

Hello Sansome Families:

We hope you are able to join us for our Term 2 Celebration of Learning this evening (4:30-6:30)! The kids love showing off their learning to their families!

Our Gr. 4/5 Choir under the direction of Mrs. Moses, will be performing at the Westwood Family of Schools Concert on Tues. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Easter weekend is also coming up with Good Friday on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Schools will be closed on Good Friday, but will be opened on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are excited to have Kal Barteski (artist) with us to work with all our classes starting middle of this month. Kal is a well known for her unique script, her love of polar bears, and paintings of Manitoba's north. Kal will be working on line drawings with all our students and painting a text message in our Office.

Sansome Staff is looking to partner with the Sansome School Parent Council in organizing a fall Back to School Barbecue. If you would like to be involved in planning this event, please contact Sansome School Parent Council at: [sansomeschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sansomeschoolparentcouncil@gmail.com) or call the School Office (204) 889-6000. We look forward to starting off the new school year with a fun Community Barbecue.

Next Parent Council meeting is Mon. May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

“Welcome an international high school student into your home and make a lifelong connection. Students from around the world come to SJASD to learn, grow, and experience Canadian culture. Families receive a generous monthly fee and ongoing support from the International Student Program team. Please call 204-837-1331.”- Ms A. Humphries, International Student Program Manager.

Hope the sun comes out this weekend,  
Henrietta Hoch      Chris Mavroudis

***Our next Early Dismissal Day is Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm to allow for ongoing staff professional development. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.***

**\*\*\*SPRING has sprung but so have the mud puddles...  
please send an extra change of clothes and socks with your child.\*\*\***

## **SMUDGING NEWS**

*Smudging has been around for thousands of years, and it allows us honour Indigenous history and culture. Smudging is a mindful practice that involves making a purposeful attempt to slow down and become centered while burning medicines like sage, cedar and sweetgrass. The focus is to connect, reset, or to let go of something negative, and to be grounded.*

*Earlier in the year, North Star, our divisional Coordinator of Indigenous Inclusion Education taught our students about smudging. We are now ready to start smudging at our school. Mrs. Havixbeck will be inviting interested students to our outdoor classroom to revisit and practice smudging. Once everyone has had a chance to practice a couple of times, we will make smudging available during entrance time in the mornings for interested students, staff and families. Smudging will also be available at other times upon request.*

*A smudging consent form was filled out with registration. We will be referring to these consent forms should a student be interested in viewing or participating. If you would like to make changes to your response on the consent form, please contact the office.*

**[Click here for Smudging Form](#)**

## **Parent Council News**

*The parent council is partnering with the Sansome staff to host a back to school BBQ in the fall. We are looking for parent volunteers for our planning sub committee. If interested our volunteer form can be found at <https://www.sansomepc.com/back-to-school-bbq-volunteer>*

*Thank you to everyone who participated in our Spring Dance-a-thon; it was an epic party! Room 23 won the class party with \$708 in donations collected and Miller B. walked away with the prize pack. Together we raised almost \$5000 towards our Play Space Renewal Project!*

**Just a friendly reminder that dismissal is at 3:55 pm and there is no supervision. Please kindly make alternate arrangements with friends or family, if you are unable to pick up your child at this time.**

#### **WEST PARKING LOT:**

Just a reminder that student drop offs and pick ups are not permitted on the west side of the building due to safety concerns. All students can be dropped off in the east side parking. Please note the west side parking lot will be inaccessible to vehicles other than for staff parking during drop offs (8:45 a.m -9:15a.m.) and pick ups (3:40 p.m- 4:05 p.m.).

Please have a conversation with your child as to where you will meet them at then of the day if they exit through the Grade 4/5 doors.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important safety matter.

#### **Transportation:**

Sansome bus in the AM is #17

Sansome bus in the PM is #8

If your child is not going to be on the bus **at the end of the day**, call the office to let us know. If we cannot pick up the phone, please leave us a message.

**A friendly reminder from the transportation department that mini hockey sticks and umbrella's that cannot be secured within a backpack are not allowed on the bus.**

**Absence Reporting:** A reminder that during the school year, absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Please do not email the teacher if your child is going to be absent. If teachers are away, they are not checking their email.

Please use the School Messenger App or call **1-844-434-8116**

[School Messenger Instructions](#)

**Milk Store:** White and chocolate milk can be purchased for \$1.50 each. Tickets are available in the office. If you have tickets left from last year, they can still be used.

Please bookmark our school website for all current and future news and the upcoming events calendar: <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome>

If you have any questions about this or any other school information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.