

# Henry Anderson

## WAAG Feb 16-20



### Hello Eagles

Mon 16	Tues 17	Wed 18	Thurs 19	Fri 20
Family Day (no school)		Hot Lunch	PAC Meeting	

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Also known as the Spring Festival, marks the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar calendar. It is one of the most important holidays in Asian culture and was placed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list in 2024. Marking the end of winter and the beginning of spring, this festival takes place from Lunar New Year's Eve to the Lantern Festival, held on the 15th day of the year.

Lunar New Year is crucial for its emphasis on family reunion, honoring ancestors, welcoming prosperity, and marking a fresh start, reinforcing core cultural values like filial piety and community, while also having significant economic and social impact globally through traditions like the reunion dinner, red envelopes, and cleaning to sweep away bad luck.

## LUNAR LEGEND

According to legend, Lunar New Year began with a battle against a mythical beast called the Nian. The Nian, a lion-like creature with horns, would come from the sea or mountains each year during the Spring Festival and attack villagers, especially children. One year, as the villagers hid, an old man stayed behind. He decorated homes with red paper and set off firecrackers. The next day, the village was unharmed. The people realized the Nian was afraid of the color red and loud noises. From then on, families celebrated the New Year by wearing red clothes, hanging red lanterns and scrolls, and lighting firecrackers to scare away evil spirits. According to the legend, the Nian never returned and was eventually captured by the Taoist monk Hongjun Laozu.



## EARLY WARNING SAFE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded to use the safe arrivals line when students will be away, late or need to leave early. Please call [604-668-6358](tel:604-668-6358) and leave a message on our automated system anytime - 24/7.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2026

16 BC Family Day (no school)  
18 Hot Lunch (Sushi Lover)  
19 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm  
25 Hot Lunch (Fusion Feast)  
25 Fruit & Veggie Delivery  
26 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(Early Dismissal 11:50am)

### EXPANDED CALENDAR

Black History Month  
15 Nirvana Day - Parinirvana  
16 Heritage Week  
17 Lunar New Year  
20 World Day of Social Justice  
21 International Mother Language Day  
25 Pink Shirt Day

## EXPANDED CALENDAR

### **Black History Month**

A month to celebrate the rich history, stories, and contributions of Black People.

### **Nirvana Day - Parinirvana**

Buddhists commemorate the death of Buddha and his entry into final or complete Nirvana. A solemn day for reflection on death and impermanence.

### **Lunar New Year**

Year of the Horse arrives with lively, bold energy—symbolizing adventure, strength, and forward momentum for the year ahead.

### **Heritage Week**

A week to celebrate the diverse and rich heritages present in Canada.

### **World Day of Social Justice**

The day is an opportunity to remember that social justice is necessary for peace, security, and development around the world.

### **International Mother Language Day**

A United Nations day that focuses on how languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals' focus on leaving no one behind.



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*Lunar*  
NEW YEAR





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The playground fundraiser has raised over **\$60,000** to date!

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