



Watson Elementary School Newsletter



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Our Code of Conduct

Watson Wildcats *R.O.A.R. to Success* – **R**espect, **O**utstanding Attitude, **A**chieve Goals, **R**each Out

Our Goals

1. In what ways can a school community systematically respond to the learning needs of students, staff and parents? (How do we meet the needs of all of our learners?)
2. Watson Elementary student, staff and community are responsible school citizens. (Teaching expectations and strategies to help develop responsible behaviour?)

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that as February begins we are now half way through this school year! The Watson Staff are committed to academic success for all students. We will do whatever it takes to help each student do their best! As our partner, we need your assistance to achieve our goal. Do you read to your child each night? No matter the age, all children benefit from hearing fluent readers. This exposes your child to quality literature that he/she may not be able to read and provides a special bonding time for you and your child. Just 20 minutes a night can make a world of difference!

You can also help by having your child arrive on time each day. There is a very high correlation between good attendance and good grades. Being punctual is an important life skill that kids can learn at an early age. This helps students begin their day on a positive note. We also need your help in reducing classroom interruptions. If you need to visit with the teacher, please do so before school or after school. If your child forgets something, please leave it at the office, and we can have them pick it up at a convenient time. Please do not pick up your child early unless you cannot make other arrangements. Our students' learning time is precious, and as adults we need to show them that we respect what they are doing each day.

Once again, I am asking your assistance in keeping our parking lot safe. Modeling courtesy and obeying the rules helps everyone end their day in a positive manner. Remember, our students are watching our character!

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. Your partner in education,
Terry Bateman



Ready, Set, Learn

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We are excited to host our **Ready, Set, Learn event on Thursday, February 21st from 10:30 to 11:30**. This event is intended for 3 and 4 year old children and their parents. Please join us for a story, yummy snacks and discussions of things you can do at home **to help your child prepare for their educational journey**. This fun-filled hour will take place in our **school library** and everyone will leave with a goody bag full of learning resources. We hope to see you there.

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2019, please register him/her online at <https://sd33.bc.ca/registration> . Please provide their birth certificate or passport, and proof of residence.

Volleyball Teams

The Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams had a successful season this year. Thank you Mr. O'Brennan and Mr. Brien for coaching. Thank you to all the players who dedicated their time attending practices and games, and made this an enjoyable volleyball season!

Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation **Jump Rope for Heart**. The fundraiser began on Tuesday February 5. On Event Day all students will *get active* as they rotate through skipping stations. Pledge forms have been sent home but there also is the option to donate online at jumpropeforheart.ca. All students will be included in the event whether they make a donation or not.



Upcoming PAC Meeting: February 19, 7:00pm, Watson Library. All parents are welcome and needed at PAC meetings! Hope to see you there!

A reminder to get your tickets for Paint Nite happening Feb 12th. Tickets available at the office for \$40.

Hot lunch coming on Thursday February 21st! Panago pizza with a healthy salad option. Forms coming home soon!

*Please do not bring your dogs to the school...
Dogs are an important part of life for many Watson families, and as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. The school appreciates this inclusion and values pet ownership as an educational experience; it also acknowledges other families (and individuals) can find contact with dogs stressful, even frightening.
We are asking families to please respect our request to keep their dogs off the school property. This is in place for the health and safety of all of our Students. Thank you.*

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 12 PAC Paint Night at 6pm
- February 14 Valentine’s Day! Wear red, white, pink and/or purple!
- February 18 FAMILY DAY STAT HOLIDAY. All schools are closed.**
- February 19 7pm PAC meeting
- February 20 VMS Parent night at 7pm
- February 21 Ready, Set, Learn event 10:30-11:30 in the Library
PAC hot lunch day
- February 22 DISTRICT PRO DAY. No school for student.**
- February 27 Pink Shirt Day



LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 15 WATSON’S GOT TALENT Talent Show at 1:00pm
- March 18-29 SPRING BREAK, Good Friday & Easter Monday, SCHOOLS CLOSED**
- April 1 First day back to school after Spring Break