

Sir Wilfrid Laurier News



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Supportive, Open-minded, Awesome, Respectful

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NEWSLETTER #7 March

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Principal's Message

Dear Laurier Community,

We hope you found the first written student progress report of the school year, which was sent home on January 31st, meaningful and full of information about your child's learning at school. In April, you will have a chance to participate in school-wide informal meetings or conferences to review your child(ren)'s work at school. In the meantime, our teachers are always available to offer feedback on our students' learning.

February was a month that offered many celebratory events and extra-curricular opportunities to our students. The Movie Night on February 27th was another successful PAC event, which gathered our community together. Many thanks to our PAC for organizing the evening and their continuous support.

This year, Spring Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere will be on Thursday, March 19, at 11:50 P.M., marking the beginning of a new season. Happy Spring to you all!

We wish you a happy, healthy and restful Spring Break. School will be closed on March 16th to 27th and will reopen on Monday, March 30th. Enjoy your Spring Break!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Armin Samiei
Principal



Black History Month: Acknowledging and celebrating the stories, experiences and accomplishments of Canada's black community at Laurier Elementary School

SOAR DAY AT LAURIER!



Laurier students have been SOARing so often that we have surpassed our goal of earning 2000 SOAR tickets by the end of February. To celebrate, the SOAR Student Committee hosted a series of play-based stations on Thursday, February 27th.

All Laurier students visited the six SOAR stations on Thursday. The stations represented the many ways we can play and learn together at school. Students played with equipment in the gym, created artwork, did a STEM challenge, played cards and board games, played cooperative games outside, and enjoyed a bonus recess time on the playground. Our students demonstrated their creative and critical thinking skills, and as always, SOARed with Support, Open Minds, Awesome Attitudes, and Respect!

Many thanks to our SOAR Student Committee and our Teacher Leaders, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Sprintzios and Ms. Boucher for organizing and leading this event!

PINK SHIRT DAY AT LAURIER!

A play about Pink Shirt Day, a Pink Shirt Day dance, a slide show and a school dance led by our students on Wednesday, February 26th were the highlights of our Pink Shirt Day Assembly at Laurier! Lifting Each Other Up with kindness, compassion and respect!



SPORTS AT LAURIER!

Our Laurier Sr. Girls wrapped up the season with a win and ending the season with their best game of the year. What a great finish to a fantastic basketball season! Many thanks to both our Sr. Teams for their hard work and commitment and our coaches, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Holdham for their dedication. This term, they coached the Sr. Basketball (Gr. 7- Boys and Girls) playing in the league and the Jr. Basketball (Gr. 5/6 – Boys/Girls) intramural.



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The Laurier Choir will perform at The District Choral Festival at John Oliver Secondary School on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00pm.



DreamRider

<http://dreamriderproductions.com/>

Zero Heroes: A Mission for Zero Waste

Tuesday, March 5
Performance for K-7 in the gym
@11:00am

Zero Heroes inspires kids to take action and change the way they think about garbage and the planet's finite resources.

Students learn about:

- How garbage ends up in the landfill
- Consumption and the product lifecycle
- Food scraps composting, *to coincide with Metro Vancouver's organics ban*
- Recycling and reusing
- How each positive, waste-reducing habit helps save their town and the whole planet

