

March 2022

Oppenheimer Elementary Newsletter

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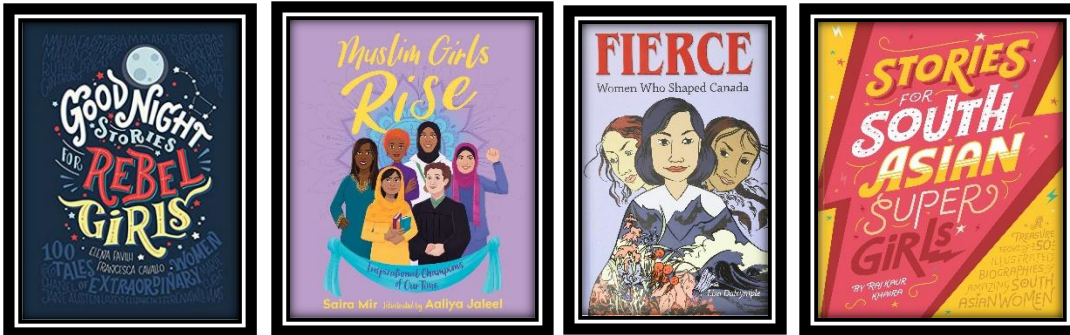
Trustee: Estrellita Gonzalez

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Dear Oppenheimer Community:

LIBRARY NEWS - From Ms. McKnight in the library

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, this month we will be reading books about important women throughout history and their contributions to society. We'll also be adding a new page to our book journals and reflecting on our favourite books read in the last few months. Over the break, the Vancouver Public Library has lots of options for in person and virtual activities. You can find more information at <https://www.vpl.ca/program/library-programs-spring-2022>



STUDENT LEARNING SURVEY 2021/2022

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2022** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.



There is no PAC meeting in March. The next PAC meeting will be on April 20th.



If your child needs a free backpack or help with food security, please contact the school office.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 29th. If you have any questions, please contact the school at oppenheimer@vsb.bc.ca

STUDENT COUNCIL RAISES FUNDS FOR SPCA

Student Council planned, prepared and delivered 866 candygrams to students on Valentine's day! After paying expenses they were pleased to see that they had raised \$1002 for the S.P.C.A. to help and care for animals in need. Way to go!



POKEMON CARDS

Although we strongly suggest and prefer that all valuables remain at home, we currently allow students to bring Pokémon Cards to school. Recently there have been some challenges around trading and the way students are handling the cards. Both Teachers and the Principal have made it clear that students are not allowed to trade cards, rip the cards, or toss them on the playground and they should not come out in the classroom. If students are not able to follow these rules, we will be banning Pokémon Cards. Thank you for your support at home with this issue.

ARE YOU RETURNING

If you know you will not be returning or may not be returning to Oppenheimer for September 2022, please complete the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/SgnnBHgsKw> by March 9th.

DESIGNATED STUDENTS WITH SUPPORT

Currently there is a shortage of support workers (SSA's) in BC schools. So, when an SSA is absent, we need to provide internal coverage by shifting our support workers around. For this reason, if your child works with a support worker and will be absent, it is extremely helpful if we know of absences as soon as possible. This helps us retain support on students who deserve support.

Food Bank Pick Ups

**Free weekly fresh and dried goods
available for pickup!**

**Distributions can include fresh
produce, dried and household goods.**

Saturdays January to March

**Starting January 8
9:15am-1:00pm (4 time slots)
Sunset Community Centre**

Registration Only
Online: tinyurl.com/SCAPickups
Phone: 604-718-6505

We wish you an enjoyable and safe Spring Break!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal on behalf on the Oppenheimer Staff

March Dates to Remember

*** Spring Break will run from Mon, March 14 to Fri. March 25***

Mon, March 28 - First Day Back to School After Spring Break

Take a walk down the Hallways of Oppenheimer...







