

Craigflower Community

Welcome to February!

This is a very short and busy month with lots on the go. Please look at our school's website calendar to ensure you don't miss some of the up-coming fun events. <https://craigflower.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar-2/>

We have had an early Spring with cool mornings and warm days. The kids love it, the plants love it, but our **Lost and Found** is getting full. Please find all your lost clothes in our lost and found located near the gym door foyer.

We hope you are enjoying the early Spring weather and look for the PAC's Fundraising from West Coast

Seeds. <https://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com/pages/organizations/craigflower-elementary-pac>

Thank you to our Craigflower PAC for running a fantastic Valentine's Party on Friday. Lots of fun with friends, games, dances, and food. Thank you, parents and community for supporting this event.

Staffing

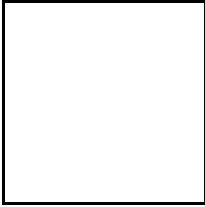
We are pleased to share that we are experiencing a stabilization of our staffing. We have a great working team that keeps working to improve our services at CF.

That being said, we do anticipate one more change. Yes, **Shana Jack**, our administrative assistant, is retiring at the end of February. Please make time over the rest of February to wish her all the best!

Community Sickness

As you might be aware, the Craigflower Community has been experiencing a lot of illnesses from both students, staff, parents/guardians, and community partners. Many programs and support services have had to shift due to staffing availability. So, please help us keep our school healthy by:

- 1) Frequent hand washing
- 2) Stay home if you are unwell to recover and stop the spread of illness
- 3) Remind children not to share food



Bob's Bikes – Need a Bike?

A generous community member, Bob, collects and builds bikes for children and adults and would like to provide more bikes to our community. If you or your child need a bike, please email **ddoyle@sd61.bc.ca** with the following information:

- Full name (first and last)
- Grade and division
- Age
- Gender
- Height
- Preferred bike style (BMX, mountain bike, etc.)

Once I receive your information, I will connect with Bob to begin arranging a bike. Thank you!

Rainbow Fridge

We have entered into a partnership with Rainbow Kitchen, which has provided us with a fridge to support food accessibility at CF. They fill this fridge 3 times a week with muffins, fruit, and yogurt. The fridge is currently located in the library, but it will be moved to the main hallway so that students, staff, parents, and community members can access it when they are hungry. Classes use baskets to take food to their classrooms so that adults can supervise food distribution and minimize food waste. This program also supports our CF food programs (breakfast, snack and lunch). Thank you, Rainbow Kitchen.

Calendar Items

(Please check the CF Website Calendar for the most up-to-date information.) <https://craigflower.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/calendar-2/>

- Feb. 11 – PAC mtg 6-8 pm

- Feb. 13 – Provincial Professional Development Day (no school)

- Feb. 16 – Family Day (no school)

- Feb. 17 – Lunar New Year
- Feb. 17 – Ramadan begins (ends March 19)
- Feb. 25 – Pink Shirt Day
- Feb. 26 – Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony
- Feb. 27 – Grade 4/5 Indigenous Students @ Gorge Park (Tea Collection)
- March 10 – Grade 4/5 Indigenous Students @ Kinsmen Park (Fire Roasting)
- March 11 - PAC Mtg 6-8 pm
- March 12 – Report Cards/Learning Updates are available – Parent Connect Instructions attached to this newsletter.
- March 13 – Last day before Spring Break and PJ Day

Spring Break

- March 30 – School Reopens
- April 1 – April Fools Day and Start of Passover

- April 3 – Good Friday (no school)

- April 5 – Easter

- April 6 – Easter Monday (no school)

- April 8 – PAC Mtg 6-8 pm
- April 14 – Vaisakhi
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 23 – Community Breakfast and Feather Ceremony
- April 24 – Earth Week School Wide Field Trip to Miquen/Beacon Hill

- April 28 – Grade 4/5 Indigenous Students (Crabbing)
 - April 29 – Early Dismissal 11:50
 - April 29 – Student Led Conferences 1-4 pm
 - April 30 – Class Photos
 - April 30 – Student Led Conferences 3-6 pm
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Wishing you the best!

Dwayne and Maria

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