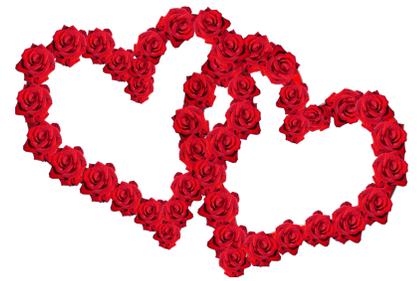




# IN THE LOOP

February 2023



## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



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- Book Orders due February 15, 16
- Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza February 14, 15
- Spirit Day - Valentine's Day Wear red/pink
- No School February 20 - 24
- Family Fun Day - February 11



Winter gear please.



## BOTTLE DRIVE

The Grade 1 students did a fabulous job with the bottle drive. \$284.00 was raised which will be used to purchase additional materials for the music program.

## Lunch Supervisors

If you can help us out, please contact the office.

## February Hot Lunch



**Boston Pizza**

Order from [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca)

February 14, 15



## Family Fun Day

Mark your calendars for February 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 for some sledding and skating fun. Details will be sent home.



## *Art Auction*

Every spring we hold an art auction during the evenings of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Each child displays their favorite work of art for you to bid on.

The auction will be in the Music Room. Please come a bit early or after your interview to visit the auction and place your bid.

## 2023 - 2024 School Year

Hello Parents.

I shared our exciting news in an email a few days ago, but thought it would be beneficial to share again. We have completed the application process to become an independent accredited funded private school. An update, the application has been accepted and our interview with Alberta Education is February 6 at 9:30. Keeping the "independent" is crucial as we will remain to have no ties to either school division. Accredited funded means that we will be eligible to receive funding, in various forms, from Alberta Education. The funding will help us continue with our plans for the expansion to Grade 8, enhance our programming, pay for a larger space and reduce tuition. Our class sizes will remain as they are, we will continue to use our enhanced syllabus and we will continue to live up to our delivery of "Excellence in Education." We should hear the Minister's decision by March. If you have not already done so, please submit your registration form for next year. As well, we are working on a referral program. This will help us grow in numbers and save you more money. That program will be shared in the next few weeks. This is an exciting time for our school. I hope that we will have all of you with us, sharing with us and celebrating with us. We will truly be able to celebrate our alumni. We have had students with us since Pre-Kinders. What an honour it will be to celebrate their accomplishments and the young men and women they have become. What an important milestone.