Clean Up Your Act: Littering & Graffiti

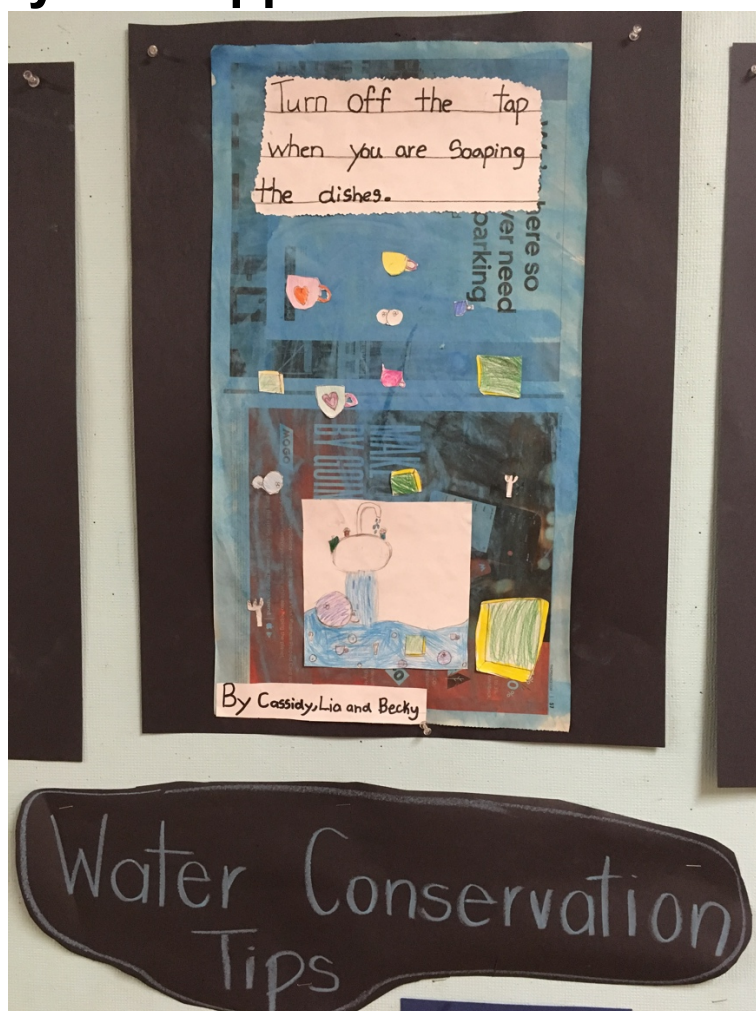
Tuesday, March 31
Performance for K-7 in the gym
@11:00am

Clean Up Your Act teaches kids how litter, vandalism and graffiti hurt our communities – and how they can help protect our public spaces.

Students go home armed with:

- The know-how to appropriately dispose of garbage and recycling, and with
- A sense of personal responsibility for our city streets and natural spaces.

Div. 11 – Ms. V. Lee/Ms. J. Shih's Class are exploring ways to support the environment!

