

# FEBRUARY

## newsletter

February has seemed to fly by at Buckingham! It has been a busy and meaningful month filled with learning, community connection, and exciting activities across the school.

We began the month recognizing Black History Month, with classes working together to explore, learn, and deepen their understanding of Black history, achievements, and contributions. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions and collaborative activities that helped foster awareness, respect, and appreciation within our school community. We hope all of our Buckingham families had a wonderful and relaxing Family Day on February 16 and enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time together. On Friday, February 20, we proudly kicked off our Jump Rope for Heart initiative, led by Ms. Klassen with support from our wonderful Grade 7 students. We look forward to building healthy habits while supporting an important cause. On Tuesday, February 23, our Grade 6 and 7 students had their first trip to Mount Seymour for skiing and snowboarding. It was a fun, cold-filled day on the mountain! We look forward to heading back up for Round 2 on March 3.

The week of February 23 was Kindness Week at Buckingham, which ties in beautifully with our Bear Paws Program. Students focused on demonstrating kindness, respect, and care for others throughout the school community. On Wednesday, February 25, we held our February Celebration of Learning, highlighting student learning related to Black History Month and recognizing the many ways students promoted kindness throughout our school. On Friday, February 27, our staff participated in a variety of professional development workshops at Burnaby North Secondary School. These learning opportunities support continued growth and collaboration among our educators.



Basketball season is officially over, and we would like to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our student athletes and coaches. We extend our sincere thanks to Ms. Metcalfe, Ms. Berar, Ms. Watson, and Ms. McAllister for running our Girls Basketball clinic. Our Grade 6 and 7 girls developed their skills and grew tremendously throughout the season. Our Grade 6 and 7 Boys Basketball team also had an excellent season. They had an impressive run with 4-1 for the regular season. One team participated in the Recreational Boys Basketball Tournament at Cariboo Secondary School, where it was wonderful to see how much their skills progressed. Another team competed in the Competitive Boys Basketball Tournament at Burnaby South Secondary School, making an incredible run to the semi-finals and placing 4th in the district. A special thank you to Ms. Di Spirito and Ms. Mann for their dedication to coaching this season. We would also like to thank all of the parents who volunteered their time to drive and support our athletes.

We are continuing to work on our school goal to improve student's reading fluency and comprehension. This month, we have been doing a school-wide reading assessment to better understand the strengths and needs of our students, and to help us plan reading lessons to meet student needs.

We appreciate the continued support of our Buckingham community and look forward to an exciting March ahead!

### Coming Up at Buckingham:

**Tuesday March 3: PAC Meeting on Zoom at 7 pm**

**Friday March 6: Jump Rope for Heart**

**Thursday March 12: Term 2 Report Cards go home**

**Monday March 19 - Friday March 27: Spring Break**

**Monday March 30: School Re-Opens**