



ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Anderson School

This Week's News! – February 21st – 25th

Important Reminders For Next Week!

Professional Development Day on **Friday, February 18th**

School is not in Session on this day



Monday, February 21st is Family Day!

School is not in Session on this day

*Wear Pink "Kindness Day"
Wednesday, February 23rd*



How Pink Day Started... Inspired by an act of kindness in small-town Nova Scotia

"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being teased for wearing a pink shirt... David and Travis took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Travis, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.'

They sent out a message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the boy who was teased for wearing pink walked into the school. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders.'

Today, many schools and communities wear pink in the 4th week of February as a reminder that Kindness and Acceptance is such an important part in our lives, each and every day! Kindness and Acceptance allows everyone to step into each new day with hope and support of a positive future.

At Anderson, we are excited to be hosting a virtual assembly on Wednesday, February 23rd to highlight the important message from this day. Kindness and Acceptance continues to be a focus for us at Anderson all throughout the school year.

Black History Month Continues at Anderson this Month!

Some wonderful discussions continue to take place in our classrooms this month that focus on Black History month. Black History month is an important opportunity to explore and celebrate Black people in Canada.



Exploring the history of Black people in Canada is such an important part of Black History month. Developing an understanding that we must learn from past to help ensure people of all cultures and race are treated fairly and with dignity. Culture or race should not impact opportunity or accessibility for anyone living in Canada. Sadly, this has not been the case in Canadian history of Black people in Canada.

The Story of Africville was explored by one class this past week. Students were able to make powerful connections to this story and certainly developed some understanding of a piece of Black History in Canada. We would encourage you to read about it, from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. [The Story of Africville](#)

As a follow up to learning about The Story of Africville, students were clearly engaged and focused as they were treated to a great video of a read aloud by Common, an actor, rapper, producer and activist, called [Let's Talk About Race](#). Check it out! [Let's Talk About Race - Read by Common](#). A wonderful message that people of all races are much more alike than different and one race is no better than another race.

In another class, students researched and explored famous Black Canadians and the contribution they made on their communities and society in Canada. Students are excited to continue exploring more famous Black Canadians next week.

Here are the famous Black Canadian's researched this week... maybe you want to look them up as well!



Harry Jerome



Jean Augustine



Michael Lee-Chin



Annamie Paul



Drake



Elijah McCoy



Ruth B.



Viola Desmond



The Weeknd



Michaëlle Jean



P. K. Subban



Phylicia George

Upcoming Dates!

District Pro-D Day
School not in session

February 18th



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Last day of school before **Spring Break**

March 11th

First day back from **Spring Break**

March 28th

