



February is generally a month for the heart, so we are delving into a "Healthy Me!" unit. Throughout this unit we will look at the foods that we use to fuel our bodies and the importance of nutritious foods for growth and to feel good.

A Backward Glance

This month we:

- We read some fabulous winter literature, and the students enjoyed acting out the story of The Mitten by Jan Brett in class.
- We had a wonderful trip to Hawaii on Beach Day and enjoyed our time away from the cold weather. We learned how to do the hula, sang 'Baby Shark' a number of times and wrote about what we liked to do at the beach.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child's file folder to school **every day** and make sure it is emptied every night. We want to make sure you don't miss any important notices.

A Sneek Peek

Thursday, February 13th is Hot Lunch. If you would like to order, make sure you order before February 8th.

On **Friday, February 14th** we will be having a special Valentine's Day celebration in class. The children will be doing many special Valentine's Day activities. Your child may dress up in red, white or pink on that day.



Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for information about handing out Valentine's.

On **Thursday, February 20th** we will be participating in our schools Annual Heart and Stroke Foundation '**Jump Rope for Heart**' fundraiser. Each student will participate and is being asked to bring a loonie or toonie or more to contribute to this local charity.

The students are asked to wear their Blue SCA Elementary t-shirts on this day. Comfortable clothes would be in order as well.

Thursday, February 27th is Chip Day. If you did not order pre-order chips (for the whole year) and your child would like to order some, please be sure to send \$1.00 in a labeled envelope/baggie in your child's file folder.

Patterns, patterns everywhere! On **Thursday, February 27th** we will be having a Pattern Party. Our Pattern Party will be the culmination of our pattern and sorting unit in math. We will enjoy a variety of activities, games and songs that relate to patterns. **Students are encouraged to wear clothes that have patterns on them.**

On **Tuesday, March 4th** we will be going to the John Walter Museum to participate in the Urban Pioneers program as part of our Social Studies curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to bake, do some pioneer chores, etc. We will be eating lunch before we leave. The students are asked to wear their Blue SCA Elementary t-shirts on this day.

A request for volunteers and field trip permission form will be sent through an email from Permission Click. Please make sure to fill out the form by February 12th.

Reading Program

Our kindergarten reading program begins in mid-February. Your child will be bringing books home to practice reading to you. These books will be from our classroom collection and will be a book that he/she has practiced with me, or we have read together in our small group lesson.

Please send the home reading books back to school in the bag they are sent home in to protect them from accidental spills and dirt. *Watch for more information later this month.*

Memory Verse

The Memory Verse for this month is:

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

Kindergarten Father/Child Night

On Thursday, March 6th we will be having a Kindergarten Father/Child Night. This is an event not to be missed! We will be creating something, enjoying some gym activities, and sharing a special snack. Please make sure to mark the date on your calendars. More information and RSVP's will be sent out next week. **If Dad is not available, a "suitable facsimile" is welcome (Grandpa, uncle, family friend, etc.).**

Show and Tell

This month we are finishing up with show and tell for the year. We have enjoyed the amazing items the students have brought in the last few months.

Important Dates to Remember:

February 6th and 7th

No School - Teacher's Convention

Thursday, February 13th

Hot Lunch

Friday, February 14th

Valentine's Day

(Don't forget to wear red & pink)

February 17th

No School – Family Day

Thursday, February 27th

Chip Day

Thursday, February 27th

Pattern Party

(Don't forget to wear a pattern)

Tuesday, March 4th

John Walter Museum

(Remember to wear your blue SCA shirt)

Thursday, March 6th

Kindergarten Father/Child Night

If you have any questions or concerns, I would be happy to hear from you! Please feel free to call me any time at the school (780-449-2787) or you can e-mail me at Julie.Halbersma@eips.ca

Yours in Christ,
Julie Halbersma

Valentine's Day

Students may bring Valentine cards to distribute to their classmates if they wish. We ask that those bringing Valentine's, bring one for each student in the class (please see the attached list for student's names). Valentines provide an excellent opportunity for the children to see that writing has a purpose and provides them an opportunity to practice their printing.

Here are some suggestions regarding Valentines:

- When purchasing Valentine's cards, choose cards that have a large space to print who it is to and from.
- Have your child start addressing cards early. Printing a few cards each day results in a better experience for everyone involved - and better printing too!
- Please do not use all capital letters when addressing the Valentine cards, as the students will be matching names to how they are printed below.
- **Include both names on each card, who the card is 'To' and who it is 'From'.** In previous years, some children haven't written the name of the child the card is to, figuring that this would make passing out easier. This does not tend to work as the children forget who they have passed to, and who they have not.
- **If you are including anything (such as chocolates, pencils or stickers) with the Valentine card, please tape it securely to the card or put it in little baggies as these things tend to become easily dislodged.**



KB Class List for Valentines



Aria	Halia	Nina
Aiden	Hank	Noah
Belle	Harlow	Presley
Charlie	Jack	Samuel
Claire	Jake	Shiloh
Clara	Lena	Mrs. Burns
Colton	Linnea	Mrs. Halbersma
Eli	Miles	