



# Dasmesh Punjabi school

Primary Newsletter Februray 2012

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## Principal's Message:

Unusual winter weather conditions for prairie schools like ours led to school closure for the longest period on stretch in DPS's history. But teachers have begun working on catching up with core subject outcomes missed during 0-block, lunch break, or after school.

We proudly acknowledge two of our latest newsmakers this year: former student Sonam K Brar (Class of 2004) and current Grade 10 student and Head Girl (Prefect) for 2011/12, Manjot K Sandhu- the former got admission into Harvard University for further medical studies, and the latter has been selected for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as a Rick Hansen Relay medal bearer.

FSA is over for Grades 4 and 7 in our school. Parents will get the results for the 2012 tests from the HRTs as soon as all marking is complete. We had surpassed our own expectations in 2010. Now we have very positive news again regarding the 2011 FSA results (abbynews.com. Feb 6, 2012). See Page 2 of this Newsletter.

Finally, have an enjoyable Spring Break from March 12- March 23. See you all back on the 1st day of Term 3, March 26, Monday.

- Mrs. S. Chand/Principal

## From the Administrator's Desk:

Thanks to everyone for the timely registration for most classes. Some classes are already close to full capacity. Testing of outside student applicants has already begun. So hurry if you want a definite place for your child, and haven't registered yet.

Please don't hesitate to approach us, including the Homeroom teachers, Principal, and VPs, for anything you may wish to discuss. We are here for you -  
Sandeep Kaur Lidder- Administrator (Board Affairs)

## PSG Meeting Notice :

Feb 10, 2:30 pm. Home Ec. Room.  
Agenda: Uniform. All parents are welcome.



### Kindergarten News for our K1-K-4 students:

- Fraser Health Screening on Feb 10, Friday.
- Picture Day on Feb 14, Tue. In main building, downstairs lobby

## February is Food Bank Month

February is the month for Valentines and that means friendship. We would like to extend this friendship to our community by donating items to the Food Bank which is struggling at this time. Students can start bringing donations as soon as possible, so we can fill up the truck. Remember, only non-perishable items can be accepted.

Some examples are: any canned goods (i.e. soup, beans, pasta sauce, etc.), peanut butter, healthy cereal, baby formula, spaghetti/pasta, Punjabi Foods etc.

Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, February 14, 2012



### Burn Awareness Week Feb 5-12.

Teachers make students aware through lessons and projects. Parents should add to this knowledge at home too.

### Province-wide Pro D Day :

February 17, 2012, Friday

No school for students .

Our teachers will be in the Langley School District for professional development.

The School Office will be open, normal hours.

## Science Fair

Primary students will be participating in the Science Fair on February 21. Class projects will be due on February 16. Please help your child pick a good topic for his/her grade level.

If you have any concerns, please talk to the class teacher.

Mrs. M Gill Science Fair Coordinator (Primary)



## Anti-Bullying Day

February 29 is Anti-Bullying Day. We honor this day because of two students in Nova Scotia who organized a school protest to wear pink, in solidarity for a classmate who had been bullied for wearing pink to school.

Please support this day by wearing something pink to school on this day.

## GOOD JOB, DASMESH!

Dasmesh is ranked by the Fraser Institute as amongst the “top 10” in Abbotsford for fundamental skills development (last year’s FSA), and “amongst the 20 schools in the province that have shown the fastest academic improvement over the past five years.” (Info from The Abbotsford News, Feb 7, 2012)

Congrats, and thank you once more, to everyone who support our students to do their best— parents and teachers alike— Ms. Jugninder K Bains, FSA co-ordinator.

## Students of the Month for January

- K-1 Gurbaz S. Brar, Jasmine K. Dhindsa
- K-2 Avneet K. Gill, Arjan S. Brar
- K-3 Amit S Sandhu, Sahajpreet K. Chauhan
- K-4 Eknor K. Sandhar, Devon S. Arora
- 1-1 Manraj K. Panjeta, Jasmeet K. Doad
- 1-2 Jovin S. Dhillon, Jasan S. Dhaliwal,  
Gurkaran S. Bhathal
- 1-3 Sukhman S. Sidhu, Sukhleen K. Bandesha,  
Baltaj S. Brar
- 2-1 Eshan Sobti, Manvir K. Jawanda
- 2-2 Rza K. Sandhu, Armaan S. Gill
- 2-3 Gurjot S. kaler, Harmeen K. Brar
- 2-4 Arvin S. Kheva (Gr. 3), Jasleen K. Brar (Gr.2)
- 3-1 Jagraj S. Dhaliwal, Taranvir S. Sandhu,  
Noor K. Sandhu
- 3-2 GurleenK. Braich, Karman K. Sidhu
- 3-3 Himmat S. Dosanjh, Heena K. Basra



### Pitch-in-Week:

**April 23-30**

More news to follow—  
Mr.J.D. & Mrs. M. Gill,  
co-ordinators.

## Report Card Day

- Report Card Day and Parent Teacher Conferences Scheduled between 8:00-4:00 pm on March 09, Friday (last day before Spring Break).
- Lunch break for staff is 12:00-12:30.
- HRTs will send a Parent Feedback Form home to ensure you can select a time convenient for you.
- Parents and students should feel free to discuss any issues that will help with student progress.



### Our Shabad Kirtan Department Students on TV:

Recording done on February 2, 2012 at school for Grades 5-7 student groups.

Telecast date to be announced by the Department.

### Punjabi Homework and Spelling Tests:

(Kindergarten to Grade 2 )

**Punjabi homework** is given on the following days, and is due the same day after a week .

Kindergarten	Friday
Grade 1	Thursday
Grade 2	Tuesday

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ਕਿੰਡਰਗਾਰਟਨ	ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ
ਗਰੇਡ 1	ਵੀਰਵਾਰ
ਗਰੇਡ 2	ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ

#### **Punjabi Spelling Test:**

Grade 1 and 2 Every Monday

Spelling words are given for practice a week before the test.

ਗਰੇਡ 1 ਅਤੇ 2 ਦੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸਪੈਲਿੰਗ ਟੈਸਟ

### Important Dates: Feb/March

Feb 10PSG Meeting 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 5-11 Burn Awareness Week

Feb 14Last day to donate food for our local food bank

Feb. 15 National Flag Day

Feb. 17 Pro D Day  
(no school for students)

Feb. 21 Science Fair

Feb. 29 Anti-Bullying Day

March 9 Report Card Day  
(no regular school for students)

Mar.12-23 Spring Vacation  
(2 weeks)

