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## Weekly Newsletter February 28th

During our assembly on Wednesday for “**Pink Day**” we had students from Div. 1,2,3 and 6 present. Our gym was so colourful! We reviewed our School Code of Conduct and talked about ways to take care of ourselves, of others and of Cavell. We heard poems about friendship and kindness, read the book *One* by Kathryn Otoshi.

We know that many of our families will be observing Ramadan starting tonight. Muslims across the world will be fasting from sun-up to sundown for the next 30 days. Ramadan Mubarak.

Big News – the students had a preview of the playground this afternoon! We have set up a schedule for the first couple weeks until the novelty wears off. Each classroom will have a schedule. Each day there will either be a single grade or two grades together.



**Kindness Tree** – As part of our focus on Kindness throughout the month of February students and staff created a Kindness Tree. This tree has become a centre for discussion and reflection. It is wonderful to see our heart “leaves” covering the tree with thoughts on being kind to others from students in kindergarten through grade 7.

**VSB After the Bell: Live – an online learning series for families**

Introducing VSB After the Bell: Live, a new series of information sessions designed to provide families with direct access to educators and experts on key topics affecting student learning and well-being.

As an extension of our [podcast, After the Bell](#), the learning series is designed to be accessible and informative, featuring education subject matter experts, live Q&A and practical takeaways for families. For March, we will be exploring how to navigate social media, AI and online safety.

**VSB After the Bell: Live**

**Topic:** Helping kids navigate social media, AI and online safety

**Date:** March 11, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Who:** Jeff Spence, VSB District Principal of Information technology and Christina Walker, VSB Digital Literacy Mentor Teacher

In an increasingly digital world, understanding how to be a responsible and informed online citizen is more important than ever. Join VSB After the Bell: Live for an engaging session on digital literacy, where we'll explore how students can safely and responsibly navigate the online space.

Join experts in the field to discuss key topics including navigating social media platforms (Snapchat, Discord, Instagram, TikTok), the impact of Generative AI (Copilot, ChatGPT) and essential student online safety strategies. Learn how VSB is supporting both students and educators on this journey and gain practical insights to help your child thrive in the digital age.

Have questions? Ask ahead of time to get them answered live. Submit questions [here](#).

A link to the information will be sent a day before the event.

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**PSSG is excited to share this learning opportunity from Public Safety Canada:**

This session will explore strategies to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse within online gaming environments, providing practical guidance and expert perspectives. The webinar is facilitated by GamerSafer, a safety tech company focused on protecting players and gaming communities from digital risks and harms.

This session will be hosted on Zoom. To register, please click on the link below. You will then receive a confirmation email with login details.

**Understanding and Guiding Youth in Online Gaming, March 5, 2025 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm PST.**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

Targeted participants: Parents, caregivers, educators and civil society organizations.

Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and parent/caregiver networks. Participants will be able to ask questions during the event. Please be advised that this event may be recorded.

**For any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to email Public Safety Canada at: [onlinecseeseenligne@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:onlinecseeseenligne@ps-sp.gc.ca).**

**PAC News** – Family Movie Night: Moana 2! 🎬

📅 Date: Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – Tonight!!

🕒 Doors Open: 5:15 PM

🎬 Movie Starts: 5:45 PM

Get ready for an evening of fun and laughter. Bring the whole family and settle in for a cozy night together. Admission by donation.

**Important Dates Coming Up:**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** – PAC movie night – Moana 2

March 10 – Learning Update 2 sent home

**March 17-28** – Spring Break

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** – return to school after spring break

April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Weekend. School Closed

April 28<sup>th</sup> – Indigenous Focus Day Professional Day – school not in session for students

April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> – Student Led conferences 1:58 dismissal both days

