

# February 2021

## CHRISTOPHER LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL

### “Home Of The Lakers”

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### **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to February! I hope that we can experience more of the same of the wonderfully moderate winter weather we have been enjoying (with the exception of a brief cold snap!). However, if the weather does turn frigid again, we are starting up the CLPS Polar Bear Club. Students in Grades 4-8 interested in defying the cold during an inside recess can join the Polar Bear Club and enjoy some cold weather physical activity thanks to the hearty spirits of Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Cook!

Now that we have made it past January, with 2 weeks of Remote Learning, and have got back into a routine, I would like to take a moment to briefly write about the importance of regular school attendance. Being in class each and every day is of vital importance to the academic success of our students. It may be difficult to see in the moment, but research shows that **regular absences** (1-2 times a week) begin to erode away at our students' opportunity to build skill in reading, writing, and mathematics. This creates a gap in learning that only widens with **continued ongoing** absenteeism. Parents can encourage their children to attend daily by:

- Setting regular bedtime and morning routines
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Know that *sometimes* complaints of sore stomachs and headaches are signs of anxiety
- Talk with teachers, school counsellor, and/or administration for advice on how to alleviate a child's anxiety about going to school or other issues.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.



Please check out the calendar in this February newsletter and watch for updates and events on your children's See Saw platform. There are a few important events to note this month such as Interim Report Cards, Winter Festival, and February Break. As always, we appreciate everything that our parents and those in our school community do to support our students' education. Truly the success of our children is a partnership, and we value all of our partners! Have a wonderful February!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dejan Letkeman - *Principal*

## NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS / CLASSROOMS

### Grade 1 – Mrs. Schlamp

We did not miss a beat in Grade 1. We returned to the classroom on January 18<sup>th</sup>, had three days of bus cancellations, WAY too many indoor recesses and got through most of the reading assessments. I must admit that it is exciting to sit  and read in a quiet space with each child, and focus 100% of my attention on them. It is also great to look at where they started and where they are now! I realize it is hard, as we have been programmed to consider benchmarks, expectations and “normal” progress, but please consider your child’s success from where they started to where they are now. One of the best things about being a teacher  is seeing a student realize they are learning and watch their confidence as readers and writers blossom. Over the next 4 to 5 months, please continue to READ, READ, and READ (some more) with your child. Let them “sound out” the word, encourage them to focus and work through difficult words. I think you will be impressed with the changes in your child’s reading skills.



We have a busy month coming up! Prior February break, we will celebrate Groundhog Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, sending home Interim Reports on February 5<sup>th</sup>, and reaching the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on the 12<sup>th</sup>, which is also our class Valentine’s Day Celebration and the CLPS Winter Festival day. The week



we return from the break we will hold our “speak off” for the CLPS Public Speaking Contest in the Grade 1 classroom. Please be sure to check Seesaw and help your child be prepared for the exciting activities and events.

I appreciate all that you are doing in your home to support your child’s academic success. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.



### Grade 2 – Miss Fleury

Grade Twos and Threes have swung back into routine! We have welcomed two new students to our class since Remote Learning. We are looking forward to continue learning in the classroom and being with our friends again!



### Hello From Grade 2 Math!

We are right back into the swing of things in Grade 2 and having all sorts of fun! We have started our unit on Patterns. We have been looking at repeating patterns, increasing patterns and decreasing

patterns. Next we will be talking about equations and how to make numbers "balance". If you have the opportunity, have your child log into Mathletics or Prodigy for extra practice with these concepts.

Hope everyone has a great February and stays healthy!

Ms. Harkness



### Grade 3/4 – Mrs. Wagner

With February arriving we are in the second half of the school year, it is going by fast! This month the students will be finishing their superhero writing and they will be starting to work on their speaking using the Oompa Loompas from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for inspiration. In science, they are starting a new unit on sound where the students will look at sounds in our environment and the characteristics and physical properties of sound. In math they have been improving their understanding of fractions, the grade 4's will move on to decimals and the grade 3's will start looking at patterns.

