Friday, April 26

PRO D DAY
Friday, April 29

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School Reminders



Regular hours for our school office are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Voicemail comes on automatically if we are unable to answer. If Mrs. Brown is away from her desk, or on the other line, please leave a message and she will respond as quickly as possible.

Behavioural Expectations

Our staff have worked hard to align our school behavioural expectations document with our common language of Safe, Respectful, Compassionate, and Supportive. We encourage you to review the updated [Student handbook](#) as a parent and ask your child some questions.

Examples of what you will find:

- ◆ *School policy of cellphones*
- ◆ *Playground expectations*
- ◆ *Areas appropriate for play*
- ◆ *Rules for soccer*

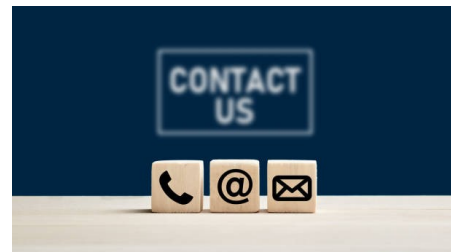
See link above to access. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Absent or Late?

We prefer attendance to be emailed to Cameron.Info@burnabyschools.ca
You can also continue to use the Absence line. Dial 604-296-9005 (option 2).

Please include the following details:

- * Child's Name
- * Teacher or Division
- * Dates/times they will be away
- * Whether or not the absence is illness related



Dressing for the weather

Just a reminder that students will be going outside at recess and lunch time this year, regardless of the weather. Please make sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather as they will be going outside in inclement weather. We highly recommend a change of clothes be left at school for what we know will be those wet days ahead of us.



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Messages from the PAC (Parent Advisory Council)

Dear Cameron Community,

We wanted to say THANK YOU to all who participated in the Dominos Pizza Fundraising Night. We raised \$70 dollars, with 14 orders placed.

PARENT POWER: MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!

Life is busy.... We know. We are looking for more PAC Members at Large to help support our kids (help as your availability allows). In June, our PAC will be losing four (4) dedicated members. We need at least two parents from each grade, to represent our students.

Presently, We are seeking families for 2024/20205:



K: 2 parents, Gr.1: 2 parents, Gr. 2: 1 parent, Gr. 3: 1 parent, Gr. 4: 2 parents, Gr. 5: 1 parent, Grade 6: 1 parent, Gr. 7: 2 parents.

Many of these roles can be supported remotely, with periodic in-person events. Reach out with questions to Cameronchair.pac@gmail.com. We will strive to answer in a timely manner.



PAC continues to fundraise to cover upcoming expenses related to library book dedications for departing teachers, staff appreciation and commitments for partial funding of school-wide events and activities.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Express Return-it Depot

Parents are reminded to drop off refundable bottles/cans at Return-it Express locations. Place containers in a clear bag, print a label using the Cameron Elementary phone number: 604-296-9005. Fund raised support student needs.



Cobs Bread (City of Lougheed)

Mention Cameron Elementary when making your purchase. 5% of costs allocate to Cameron PAC

Loveable Labels

Online promotion is still active for the end of school year restock, to keep items out of Lost n Found

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SPRING EVENTS

Limited availability of our small number of PAC members has resulted in postponing several school community events this spring. In the past at Cameron and other local schools, very well-attended events include: School movie night, Multi-cultural dinner, Spring fair. Without parents to help plan and implement, we have not been able to host these last year or this year.

PAC is working with school administration staff to explore community event opportunities in May or June.

PAC is looking forward to contributing financially supporting our school for a number of upcoming extracurricular workshops and the end of year school trip to Belcarra Park. Hopefully the sun will be shining this year. Last time was a bit soggy... but the craft tables were a hit!

OUR NEXT PAC MEETING

(all parents/guardians are welcome to attend)

- ◆ Thursday, April 18, 2024 — 7:00 pm

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you'd like to contact us or look for upcoming events, fundraisers, and ways to help, you can contact us by email at cameronvolunteer.pac@gmail.com



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Student Learning Survey 2023/2024

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Just before or just after the spring break the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in **grades 4 and 7**, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement.

The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the Results section. The e-survey site will be open until May 3rd.

