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Weekly Newsletter January 31st

This has been a busy week of learning at Cavell. Please see the photos below for samples of some work being done. Our second learning updates will be sent home in March and student led conferences are at the very end of April and early May.

Please see information below on our PAC sponsored Fact Checking Workshop.



Playground Update – Big news! The construction fencing will be put up on Monday with construction beginning on February 4th or 5th. The students were told this morning during our morning announcements, and we are all trying to remember which playground was chosen and what features it had. Thank you again to the PAC and the parents for many years of fundraising to expand our playground. The playground team from Habitat predict the installation will take approximately 2 ½ weeks to complete. Our south-west field will be fenced off for the duration of the work.

Fact Checking Workshop for Parents sponsored by PAC - Telling fact from fiction in an AI world

Join us for an insightful talk by leading international journalist / AFP news agency standards and ethics editor Eric Wishart on the challenges we face in knowing the truth at a time when artificial intelligence is flooding online platforms with fake content. You will learn how fact-checkers combat fake news amid changing attitudes towards online falsehoods by social media giants such as Facebook and X. In this

talk, Eric will examine the challenges created by the development of generative AI, which has added a new dimension to the threat posed by disinformation. This workshop will equip you with the knowledge to critically assess information in today's complex digital landscape. Eric's presentation will be during the **PAC meeting on February 11th**. This presentation will be via Zoom. More information and timing to come. The Zoom link will be for Eric's presentation only. The PAC meeting will be in person, and we will watch the presentation together in the library.

February 12th – Eric will return and present student level Fact Checking workshops for our Grade 6 and 7 students.

Thank you to the PAC for organizing this opportunity for us.

Are you returning to Cavell for 2025-2026? – It is hard to believe that we are soon getting ready to start the process of planning for the next year. For our current kindergarten to grade 6 families please fill out this “Are you returning form” for next year. You will need to fill this form out for each child in your family.

<https://forms.office.com/r/GbybSKWw07>

Happy Lunar New Year – To all of our families who will be celebrating this week we wish you all the best for a Gong Xi Fa Cai. Best wishes for good health, prosperity, and success during the Year of the Snake.

Important Dates Coming Up:

February 4th – Kindergarten Hearing Screening

February 7th – Jump Rope for Heart kick off Assembly

February 14th – Professional Day – school not in session for students

February 17th – Family Day – school closed

March 10 – Learning Update 2 sent home

March 17-28 – Spring Break

March 31st – return to school after spring break

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

