



## ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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## Anderson School This Week's News! – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>



### **Important Reminders for Next Week!**

Early Dismissal at 1:45 on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
and

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday (**School is not in session**)

Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Easter Monday (**School is not in session**)

### **Community Celebrations!**

We would like to send our very best to our Anderson Families who are celebrating the following religious events

**Ramadan** – March 22<sup>nd</sup> was the First Day of the Holy Month of Ramadan - the month of fasting, self-examination and devotion during which physically able Muslims to not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset

**Good Friday** – April 7<sup>th</sup> In Christianity, recognizes the day Christ was crucified. Is an official statutory holiday in Canada

**Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja** – April 8<sup>th</sup>. Buddha's birthday - usually on the first full moon day in May, this the most important day that commemorates the birth, awakening and passing away of the historical Buddha; Siddhartha Gautama

**Easter Sunday** – Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Recognizes the resurrection of Christ. Also celebrated as non-secular event by many Canadians.

### **Congratulations to Anderson's Boys and Girls Basketball Teams!**

Congratulations to both of our Basketball teams who participated in MacNeill's Elementary Basketball Tournament on Wednesday, this week. Both the Boys and the Girls team had a great tournament and both teams made to the finals. Congratulations on all your hard work and both teams have shown incredible improvement this year. Special thanks to our coaches - Ms. Chiu, Ms. Owen, Mme. Wilson, Mr. Reed and Mr. Clay-Smith.





## **Social Media and the use of Discord**

### **What is Discord?**

Discord is a free online messaging platform that allows users to create groups chats. Once invited into a chat, users can remain anonymous and message others without identifying who they are.

For elementary aged students, this can cause many different social issues and create anxiety when mean or inappropriate things are added to the chat. Discord is NOT a supervised platform and Elementary aged students should not be accessing this messaging platform.

The Discord policy states that the minimum age for an account is 13 years old.

Please check in with your child regarding Discord and we STRONGLY encourage all online experience be supervised by a parent.

### **Gauss Math Contest!**

The Gauss contest is held annually and hosted by the University of Waterloo. This year, we will be writing the contest at school on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Anderson is excited to have almost 50 students choosing to participate this year!

The purpose of writing the Gauss contest is to introduce and expose students to a diverse range of mathematical concepts ranging from easy to understand, to very complex to solve. **Did you know that our school goal is to, “Build community through mathematics.”** We are encouraging participants to learn together, practice together, and share their answers together.

More information about the Gauss math contest can be found here:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/gauss.html>

We look forward to this exciting learning opportunity in Mathematics.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Boys and Girls Basketball  
McRoberts Tournament**

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Boys and Girls Basketball  
McRoberts Tournament**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**1:45 pm Dismissal for all students  
Finals for the McRoberts Basketball Tournament**

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**No School - Good Friday**

**Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**No School - Easter Monday**

