

# MPES FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Stay up-to-date on what is happening at our school. Visit our website for information and pictures of our school.



<http://mpeweb.sd46.bc.ca>

**Kindergarten Pre-Registration starts February 19th**  
**Please come to the office to pick up the registration packages**

## **Anti-Bullying/Kindness Week**

We are planning different activities around this theme for the week of Feb 25<sup>th</sup> – Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Students and staff at MPES are committed to being kind, caring and compassionate. As part of our learning about diversity and acceptance students will be viewing engaging presentations from Indigenous Author Nicola Campbell, The Taiko Japanese Drummers and Inspirational Speaker David Roche.

David Roche will be presenting to the school on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Love at Second Sight is an educational video that transforms attitudes about appearance and encourages students to accept themselves and others. It's about difference and belonging, judgement and inclusion. You can visit David's website at [www.davidroche.com](http://www.davidroche.com) and view his presentation at [www.loveatsecondsight.org](http://www.loveatsecondsight.org).



## **Dr. Seuss Week**

In honor of Dr. Seuss' 115<sup>th</sup> birthday we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Week March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. We have a variety of fun activities planned for the week including:

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - "Fox in Socks", wear silly socks.

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - "Cat in the Hat", wear a silly hat.

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> - "Wacky Wednesday", wear backwards, mismatched or inside out clothes.

Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> - "1 Fish, 2 Fish", wear red or blue.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - "Thing 1 & Thing 2", dress like a friend.



### **Library Books**

We are encouraging all families to search through their houses to help us find all our missing and overdue books. We have over 60 books currently overdue. Notices listing any books that are currently overdue will be sent home with students this week.

### **Literacy Week**

In late January MPES celebrated Literacy Week. Staff and Students participated in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read), character festivities, interactive literacy stations, family breakfast and a flashlight celebration. Thanks to everyone who participated in our Literacy Bingo/Reading Log Challenge.



**\*Consistent nightly reading for 20 minutes is key to overall success**

**WE SHARE  
WE CONNECT  
WE GROW**



**STUDENT**  
LEARNING  
RESOURCES

**STRIKING A BALANCE WITH TECHNOLOGY**

Technology can be a powerful tool for good, but can also be overused causing developmental delays, tantrums and very real addiction in our kids. Richard Louv, author of *The Nature Principle*, notes that it is not technology in and of itself that is the problem, but rather what we are not doing when we are connected to technology and encourages more outdoor experiences for our children. So how do we strike a balance with technology? Experts weigh in with tips and resources for parents:

*Common Sense Resources*  
*CHED Resources*  
*Healthy Children Org Resources*  
*Screen Ages Articles*

*In the end, it's all a question of balance.*  
-Robinton Mistry

**EXCELLENCE**

Brought to you by:  
The Parent Engagement Committee.  
We would love to hear from you.  
Contact Stephanie:  
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SD46 Website:  
www.sd46.bc.ca

## PAC Meeting

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45 PM is our next MPES PAC meeting in the library. Superintendent Patrick Bocking will be here to discuss the SD46 Strategic Plan.

## Rainy and Cold Days

While we hope the snow is done for this year, we still have may cold and wet days ahead of us. We are reminding all families that students need to come prepared to school **EVERYDAY with a warm/waterproof jacket and shoes.** In addition to

recess and lunch playtime, all our classes go outside constantly for learning opportunities and enrichment. We are also encouraging families to send an extra set of clothes to school for those days when their children play hard in the rain or mud puddles and need a change of clothes. This will allow the students to change into dry clothes and continue with their day without interruptions.



## Dates to Remember:

February 19	Kindergarten Registration begins – contact the office @ 883-2373
February 25 – March 1	Kindness Week – celebrating caring, compassion and diversity
February 25	Nicola Campbell – Indigenous Author @ 12:45
March 1	David Roche – Inspirational Speaker @ 9:15; Taiko Drummers @ 11
Monday, March 4	PAC Meeting @ 3:45; Mr. Bocking here to discuss Strategic Plan
March 4-8	Dr. Seuss Week –refer to this current newsletter for more details
Friday, March 8	Report Cards Home
Saturday, March 9	Early Years Fair for incoming Kindergarten Children & Parents 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Sechelt Early Years Ctr. (old Sechelt Elem.)
March 13 & 14	Early Dismissal @ 1:51 am and Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 16 – 31	Spring Break Holiday
Monday, April 1	Pro-D Day – school based
Tuesday, April 2	Classes back in session

**PENDER HARBOUR  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
604-883-2826



**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS for SPRING 2019**

**REGISTER NOW!  
REGISTRATION ENDS  
MARCH 15**

**ART CLASSES:** we have reduced the cost this term to make up for all the missed snow days!

<b>PEEWEE MONDAY</b>	<b>PEEWEE TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNIOR TUESDAY</b>	<b>SENIOR WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>SENIOR THURSDAY</b>
3-4pm	3-4pm	3-4:30pm	3-4:30pm	3-4:30pm
Apr 15-June 24	Apr 16-June 18	Apr 16-June 18	Apr 17-June 19	Apr 18-June 20
8 sessions	10 sessions	10 sessions	10 sessions	10 sessions
\$55	\$70	\$80	\$80	\$80
Grade 1 & 2	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3 & 4	Grade 5 & 6	Grade 5 & 6

**BOYS CLUB: Mondays, 3-4:30pm for BOYS in grade 4-6**

**Free, but you must register. April 15 – June 24**

## **KIDS COOKING CLASSES** for kids in grade 3-6

First and Second FRIDAY of each month! \$10 per class. Space is limited! Fridays APRIL 5 & 12 MAY 3 & 10 JUNE 7 & 14

**FISHING CLUB** will resume after Spring Break, weather permitting. Thursdays 3-4pm for all MPES kids. Kindergarten kids will need a parent to attend! Free, but you must be registered! We really need volunteers to keep this club going, please contact Patti if you can help.

**T-BALL!!** We will run T-Ball after Spring Break on Thursday evenings for kids aged 4 -7 years old. Stay tuned for details!

**PLEASE call the Community School to register for all of our programs! We are open Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm and we accept Cash, Cheque or e-transfers!**

**Phone : 604-883-2826**

## **AFTER SCHOOL MOVIES**

Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month

**Spring 2019 dates:**

APRIL 26 ~ MAY 24 and 31 ~ JUNE 21

Kids need a note to attend the movie or they will be sent home on the bus. Popcorn and drinks are sold for \$1 each.

**Pick up time is before 6pm please!**