

# Neilson Grove News



## Happy New Year

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and that students are ready for Term Two! This is the shortest term of the school year and we have much to accomplish.

We are moving ahead with our school goal, also called the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, to make a positive impact on students feeling resilient. We have created a Neilson Grove-specific student survey that we'll be doing with every student this term. This information will help us understand how resilient students feel at this point in time, and then as we develop and implement our school-wide plans, we'll be able to look back, resurvey, and see if we're having a positive impact.

*Resiliency* is a complex concept, and is context-specific. We will be focusing on students' sense of belonging, connections with both peers and the adults in the building, and supporting them through times when their learning is hard and they have to persevere.

### Important Dates

**Jan. 6-** Kindergarten Dental Screening

**Jan. 7-** PAC Bottle Drive

**Jan. 13-** Hot Lunch

**Jan. 17-** PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM

**Jan. 25, Feb 1, 8 & 15-** Ski/Snowboarding for Grade 6s & 7s

**Jan. 25 & 26-** Student-Led Conferences & Early Dismissal (2:00 PM)

**Jan. 26-** Sweater Day

**Jan. 27-** Professional Learning Day

### February- Black History Month

**Feb. 20-** Family Day

**Feb 21-** PAC Meeting, 7:00 PM

**Feb. 22-** Pink Shirt Day

**Mar. 7-** Report Cards go Live

**Mar. 10-** Last Day before Spring Break

## Hot Lunches

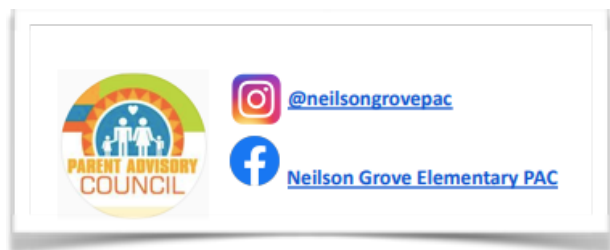


We're coming to the end of the first round of Hot Lunches. Please watch for an email from me, letting you know about the next orders, dates and when the deadline for ordering will be.

## PAC Meetings & Work

We'll only have two PAC meetings this term, but PAC is also busy organising for a Spring Fair. Much like Breakfast with Santa, the Spring Fair will be a great community building event that, I know we have all missed.

Big events like this can't happen without a lot of work from everyone. There will be planning meetings happening throughout this term and leading up to the Spring Fair in May. If you have some time, pop in for one of the virtual meetings to see if you can lend a hand in organising.



## NG's Green Team



The Green Team has been hard at work throughout the start of the school year and has some big plans for this term. To save energy, we'll be having a Sweater Day in January. They will also be revamping our recycling program to make things a little easier to cash in our recyclables.

**Thanks Green Team and Ms. Oakley, for helping our school do great things for the environment!**

## Student-Led Conference

We will be dismissing students at 2:00 on January 25th & 26th for Student-Led conferences. Student-Led conferences are a great opportunity for you to talk with your child about what they've been learning, what they feel is challenging-what's not, as well as goals they have, where they feel they've improved and what they want to focus on to try to improve next. These are important conversations that can help children feel in control of their learning and understand that purposeful/intentional planning and focus is a big part of how they get better at things in their life.

(Please note that conferences for Grade 6 & 7 Students will be on Jan. 26th only as the 25th is a ski day.)

*Belonging is a fundamental need for people of all ages, Feeling a sense of connectedness in one's family, peer group, school, and community is one of the most important assets for a child's well-being, health, and success in life.*

(Masten 2018; Thomson et al., 2018)

