Dear Sansome Families:

Student voice has been clearly expressed during these past few weeks. We have had **Room 33** working on their own personal Land Acknowledgements and what living on Treaty 1 land means to them. We have **Charlotte** in Room 21 expressing her thoughts and feelings about Peace in the form of lyrics which she proudly performed for her classmates. We are proud of our students and the personal connections they have been making and sharing with us all! Please see Charlotte's lyrics on "Peace" as attached.

There has been a spike in **Covid-19** cases in schools as of late. We ask once again for your support of our on-going Covid-19 protocols at the school and on the school grounds. We have re-sent the information regarding "What to do if your child is sick". If you did not receive this information, please contact our Office. We will continue to reinforce the Covid-19 Protocols with all our students and staff. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we keep everyone at Sansome safe and learning! **Covid Update:** Health Canada should be approving the vaccine for children age 5-11 in the very near future. The Province has plans underway for the vaccination of these children. As plans are released, we will be sending information out to all our families with the details regarding the necessary consent form and the vaccination site locations.

Thank you to our families who have been using the **back lane** on the west side of the school with increased caution. Drop off and pick up times are busy times around the east and west sides of our school and we certainly appreciate families adhering to the assigned entry and dismissal times and for their caution in the parking lot and surrounding streets and back lane. Snow and icy conditions add to the increased need for caution. Student safety is a number 1 priority.

Students are enjoying a long weekend this weekend, as their teachers write their **Term 1 Reports**. Assessment data for these reports are based on Teacher observations, conversations, and final products demonstrated as students work towards the essential learning outcomes. Literacy and Numeracy continue to be our primary focus with integrated Science and Social Studies outcomes. Report Cards will be distributed via e-mail on Wed. Dec. 1st. Virtual Conferences will be held the evening of Dec. 2nd and the morning of Dec. 3rd. Conferences will again be booked through Conference Manager.

Parent Council has organized a second **Fun Lunch** for **Dec. 2nd**. This month's lunch will be selections from Subway. **Parent Council will meet virtually on Monday, Dec. 6th at 6 :00 on Teams**. Please

email <u>henrietta.hoch@sjasd.ca</u> or <u>robert.bell@sjasd.ca</u> for your Teams invite.

Mrs. Chase and her Hamper Crew have been hard at work gathering nonperishable **Hamper items**. The Grade 4/5 classes are Team Toast and are collecting "toast toppings". The Grade 2/3 classes are Team Sparkle and are collecting cleaning supplies to make holidays sparkle. The K-Gr. 1 classes are Team Bubbles and are collecting personal hygiene supplies. The hamper donation drive will continue on until **Dec. 9**th.

Lost and Found Items- Our Lost and Found is overflowing. We will be displaying all the items on tables by the gym. Teachers will be encouraging students to have a look and to claim any items belonging to them. It would be appreciated if families could also remind students to have a look as well. Unclaimed items will be bagged up prior to the Winter Break.

November 22-26 is Spirit Week at Sansome! Monday is Winter Wonderland Whiteout -dress all in white. Tuesday is Santa Clause is coming to town- ear a Santa hat, Elf hat, or reindeer antlers, Wednesday is Long Winters' Nap – wear cozy, comfy, winter P.J.s. Thursday is Candy Cane Day – wear red and white. Friday is Festive Fridaywear a holiday sweater or gift wrap with glitter!

In an effort to avoid congestion at entry time we ask that students arrive at their schedule entry time and if parents could say good-bye to their children at the steps this would help us avoid the congestion and crossing of cohorts in the class line-ups. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we continue to ensure Sansome is safe and learning.

Sansome School has decided that we will be doing a quick and easy **Gourmet Cookie Dough, Cheesecake and Pizza fundraiser.** We are raising money to support classroom activities and install a climbing wall in the gym. An estimated \$7000 needs to be fundraised to cover all our estimated costs. All the money raised will be put to good use and will benefit your children and their enjoyment at School. Information on this fundraiser is in the attached documents.

Next Early Dismissal Day: Tuesday, December 7th. 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.

With the cooler temperatures, we have all been encouraging students to wear their winter gear: jackets, hats, and mitts. During lunch recess, they are outdoors for approximately 30 min., so it is important that they are dressed for the weather conditions.

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.

1st Kirkfield Scout Group

Exciting adventures for boys and girls ages 5-18 Beaver Scouts (ages 5-7) Cub Scouts (8-10) Meetings are Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 in the multipurpose room at KWCC Contact the Group Commissioner: Richard Puttenham <u>kirkfieldgc@gmail.com</u>