

# FEBRUARY NEWS

#### Valentine's Day

Please note that we will be allowing students to exchange Valentine's cards this year, but it **is not required.** 

If you are going to send in Valentine's cards, having your child practice writing their peer's names is a great way to work on literacy concepts and letter formation. A list of first names for each class will be sent on Google Classroom. Let me know if you have any questions!

### Field Trips

We have two field trips coming up this month! The first will be Winter Wonderland with Strathcona Wilderness Center. Due to extreme weather, this may be rescheduled-I will let you know as soon as I hear.

Our second field trip this month is a virtual field trip provided by The Canadian Museum of Human Rights. Special thanks to one of our kindergarten parents for sharing!

Also, this month we will be sending out the fee schedule for field trips for the latter half of the year.

#### Reminders

- The weather has been unpredictable with fluctuating temperatures! Please ensure your child is prepared to spend time outside everyday-even when it is too cold to go outside, we still need to be dressed properly for the trip into/out of the school.
- Students tend to change their masks multiple times a day-between falling not the floor or snow, condensation, and other accidents. If possible, please send extra masks in your child's bag daily. Thank you for your help with this!
- Test kits and masks provided by the AB government have been sent home to students. Please note that these should be promptly removed from backpacks.

## February Focus

February is a short, but exciting month! We will be celebrating Black History Month, Valentine's Day, and will be exploring emotions and expression. Students are still expressing curiosity in outer space, so will continue with a few space centres and activities, including work on our space station and exploring gravity and orbit. On Valentine's Day, we will be thinking about ways to be kind to our friends, families, and ourselves, and how we can show others that we care.

We continue to work on our literacy activities, including pairing letters to sounds, playing with speech sounds, exploring rhyming words, and building and decoding simple words. We are also enjoying our new comprehension strategies-so far we have covered <u>Questioning</u>, <u>Predicting</u>, <u>and Making Connections</u>. This is something you can practice at home as well! While reading to your child you can express curiosity in the form of a question, have your child predict what will happen next, and relate what you are reading to another book, person, or experience.

To continue working on listening and questioning in a fun way, we will be starting **Show and Tell!** You will see your child's name on the calendar when it is their assigned day. For our first round, please have your child send in their favourite toy.





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Show and Tell: Lincoln	Show and Tell: Maximus	Show and Tell: Benjamin		
Valentine's Day	Human Rights Virtual Field Trip PM Dallan and Lea's Birthday	Show and Tell: Bentley Bentley's Birthday	17 Show and Tell: Dallan	Show and Tell: Lea
<b>2I</b> Family Day	Show and Tell: Daxon Daxon's Birthday	23 Show and Tell: Jarrel	<b>24</b> Show and Tell: Jaxx	25 Journey to Human Rights Virtual Field Trip AM M/W
28 Show and Tell: Chloe	Winter Wonderland SWC in-school field trip-Feb. 1 & 2  Teacher's Convention-Feb. 10 & 11  Valentine's Day Celebrations-Feb. 14 & 15  Journey to Human Rights Virtual Field Trip-Feb. 15 & 25  Family Day-Feb. 21			