

SEXSMITH STARS NEWS



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

March is here and we have just a few more weeks of school work before a well deserved break!

Another huge thank you to Stan Tam, the parent volunteers and the student performers for the wonderful Lunar New Year presentation and the tasty lunch for staff last Thursday. We really appreciate all of your efforts to help us celebrate the holiday.

The Science Fair held this week is an excellent presentation of student learning and represents a tremendous amount of work for both students and teachers. This type of student driven inquiry work is exactly what the revised BC curriculum is all about. Some of our students will also be participating in the Science Fair at Science World this coming weekend. We are very proud of their achievements! A special thank you to Mr. Kay for helping to organize these events.

Thank you also to Ms. Courage, Ms. Martin and Ms. Rebecca for taking on the job of helping us recognize Pink Shirt Day this week. These recognition activities, although focused on the one special day, are a great way to help our students remember that everyone deserves to be treated with respect and kindness all year long.

In a few weeks the term 2 report cards will be going home. As I mentioned at the PAC meeting in February, the district is changing the reporting format and Sexsmith staff will be participating in that change starting next school year. We will be moving away from summative final grades each term towards a formative assessment model that provides more feedback to students and parents on how their child is doing. The intention is to provide that feedback on an ongoing basis and help students better understand what steps they can take to continue developing. The reporting format is still being piloted in many schools but will most likely involve two written reports in January and June and three informal opportunities to connect with parents at other times in the year. Those will continue to be conferences in the fall and spring but may also include regular feedback through a classroom app, phone calls, email update, etc. As more detailed information becomes available we will be sharing it with parents.

I hope you have a great month and a great spring break.

Pick Up and Drop Off Concerns

Please remember to **not double park, not block access to the parking lot and not park in staff parking spaces at any time during the school day**. It is extremely important to **go slow** and use the utmost caution when driving anywhere near the school. Your cooperation with these requests is greatly appreciated.

SACY Workshops for Parents and Caregivers (for more info on SACY <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy>)

Building Bridges with your Teen (grade 6 and 7 parents)

March 13, 2018 Vancouver Technical Secondary 7-9 pm

May 24, 2018 Lord Byng Secondary 7-9 pm

SACY Adult Tool Kit: Understanding Youth and Substance Use

March 8, 2018 SACY STEP portable @ Tupper Secondary 6:30 – 8:30 pm

May 31, 2018 SACY Step Portable @ Tupper Secondary 6:30 -8:30 pm

(Portable on the corner of Prince Edward St. and East 23rd)

Seating for all events is limited. Please register on Eventbrite: www.sacy.eventbrite.ca

Community Schools Afterschool Spring Term Programming at Sexsmith

Young Rembrandts Tuesdays April 10th- May 29th Grades 1-7pm Program: \$116 (8 sessions) 3:05 pm-4:15 pm Space: Library Registration opens online March 6th

Young Rembrandts is based on an acclaimed, step-by-step drawing method developed by a team of artists and educators. Students will be taught to break down complex objects into basic foundational shapes. As they learn how to deconstruct and reconstruct images, they will develop an increased level of mastery in drawing.

MoreSports Fridays, April 13, 2018 – June 1st, 2018 Grade 5 - 7 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Program Cost: \$40.00 (8 sessions)

Onsite Registration March 13th at 8 am and March 14th at 3 pm

Do you love to play Dodgeball or Handball?! MoreSports Dodgeball & Handball is offered to grades 5—7 of any skill level. Come and join your friends after school and improve your basic throwing skills. Focus will be on developing agility, learning the official rules of BC dodgeball and having fun! Participants are to meet in the Sexsmith gym at 3:00pm. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle.

MoreSports Fridays, April 13, 2018 – June 1st, 2018 Grades K-1 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Program Cost: \$40.00 (8 sessions)

Capture the flag, kickball, soccer, flag football, ultimate frisbee and more! Moresports Outdoor Sports is offered to K-1's of any skill level. Come and join your friends after school and have a blast playing the best field games. Focus will be on practicing fundamental motor skills, working together as a team and having fun! Participants are to meet at the Sexsmith undercover area at 3:00pm.

Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a water bottle and snack.

Registration forms and flyers will go home to all students on March 6th.

Ready Set Learn at Sexsmith

On **Monday, March 5 at 11:00 am** the school will host a Ready Set Learn Event for 3 and 4 year olds. Ready Set Learn is a provincially funded program to enable younger children and their parents/guardians to connect with their local school and participate in school readiness activities. In our case, we have Angela Kelman performing with a focus on early learning and singing. If you have a 3 or 4 year old and would like to attend, please RSVP to the school at 604 713 4901 or email studentrecordssexsmith@vsb.bc.ca For more information about Angela: <https://angelakelman.com/ready-set-learn/>

For more information about Ready Set Learn (in various languages): <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/ready-set-learn>

PAC News

The last PAC meeting was held on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 pm. Several parents attended. Minutes have been posted on the PAC tab of the school website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/sxs/Parents/PAC/Pages/default.aspx> . The next meeting is on Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to contact PAC or volunteer to help out with a program please email sexsmithvolunteers@gmail.com .

