



## Edith Cavell Elementary School February 2020

# Edith Cavell News

### Inquiry Learning

Many of Cavell's teachers have been involved in professional learning around the topic of Inquiry. Student inquiry, which is a key part of the revised BC curriculum, can take many forms. It generally involves students asking broad questions, trying to find answers, and then presenting what they have learned in some way. Heritage Fair, Science Fairs, Wonder Walls, Genius Hour and project learning are all examples of student inquiries going on at Edith Cavell. These types of investigations help students develop critical thinking skills, communication skills and independence.



Happy Lunar New Year to everyone who celebrated! That special occasion was marked in different ways at Edith Cavell, from art work, to special guests and field trips.

This month we will be thinking about kindness and acceptance. Pink Shirt Day, on February 26, is an opportunity for the school community to celebrate diversity in various forms. February is also Black History month, which is a valuable opportunity for us to recognize the history and contributions of Black Canadians. We will also have our annual Floor Hockey tournament and mark Global Play day with some fun.

We are pleased to welcome Greg Forrest as our new afternoon custodian, and Gordy Whyte who is joining our Student Support Worker team.

Happy February!



The chilly weather has arrived! Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather with warm coats, hats, mitts and boots.

## Important Dates

- Feb 5 – Global Play Day
- Feb 14 – No School–Professional Day
- Feb 17 – No School – Family Day
- Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28 – PAC Family Dance
- March 3 – Body Science Workshop  
for parents 6:30 pm



*Willingness to be puzzled is a valuable trait to cultivate, from childhood to advanced inquiry. – Noam Chomsky*

## News Items

**Teacher Candidates:** We are pleased to welcome the following Teacher Candidates to Edith Cavell: Danielle LaGrange (UBC) with Division Four Yolande Varley (SFU) with Division Nine Emma Langley (UBC) with Division Two We hope you have a wonderful learning experience!

**Seismic Mitigation Program:** Plans continue for the upgrade of our existing building. Staff are engaged in preparing to move to our temporary accommodations at Maple Grove at the completion of this school year. For more information about Edith Cavell's seismic project, please visit the SMP website: [https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Planning\\_and\\_Facilities/current-capital-projects/Pages/Cavell-Elementary-.aspx](https://www.vsb.bc.ca/District/Planning_and_Facilities/current-capital-projects/Pages/Cavell-Elementary-.aspx). or speak with Ms Prodan.

**PAC News:** The Edith Cavell PAC wishes to announce the following save the date events:

### Family Dance – Feb 28

The Cavell PAC has organized a Family Dance for Friday, February 28 from 5:30-8:00 pm. It's an opportunity for parents and kids of all ages to get on the floor and enjoy music together in a fun and active way! Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from the PAC website. Pizza and snacks will also be available for purchase. Come out, have fun and support the PAC fundraiser!

iGirl/iGuy Workshop – May 15 (10am -3pm) Registration in March. More info to follow

### Carnival – June 5

There are some exciting volunteer positions available including fund raising coordinator and movie night coordinator. Please click on the link to Sign Up Genius if you wish to volunteer.

[Sign Up Genius](#)

Lastly, Direct Donations to the PAC are still open and welcome. Please follow the link below if you wish to donate.

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