Today is Tuesday February 1st 2022 Day 2

MISSION

Balaclava is an inclusive and engaging community where creativity and commitment to equity are utilized to optimize learning for all.

VISION

We aspire to make the world a better place through informed, responsible, and compassionate action.

MOTTO

When we look after ourselves and we look after one another, we all succeed.



We will once again be able to conduct extra-curricular activities that are low contact (e.g. Badminton, volleyball). **Basketball continues to be** paused. Masks must be worn and distancing practiced to the extent possible. Maintaining cohorts is also strongly recommended.

Paper Recycling Pick Up Today!

- Please place your Blue Bin outside your classroom door for pick up today after opening exercises
- ❖ Remember to bring your bin in as soon as it's collected
- ❖ Thank you!







Today is the Chinese or Lunar New Year and marks the beginning of the Year of the Tiger. The Chinese New Year is a 16 day festival culminating with the Lantern Festival on February 15th. To all our families who are celebrating, Happy New Year!

Over the past four days some people have gathered in Ottawa exercising their right to peaceful protest and free speech which we hold as key aspects of democracy. During the protest however, a small number of individuals displayed racist and antisemitic symbols, as well as misappropriating Indigenous Culture and Ceremony.

"HWDSB supports all members of its learning community by condemning the symbols of hate that were displayed in Ottawa this past weekend. The symbols displayed promoting racism and white supremacy are harmful and go against our core principles. We will continue to address racism, and the harm it causes, in all our learning environments."



February is Black History Month. We continuously strive for greater awareness of the impact of racism and are learning how to act in more consciously antioppressive ways. This month we will be focusing some of our learning on the accomplishments of many Black Canadians who have contributed positively to our country and beyond. Mary Ann Shadd became the first Black woman to publish a newspaper in North America, the Provincial Freeman, as well as establish a racially integrated school in Windsor. She was an advocate for women's rights, education and the abolition of slavery and was among the first Black women to earn a law degree in 1883. She continued as a civil rights lawyer. Her story doesn't end there. What else can you learn about Mary Ann Shadd? Share your learning with others!

Playground rotations

1st NB Break

Blacktop painted games, including BB net – 7/8A

Gaga Ball – 2A

Climber – 4/5A

2nd NB

Blacktop painted games, including BB net – 8A

Gaga Ball – 2/3A

Climber – 5/6A





Please stand and join in the singing or signing of the National Anthem.

When we look after ourselves and we look after one another, we all have a great day. Let's make it a great day Balaclava!