



DAVIS BAY ELEMENTARY

January 16, 2017

Happy New Year! We ended our year with pancakes, community and song, (thank you to Ms. Norman, our grade 7 students, and Ms. Douglas), an all school skate (thank you PAC), and even some snow and real winter weather! Our new year has also gotten off to an incredible and busy start at Davis Bay Elementary... DEN classes with Ms. Curry and Ms. O'Brien have gone to Grouse Mountain, outdoor NEST excursions and learning are in full swing, and the winter weather has remained. We're happy to be back and we are excited for what the year holds for us here at Davis Bay!

Listen to Zoe! If you missed the holiday message posted on the school district website here is your opportunity to hear our Kindergarten student Zoe ... what a great job she did!

http://www.sd46.bc.ca/files/Podcasts/Zoe_DBES.mp3

We want to hear from you! Please take the survey...

In 2015 the school district implemented a two-week Spring Break with March 2016 being the first two-week Spring Break and this March 2017 being the second. This survey is intended to provide students, staff and parents an opportunity to provide the district with input into future calendar development.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SD46SpringBreak>

Family Literacy Day is January 20, 2017 – Here are some ideas for promoting and encouraging a love of reading in your child!

<http://www.thelearningcommunity.us/resources-by-format/tips-for-parents/encouraging-reading.aspx>

How to help your child P.I.C.K. the right book... ever wonder how to help your child choose an appropriate book for their level of reading and interest? Here's a wonderful site to help guide the process!

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/blogs/scholastic-parents-raise-reader/help-kids-to-pick-right-books>

See attached for a couple of different events happening in the community.

"One of the most important resources that a garden makes available for use, is the gardener's own body. A garden gives the body the dignity of working in its own support. It is a way of rejoining the human race."

We are still working, dreaming and creating! The Greenhouse and envisioning is underway and thanks to the hard work of our Greenhouse committee and our community school coordinator extraordinaire Ted Chisholm, we have secured a Canada 150 grant for over \$13,000 to put towards our greenhouse project! Students are currently engaging in some classroom envisioning work – be sure to ask them about it, and share some of your dreams about what our schoolyard and surrounding area COULD become!

PAC meeting, Tuesday January 17th, please come and join us! Nic Weswick and Patrick Bocking will be meeting with PAC members to discuss bussing – **6:30 start, lots to talk about.**

YOGA FOR PARENTS and any other adult Six week session starting February 2nd to March 9th 9:00 – 10:15 am Davis Bay Community Hall. \$85.00 for six weeks, 20% being donated back to our PAC! Please call Leah at 989-2705 to register.