Our class has also been enjoying the once-a-week virtual presentations by Elder Liz Settee on the four sacred medicines as taught by Indigenous culture. These presentations will continue into the first two weeks of February. The break is from February 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, and then it feels like we are close to moving into spring..... Can't wait!



### Grade 4/5 – Miss Paterson

After three weeks of Remote Learning we all are ecstatic to be back in the classroom. We are currently writing free verse poems in ELA classroom detailing what home means to us. We are wrapping up our Health unit on abuse and violence. We recently began a new Science unit titled, Properties and Changes of Materials. We continue to be busy, busy, busy in our classroom. Thank you to all students who are here on time every day. This is important to ensure success in the classroom.

We have a very busy week scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. There are many events planned during this week that I wanted to make you aware of, so you are able to plan accordingly in your household.

## Valentine's Day

- As Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day in our classroom on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have more than one child at Christopher Lake School, please watch for indication from your other child's teacher as to when their Valentine's Day celebrations will be held.
  - Due to COVID-19 the following safety protocols have been put in place by our school.
    - Classrooms will not be accepting any food items sent to school by families. Thank you for this gesture, but we are unable to accept these treats at this time.
- Valentine's Day cards - If your child would like to distribute cards to their classmates they need to be brought to school by Monday, February 8. Each student will have their own individual card holder wherein their cards will be put until Thursday, February 11. This will allow the cards 72 hours of 'quarantine' time. **Again, if you have more than one child at Christopher Lake School, please watch for indication from your other child's teacher as to when they would like the Valentine's cards brought to school.**

The following is a list of the students in our classroom:

Lord	Conaly	Emmett
Ryker	Hunter	Embry
Brynae	Caden	Claire
Olivia S.	Cohen	Colby
Meadow	Matthew	Chelsa
Tayah	Olivia B.	Colter
Jordan	Max	
Teesha	Zaidah	

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. We will be celebrating all things 100 in our own special way.

## Winter Festival

On Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in Winter Festival activities beginning at 12:15 pm. Weather permitting all activities will be held outside. Please watch your child's agenda for further information regarding this event.

Also, as a reminder, there will be no school from Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. We are back to school on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Grade 6 – Mrs. Kerley

Hello everyone! Can you believe we are a couple of weeks away from the February break already? We are wrapping up our space unit in science, patterns and equations in math, values/body image in health and our geography unit in Ghana, Africa in social studies. Thank you for your patience and helping your child maneuver through Online Learning!

## **Greetings from Grade 7!!!**

We hope this cold weather finds you doing well Christmas break. We are extremely excited to We want to take this time to remind all students All assignments provided during the online after Christmas break are mandatory and are Mr. Kaufhold or Mrs. Bates.



after our extended be back teaching in person! about general work habits. learning period before and now due to be submitted to

For Math, the Grade 7's have been busy unit, and are currently practicing solving equations involving positive and negative numbers. Ask your child to solve an equation for you- I promise you will be very impressed! In Social Studies, students have recently finished presenting their Ancient Civilizations projects and have learned some very interesting facts about Mesoamerica. Excitement is also brewing for the "Dragon's Den" projects happening in Career Education... stay tuned for more details!



For Phys. Ed. Class we will be going outside to build snow shelters (quinzhees). When we do go outside it is strongly recommended that all students have proper winter clothing which includes: ski pants, boots, toque, mitts as well as a good winter jacket. Failure to do so will make participation in this very difficult and extremely uncomfortable. We will discuss details of this as well as dates in the upcoming week of class.

Stay Warm!

Mrs. Bates & Mr. Kaufhold





Hello to the Students and Parents of CLPS from the Grade 8 class!  
This last month was sort of weird getting back into the online learning. In the New Year we meet each day at 10 am for our Google Meets and this is when we got instruction for our math lessons. We also had daily grammar and reading comprehensions assignments and we wrote a few stories. We had a google classroom for Art and Science too. We kept busy! The best part was the Google meets!

Merry February and Happy Valentine's Day from the Grade 8 Class!



Stay tuned for the naming of the fish contest!  
Bernie is helping the SLC!