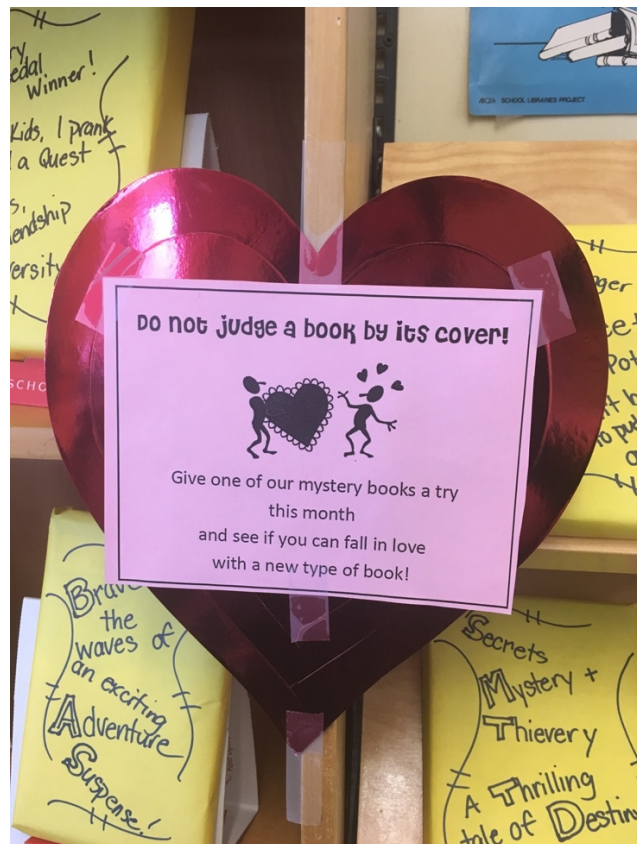


KINDNESS AND COMPASSION AT LAURIER TODAY AND EVERY DAY

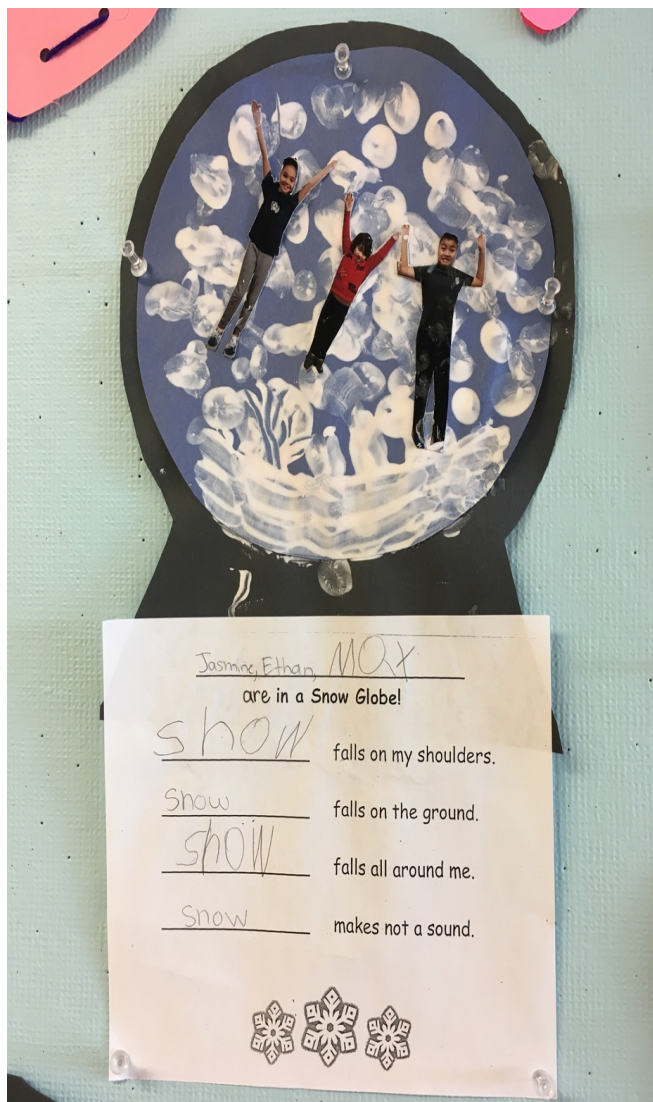


Div. 7 and 13 – Ms. Cacapit's and Mr. Holdam's classes are the best friends!

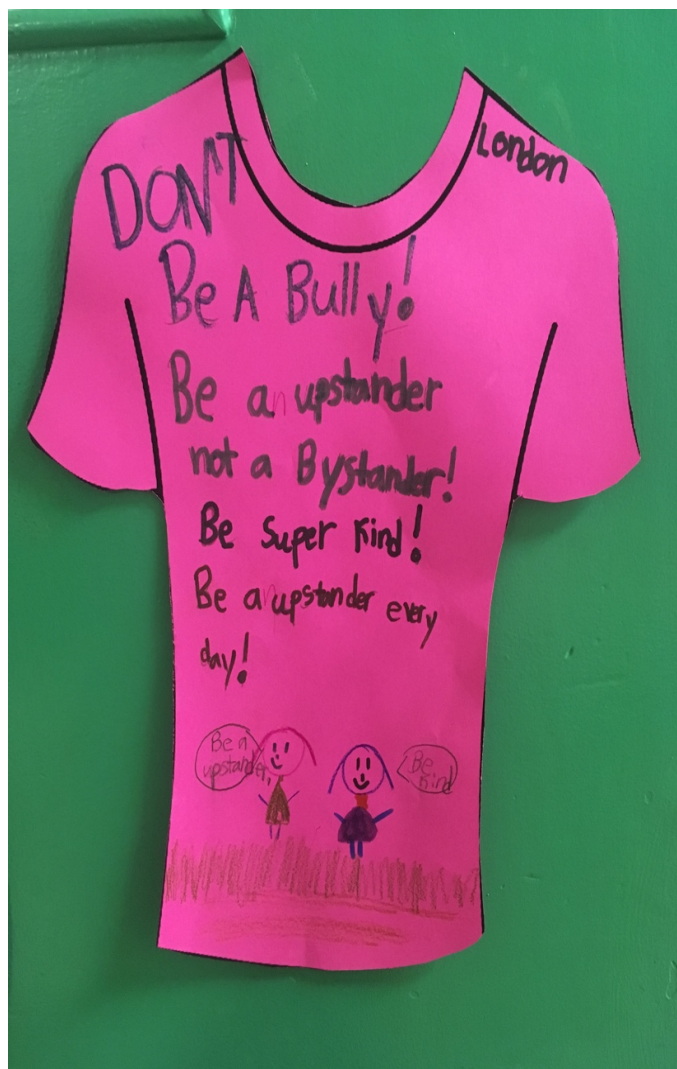
A Library Full of Adventures!



