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Dear parents, guardians, and caregivers,

The snow has arrived once again, but in keeping with 2020's theme of unpredictability, we have no idea if it will stay. If there is enough snow for sledding on Thursday, we will open the sledding hill. Sledding hill rules will be reviewed in each class, and I have attached a copy to this e-mail as well, so you can review them at home with your child. If your child would like to slide at school this winter, please make sure that they come prepared with the following:

1. Snowpants, snowboots, and mittens/gloves (they will not be allowed to slide without them)
2. A soft sled or crazy carpet clearly labelled with their name
3. An understanding of how to slide safely

A reminder that there is no supervision before school, so there is **no sliding before school**. Students may slide after school **ONLY** if they are supervised by a parent or guardian.

Most students will have the opportunity to slide every day, either at recess **or** lunch. If they slide one day at recess, they may slide the next at lunch, contingent on the snow hill being open. If the hill gets too icy, or there is not enough snow, the hill will be closed and their spot in the rotation will be kept for when the hill re-opens.

As we navigate the winter months and the accumulation of snow and ice, it is becoming ever more important for us to follow safe practices at the bus stop/parking lot. In order to keep everyone safe, we ask that when you walk from the parking lot to the school grounds, to always cross at the crosswalk with the crossing guard, as it allows for drivers to better anticipate when people are stepping out into the road and it sets a good example for your kids to follow here at school and while out in the community. We have also noticed a number of families using the long driveway at the side of the school, and while this is an excellent way to keep your distance from everyone at the bus stop, during the winter months it can be quite dangerous, as the road is quite slippery, making it difficult for cars to stop. We ask that you use the pathways instead of this road to access the school.

Thank you to all of you who came to our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly today, and my deepest apologies to those of you who tried to join us and were unable to due to technical difficulties. The Zoom format was a close as we could get to having a live assembly, and include as many students as possible. I have heard from several of you that you would like to have a link to watch it another time, but unfortunately, we cannot share it because it is not uploaded to the internet, as we do not have permission to share the photo of several students at our school. We did not want to exclude these students from their class presentations, which is what we would have had to do to be able to send the video out to you to watch at your leisure. We will be working though these difficulties to try to find a solution before our next assembly.

Your child received a poppy today for our Remembrance Day Assembly, and if you would like to make a donation to the Canadian Legion, please send it to school with your child by Friday morning, as that is when we need to return our poppy box to the Legion.



School clothing sales will take place 100% online through Hansport. They are creating a School Store with all of the available options, and it will be open this Friday. Orders and payment need to be in by Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> so that they are ready for Christmas. The link to the School Store page will be sent out on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

The conversation around screens and teens is being taken to the next level by filmmaker and physician Dr. Delaney Ruston. SD73 parents and families will have an opportunity to watch his new movie, on-demand, between Nov. 26 and Dec. 13, 2020. The film explores the science behind the emotional challenges teenagers face, the interplay of social media, and how families and schools can help them to build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety, and depression in our digital age. More information, along with the trailer, how to register is here:

<https://forms.sd73.bc.ca/Screenagers-NEXT-CHAPTER>

There are a few fundraisers taking place at the moment:

1. PAC Gift Cards – last day is December 25<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - a. [www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group](http://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group)
  - b. Password – TGTP5L
2. Grade 7 Fundraisers
  - a. Purdy's chocolates – due November 28<sup>th</sup>
    - i. <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1230118-79961>
    - ii. Grade 7 Grad SSES Fundraiser
  - b. General Grant's Bottle Depot (on-going)
    - i. There is an account at all three General Grants Bottle Depots under "**South Sahali Grade 7 Fundraiser**" to which you can donate your returnable drink containers.

There is no school tomorrow in observance of Remembrance Day. I encourage you to take a moment with your child(ren) to reflect on how the freedoms of which we take advantage every day were, and are still being, paid by the sacrifices of others.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susie Mabee".

Susie Mabee