Important Dates in March

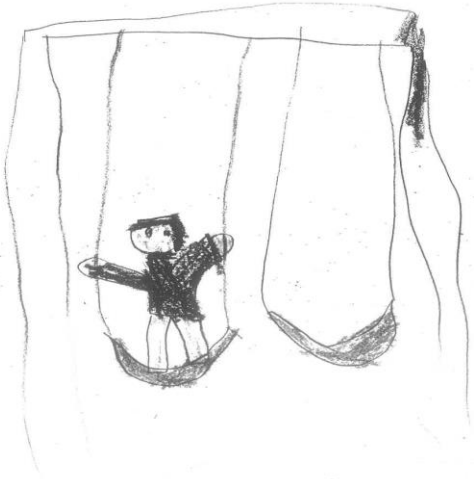
Sat. March 3	Science Fair at Science World
Sun. March 4	Science Fair at Science World
Mon. March 5	Ready Set Learn event with Angela Kelman
Thurs. March 8	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm in library
Mon. March 12	Term 2 reports sent home
Tues. March 13	Onsite registration for spring afterschool programs (am only)
Wed. March 14	Onsite registration for spring afterschool programs (pm only)
Fri. March 16	Last day before Spring Break/District Closure/Easter
March 19-23	Spring Break – no school for students
March 26-29	District Closure – no school for students
Fri. March 30	Good Friday – school closed

Upcoming Important Dates in April

Mon. Apr. 2	Easter Monday – school closed
Tues. Apr. 3	School resumes @ 9:00 am
Wed. Apr. 4	Earth Rangers Presentation @ 9:30 am
Thurs. Apr. 5	Indigenous Day at Sexsmith
Mon. Apr. 9	Afterschool programming starts this week
Wed. Apr. 11	Class photos
Thurs. Apr. 12	PAC meeting @ 6:30 pm in library
Fri. Apr. 20	Earth Day activities (pm)
Wed. Apr 25	Heritage Fair
Fri. Apr. 27	Professional Day – no school for students
Fri. Apr. 27	Awesome Escape Room Activity for kids (grades 2-5/more info to follow)

Please check our website sexsmith.vsb.bc.ca for the regularly updated school calendar

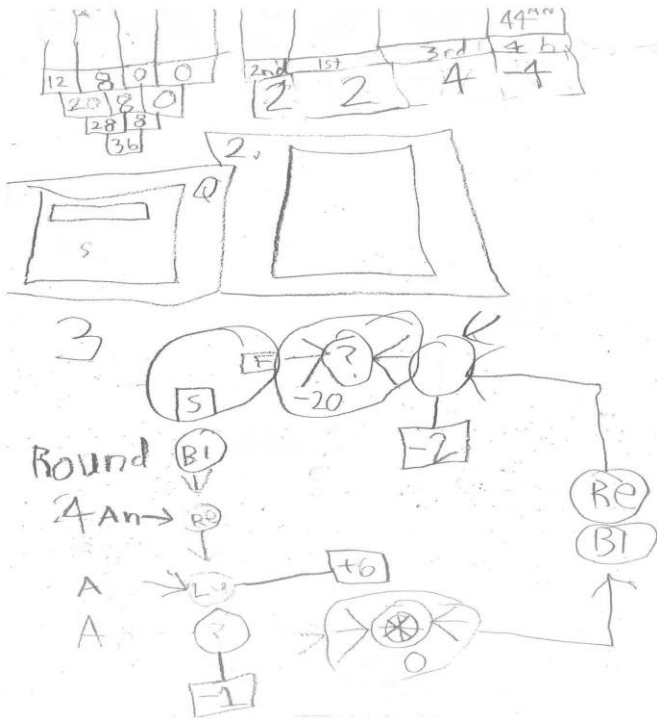
Journal Writing from Division 14 Grade 1



At lunch time
I played with my
friends we played
tag we had fun
I had fun too
and then we went
on the swings.



Mary (26)
At lunch time my
time is day I see
Caleb he kicks the
rec it was a big ball
I had wheels and box
It was a cold day.
It was a sunny
day and there was snow
on the ground



On Family Day²
 We met Roman.
 At sunset I played
 tag for a while. At
 home, Asher and I
 I built a enormous
 sand Castle. Next, we
 played a game. The
 game was called "The
 Go'n Game". How you
 play the game is
 you have to run
 spaces.



Anushka
 At lunch time I was
 playing with Alissa
 uca and Chloe
 we were playing in
 the snow. we were
 walking too we found
 ice we thocht it
 was cold and Fun.



At lunch time me and Janice played sit and stand together I made a heart shaped snowball it was fun but I broke it and Janice made a snowball too we liked to play.



Janice

Feb. 20. 2018

At lunch time I made eye balls. I did not throw them. I ate yum food. I played with Joanna then I played with Harold too. I had a good and fun lunch day. Joanna played with me litter's and I played with Kenneth too. Some big girls were playing