

Friday, February 26, 2016

This week, many of our classes celebrated 100's day. Ms. Farrell's class made 100 fruit loop necklaces, and designed our own \$100 bill. Mrs. Rempel's class made different designs using the numbers in 100, and Mrs. Leverton's class challenged themselves to perform 100 acts of kindness. We will post some pictures to our website soon!

A group of students at Signal Hill has organized "Lower Your Lunchbox Litter Challenge" starting on Monday for 2 weeks! These students started this initiative as part of a inquiry project they are doing about how to reduce our impact on the environment. They chose to focus on garbage created by the school. They have provided recycling containers and compost buckets for every classroom. They have also come around to classes to explain how students can reduce the amount of garbage in their lunches (eg., using reusable containers). The official contest start is on February 29th and will run until March 11. At the end of the contest, the two classes with the least litter will win a pizza party sponsored by the SLRD! Please help support this initiative by discussing it with your child and possibly even involving him/her when you are planning what to buy and how to prepare school lunches.

Some of our students who went to WE Day have started a Kindness Tree in the school foyer. They created this idea to help foster kind acts around the school and encourage students to reflect on how good it feels to give and receive acts of kindness. Students will have the opportunity to write about acts of kindness on leaves and add these to the tree. We are hoping the tree will keep growing and growing as the year goes on!!

Our 6/7 Boys' basketball team has been invited to play in a tournament on Tuesday March 1st at Spring Creek from 3:00-5:30pm. The bus will leave from Signal Hill at 2:15pm and be back by 6pm. The team will also be hosting Spring Creek at our school on Wednesday March 9th from 3-4:30pm. Families are invited to come and watch! The 6/7 Girls' team will be heading down to Don Ross Middle School on Friday March 11th to play in another tournament from 3-5:30pm. We are hoping that both our 6/7 teams will be able to play in a tournament at PSS later in March. Stay tuned for updates!

Squamish Public Library and Squamish Nation to host Truth and Reconciliation event and pledge drive

SQUAMISH, B.C. – The Squamish Public Library and Squamish Nation are collaborating to raise local awareness of the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), which honours both Aboriginal peoples and Canadians in a process of reconciliation and renewed relationships. Two important initiatives are being planned locally to begin this process of honouring the truth and reconciling for the future. An **Evening Celebrating Reconciliation** will take place on Monday, February 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Eye Theatre with honoured guest speaker Shelley Joseph of Reconciliation Canada, and elders from the Squamish Nation. Residents are also encouraged to pledge to read the Summary of the Final Report of the TRC, available [online](#), at the Library, or at Totem Hall.

“The final report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is an incredibly important document for all Canadians, and a profound step forward in beginning to work towards healing as a nation,” says District of Squamish Mayor, Patricia Heintzman. “I have taken the pledge to read the report, and I urge our community members to do the same. Only through a shared acknowledgement of the past can we begin to reconcile and build a strong future together.”

Released in December 2015, Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Committee’s final report contains important historical details and first-hand accounts of what happened in residential schools, as well as 10 guiding principles and 94 recommendations or “Calls to Action”. These Calls to Action are steps that all Canadians can take towards improving the lives of Aboriginal peoples.

“It’s a long time coming, we as people of the Squamish Nation need to ensure our Children and Youth understand the ‘true history’ of this land – Our Lands,” said Squamish Nation Elders Kiyowil (Bob Baker), Humteya (Shirley Toman) and Chéshe7 (Gwen Harry) in a joint statement. “This includes our School Teachers and Education Leaders to know and understand. It includes our departments, local organizations and our Leaders – Chief and Council, the municipal staff and elected Council

and Mayor. Also, we must continue to learn and stay up to speed on any new developments or responses from The First Nation Communities, Reconciliation Canada and Provincial and Federal Governments.”

All Canadians are encouraged to pledge to read *Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future*, the executive summary of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Pledge forms are available at Squamish Public Library and at Totem Hall. Pledge forms with links to the executive summary are also available online: fluidsurveys.com/s/take-the-pledge.

“The Squamish Public Library, as a community hub and a trusted source for information, is ideally situated to provide people with access to information about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s findings,” says Chelsea Jordan-Makely, Public Services Librarian at the Squamish Public Library. “We hope that reading this report, watching the YouTube videos, and/or attending our event on February 29 will provide people with the knowledge to start the healing process, reflect on their own choices and behaviours, and engage in productive discussions with other community members.”

For more information visit the Squamish Public Library [website](#).