Hello Sansome Families:

We made it through the extreme cold this week and now have more manageable winter temperatures. The kids got to enjoy the new additional sleds which our Parent Council generously provided.

Our Gr. 4/5 students will all be headed over to Westwood Collegiate on Jan. 29th to take in the Divisional Musical Theatre's production of Madagascar Jr. Admission will be covered through the annual Fundraising Fee. They will be leaving at 9:45 and returning in time for lunch.

January 31st is an Inservice Day. All Early Years teachers will be gathering here at Sansome for a day of Numeracy P.D.

Feb. 4th is our Kindergarten Information Evening starting at 6:30. Students who will be 5 years of age (as of Dec. 30th) are eligible to start Kindergarten in the fall. Kindergarten Registration Day for in-catchment children is Friday, Feb. 7th 8:30-4:00.

Sansome's "I Love to Read" week will be Feb. 10- Feb. 14th. A number of Guest Readers are scheduled to join us as well as a Guest Teacher (Desarie) to provide Jigging workshops to all classes. We are highlighting Metis Literature and the Metis culture during this year's "I Love to Read".

Reminder to all Families to please drop off students using the East Lot. Please do not drop off / pick up students in the back lane nor in the West Lot of the school. The West Lot is congested with the buses, and we need to ensure student safety at these busy times of day.

Also, please be sure to report your child(ren)'s absences. In this cold weather, we are concerned about the whereabouts of children who absent but unreported. Safe Arrival will continue to call out to homes where children are absent but not excused. Thank you in advance!

We hope everyone enjoys the milder temperatures this weekend!

Henrietta Hoch Chris Mavroudis

Our next Early Dismissal Day is Tuesday, February 4th, 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.

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.

E.S.S. News

You are invited to our upcoming virtual Staying Well Session – Understanding Power Struggles and Meltdowns, on *Tuesday, February 11th at 6:15pm. If interested, please register for the virtual session at this link:*

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7162d2ec-9095-41cb-b888e18f5c520260@57e2d773-4dcc-4850-8717-73b1db41984a

More information about the session can be found at the above link.

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: <u>https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome</u>

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