

Dear Sansome Families:

In an effort to provide some relief from on-going **indoor recesses**, Sansome students have been walking, running, and dancing through the halls during their morning and afternoon recess breaks while still following cohort protocols! Thank you to Ms. Weekes, Mr. Bell, and Mrs. Starkell for organizing the cohorts for the needed movement breaks.

Sansome has been acknowledging **Treaty #1 Land and Indigenous People** by involving students from Room 33 in sharing their writings around what the Land Acknowledgment means to them personally during our daily announcements. This opportunity provides for genuine student voice and personal connections to the Land Acknowledgements. **Thank you to Ms. Paul and students of Room 33 for their work in this area of Reconciliation.**

Covid Update: All Schools have moved back to the Yellow Response Level. Extra-curricular activities, such as basketball, are again permitted. Field Trips will be considered after March 1st. Masks will still be required indoors for staff and students but will **not** be required during PE classes. Medical masks or 3 ply masks for students and staff are recommended and should be snugly fitting. Other cloth masks can again be worn but again should be snugly fitting. Students will remain in cohorts, but cohort sizes may be up to a max. of 75 students. Physical Distancing of 2m. is still a requirement for when students are eating and/or taking mask breaks.

Families are asked to continue to self-monitor for Covid symptoms. We have some additional rapid tests for students on hand at the school. Our weekly absenteeism rate was 0% for the week of Feb. 23rd – 25th.

Visitors to the school are still required to wear masks but outdoor mask wearing on SJASD property is now optional although recommended. Physical distancing of 2m is to be maintained when beyond the family cohort.

2nd Dose Covid Vaccine Clinic will be held at Sansome School on March 15th. Please find the attached information and consent forms. If you need a hard copy of the consent form, please contact our Office 204-889-6000.

Mrs. Chase and her Kindness Crew (Staff and Students) have been hard at work, spreading **Kindness** throughout our Community. Kinders, Room 7 and Room 9 made kindness cards that were delivered to Lincoln students along with a sweet treat. The Gr. 2/3 classes and Room 8 made cards for the seniors in our community at Westwood Estates. The Gr. 4/5 students wrote kind notes to the students at Westwood, letting them know that we were thinking of them too! Staff were on the lookout for students being kind. If a student was caught being kind, they were given a gem to place in their classroom **Kindness Jar**. The jars were set up outside of Mrs. Chase's office so all could see which classroom led the way with kind deeds.

Students also thought about **pets** and brought in food, toys, or pet related items which were donated to two local pet shelters. **Pink Shirt Day was Wednesday Feb. 23rd**, a school-wide day to celebrate kindness!

Thank you to Mrs. Chase, Sansome Staff, and all Sansome Students for spreading Kindness through our School and Community. Be Kind Everyday!

Thank you to all Families for their patience and caution in using the **east parking lot** this past week. We have had hockey playoffs happening at the arena next door plus snow clearing operations. We will be monitoring the east parking lot and perhaps trialing some alternative drop off and pick up procedures. Part of the east lot belongs to the City of Winnipeg for the Arena use and part belongs to our School Division for Sansome Families. We hope to continue to work with Keith Bodley Arena around the shared use of the east parking lot.

Sansome School will be hosting a Virtual Book Fair from March 1st – 10th. Please see the attached flyer for the link to the Book Fair which includes a preview of Featured Books and videos of the popular new titles. We are hoping to have the books distributed to prior to Spring Break for some springtime reading!

Thank you Sansome Parent Council for organizing today's Boston Pizza **Fun Lunch**. Proceeds from the Fun Lunches allows our Parent Council to support many school initiatives. To find out more, please join an upcoming Parent Council meeting. The March date will be finalized soon!

Henrietta Hoch & Rob Bell

Next Early Dismissal Day: Tuesday, March 1st. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

No School: Friday, March 4th

Water Bottles: Please remember to send your child with a reusable water bottle. The water fountain spouts are closed but we do have bottle fillers attached to the fountains.