

École Dorothea Walker Elementary

A short April update...

Ongoing and Upcoming Activities for Students

Intermediate Running club - Intermediate students (Grades 4- 6) have been invited to join the Running Club. They may still join this coming week. Students will run at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The first practice was yesterday. In order to participate, students need a signed permission form. Qualifying students may take part in a few upcoming races organized by schools in the area. Please contact Ms. Peters for more information. As for our Grade 3 students, we are currently discussing what options we may be able to offer them in the coming weeks.

Track and Field - DWE's Track and Field competition will be held on May 3rd or June 4th at the Apple Bowl. (We are waiting on a final date confirmation). This event involves all intermediate students who will spend the entire day at the Apple Bowl. We are in need of volunteers to help with running events, guiding students, etc. We have a larger contingent of intermediate students this year and will need more parent volunteers to support this event. If you can help on either or both of these days, please email Ms. Newell at carly.newell@sd23.bc.ca.

Year Book Cover Contest - This contest is currently open to students of all grades and we remind everyone that the last day for submissions is Monday, April 15.



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Lego Robotics Club - Grade 4 students have been invited to take part in a Lego Robotics Club. They will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays and will prepare for the district SumoBot Competition at UBC Okanagan. The club's first meeting was today, please reach out to Mr. Nicholls for more information (kelvin.nicholls@sd23.bc.ca).

Battle of the Books - The school teams for each grade have now been selected. The teams are now practicing for the District Battle which will take place on April 25. Good luck to these students and thank you to Ms. Jensen, Mme Johnson, Mme Macdonnell and Ms. Newell who have supported this event over the past months.

Erase Bullying Family Session on Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities - This remote session is free and will take place April 16, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. It is recommended for Parents/Caregivers/grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

In-Line Skating in our gym with instructors from Alien In-Line Skating - These certified instructors look forward to bringing one of Canada's most popular sports to our school gym. The program will emphasize skill development, safety, and fun! Speaking of safety, students are asked to bring a helmet for their lesson. The company will provide skates and protective equipment but the helmets should come from home. Acceptable helmets should have a certification sticker attached (eg. CSA, SPSC, etc.) and could be designed for bicycle, hockey (with no cage), skateboard, ski/snowboard. Inappropriate helmets for this activity would include: BMX helmets, baseball helmets, football helmets, equestrian helmets, motorcycle helmets and any helmet with no chin strap or missing its outer plastic shell. Students should also wear socks to participate and if it is a particularly wet day outside, we ask that students have an extra pair of socks they can use to skate. Each class will have two sessions, please check the communication from your child's classroom teacher to know on which days they will need their socks and helmet.

Reminder: Student Learning Survey

Grade 4 parents are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in this provincial survey. Information on this survey was emailed prior to Spring Break. You can also [click here](#) for more information or to access the survey. The survey will be open until May 3rd.



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