



# Newsletter

February 11, 2021



## W.E. Graham Community School

### Hockey Game May Have Been Rigged?

#### Having Fun at WEG

I was talking with one of our teachers the other day, who said that they feel like they're in the doldrum part of the year. Constant focusing on reading, writing, and arithmetic.

This is pretty typical. January, February and March can see real growth in children's learning. Layered on top of this is the limitation of following the rules set out by Dr. Bonnie. So it does feel like our chances of celebrating are few.

So, we pushed ahead and got our children up to the ski hills over the last month. Our children were amazing. Our VWP and OELP went to Red Mountain on two of their worst weather days. The first was when it warmed up quickly, then froze and then the wind howled. The second was yesterday, when the Arctic air was upon us.

I wondered how our kids would do. Would they all hide away where it was warm? Well, I got a phone call from the mountain. I was worried about what they would say, they told me that they were amazed by our kids. They were out there in the slush and the rain and then in the cold and the wind.

I kind of got a little choked up. We've really been focusing on helping our kids to work through things when it's not perfect. Or when it gets hard. I think this was a perfect example of how our kids are showing that.

I don't want to sound like a previous president or anything....but I'm sure the fix was in for the hockey game that we played against the students.

I mean, it looked really good for the teachers. Shannon was wearing all of the stinky goalie gear and finally learned how to hold the hockey stick.

Erin, played defence and was wearing a dress.

The students only had a student in kindergarten in net.

I felt confident.

The prize was Pizza for the kids. Or coffee/tea for the teachers.

The game went back and forth! And in the end....after the shootout. The kids won.

Oakley stopped Mr. Porteous!

Aoroa scored on Shannon!

Mr. Hurley was shattered. He and Shannon delivered Pizza to the children.

We'll see about the next challenge.....

#### **Report Cards**

You should have received your report card last Friday. If not, your child may have hid it in the bottom of their backpack. Take a look at it to see how your child is doing. If you have any concerns please contact your teacher.

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## Student Led Portfolios:

Your child will be presenting to you their portfolio the week before Spring Break. You will get a chance to see what they've been doing and then see what they need to work on to improve on for the rest of the year.

We will have to organize differently than previous years because we can't have you in the school....but we will either Zoom with you, or we may have an outdoor meeting.

However we do the portfolios, it's your chance to celebrate your child's learning. We will let you know the schedule in the beginning of March.

## 70 Years Old:



We have received a few stories from people who have attended WEG over the years. We'd still like to hear more! Let us know.

## PAC:

Our PAC meets on the first Thursday of every month. This year has been a bit of a slow year for the group as we have no access to the school, but they are planning and thinking about ways to make the school even greater.

They are looking for more folks to join! If you are interested or just want to keep in the loop about what is happening at school. Contact us and we will put you in touch with the President, Dayna.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Pro D – Day - Friday, 12 February, 2021**
- **Family Day – Monday, 15 February, 2021**
- **Last day of school before Spring Break is FRIDAY, 12 March 2021. Back to school on Monday, 29 March 2021.**
- **Good Friday, 2 April 2021**
- **Easter Monday – 5 April 2021**
- **Pro D – Day – Monday, 19 April 2021**
- **Early dismissal days – Wednesday & Thursday, 21 & 22 April, 2021**

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