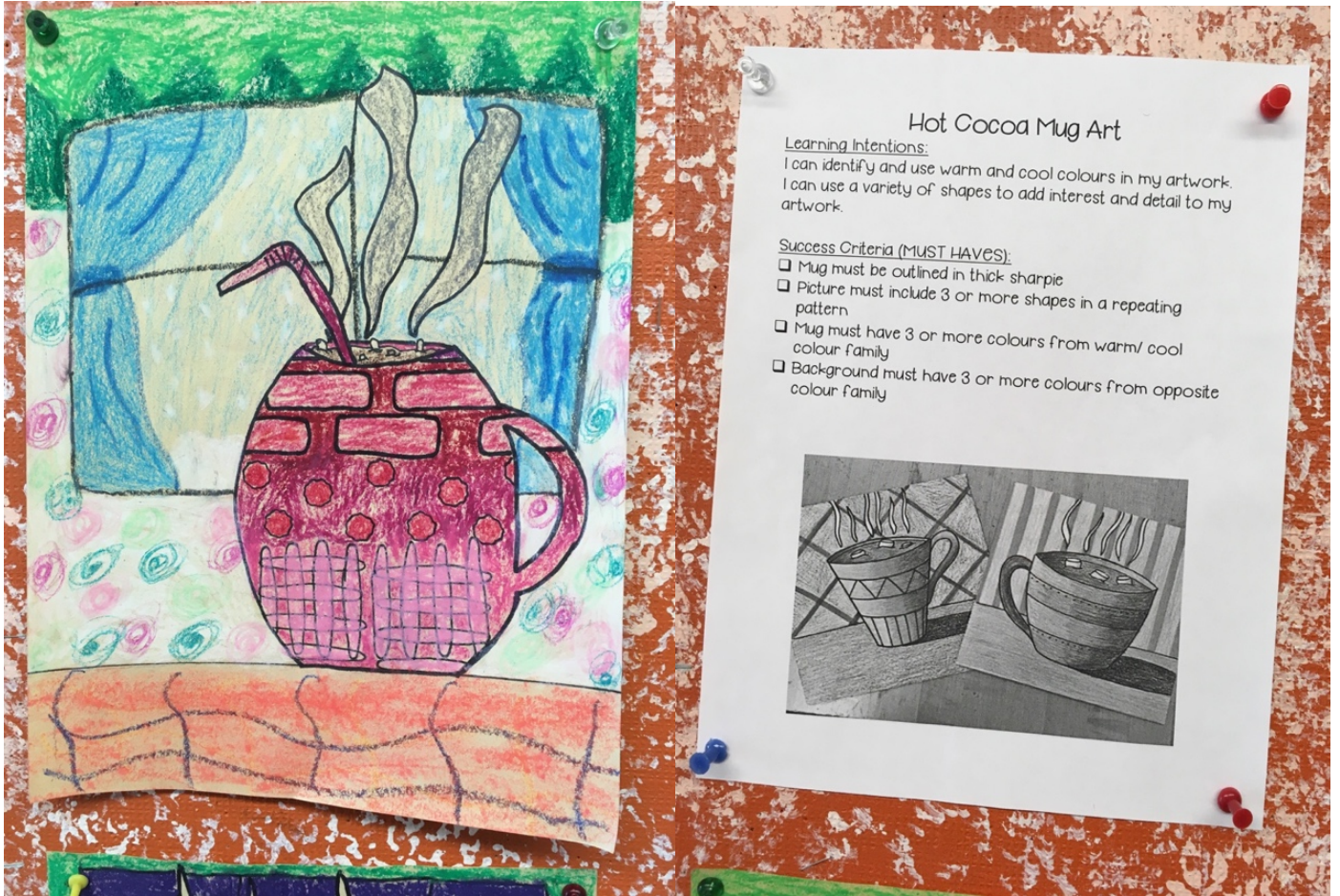
Div. 10 - Ms. Moore's Class And Their Pink Shirt Project



Div. 5 and 12 – Ms. Tan's and Virvilis/Ms. Murphy's Classes are the most supportive buddies!



Div. 6 –Ms. Wong’s Class Explores Warm and Cool Colours



Div. 11 –Ms. V. Lee/Ms. J. Shih’s Class Create Beautiful Birds During The Arts Umbrella’s Visual Arts Workshop



10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.

2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.

3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.

4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.

5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).

6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.

7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.

8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.

9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.

10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

THE WHITE HATTER



Internet Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers

When: Wednesday, March 4th
7:00-9:00pm

Where: Churchill Secondary
7055 Heather Street
along with parents from
Magee Secondary

Facilitated By: Darren Laur



What You Will Learn

Hardware/software monitoring options and their pros and cons

Today's online slang, as well as emojis and their connotations

The emotional, psychological, and physical challenges surrounding online pornography, gaming, gambling

The positives and negatives of social networks

Why future employers, colleges, and universities are checking your child's digital dossier

Things you can do immediately to protect your child's online reputation

Why your child needs to consider that everything they do online is public, permanent, and searchable regardless of their privacy settings

Current examples of social engineering and manipulation tactics

How to spot and mediate cyberbullying

Understanding sexting and how to approach discussion with your child

The law as it relates to cyberbullying and sexting and possible unintended consequences

The benefits of community-based restorative justice programs

How to encourage desirable online ethics and values

About Our Team

The White Hatter Team has presented to over 450 schools and hundreds of thousands of students across Canada and the United States. Our mission is to equip students, teachers, parents, law enforcement, and others with the tools necessary to stay safe in the real-world as well as in today's digital world. We empower the use of technology for socio-economic benefits, while also tackling some of the concerns that come up with the rapid growth of technology and unlimited worldwide communication. We pride ourselves on using a holistic approach addressing the legal, emotional, physical, and technical components that keep everyone safe.

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MORNING/AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

School is in session from 9:00am to 3:00pm, with the first warning bell at 8:55am. The outside supervision takes place from **8:45am to 9:00am in the mornings** and **3:00 to 3:15pm in the afternoons**. There is no supervision outside these hours for students who are dropped off too early at school. The safety of our students is our first priority, and we need your support to do our job well with the only resources we have available to us at this time. Thank you for your consideration and for ensuring that your children are not dropped off or picked up from school outside of the supervision hours.

Vancouver Board of Education SAFE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

If your child will be absent from school, please call **604-713-5159** to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message at the dedicated answering service by calling the number provided. You will be prompted to provide the two-digit extension for your child's school to access the school's voicemail box for reporting an absence. The two-digit extension for Laurier Elementary is **44**.

It is important to report your child's absence prior to 9:00 a.m. each day of the absence.

If your child is late for school they must sign in at the office before they make their way to the classroom. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

READY, SET, LEARN

Friday, April 7 2020

At J. W. Sexsmith Elementary -- 7410 Columbia St. Vancouver

Do you know anyone who lives in the neighbourhood with children aged 3 or 4? Please invite them to Ready, Set Learn on Tuesday, April 7, an event to help children to become ready and comfortable for Kindergarten, to develop confidence and relationships with friends and learn important skills they will need to succeed in school. This year, we have organized a joint event that will take place at Sexsmith Elementary School. We would like to invite you to a special concert with local singer Angela Kelman. The concert will last approximately 45 minutes. Information from community partners will also be made available for parents/guardians prior to the concert.

Concert time: 11:05 am

Location: gym located on the upper level beside the lunchroom.

Hope to see you there. For more information about the artist you can visit: <https://angelakelman.com/ready-set-learn/>

Please RSVP by contacting the Sir Wilfrid Laurier office at 604-713-4925 or email laurier@vsb.bc.ca
As spaces are limited, please make other arrangements for any young siblings if possible.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LAURIER PAC

Hello all,

We hope everyone enjoyed Up at the Family Movie Night February 27. Thanks to all who came out and helped out.

Hot Lunch

Ordering for Term 3 (after spring break until June) will be open in March. All orders must be completed and paid for **before** Spring Break. More information about hot lunch is available on our website <https://laurierpac.weebly.com/hot-lunch.html>

Events

1. **Spring Craft Fair** – *Thursday April 30*. Lots of time to prepare some homemade crafts or plan baking to sell. We are also planning a silent auction and will be accepting donations to auction.
2. **Staff Appreciation Lunch** – date in May to come
3. **Sports Day concession and hot lunch** – *Thursday May 14*
4. **Family Movie Night** – *Wednesday May 20*
5. **PAC Family Potluck and Annual General Meeting (AGM)** – *Wednesday May 27*. Save the date for our family potluck. At this meeting elections for next year's PAC Executive will be held. Please consider getting involved.

As always, these events only happen with volunteer help.

1. **Hot Lunch** - www.volunteersignup.org/Q3BRE THANK YOU to all our volunteers!
2. **Sports Day** - volunteers volunteersignup.org/FW3LW

We are looking forward to hearing from you! If you have ideas, or would like to help with these events, please contact us at Laurier.pac@gmail.com or leave a message in the PAC box.

Laurier PAC



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8	9	10 -PAC Meeting @6:30pm in the Library -Choral Festival (Laurier Choir) @ John Oliver Secondary @7pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 HAPPY	17 SPRING	18 BREAK!	19	20	21
22	23 HAPPY	24 SPRING	25 BREAK!	26	27	28
29	30	31 Clean Up Your Act Performance @11:00am in the gym for K-3/4				