

WEEK AT A GLANCE

LORD BYNG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 24TH - 28TH

**Monday,
February
24th**

**Tuesday,
February
25th**

**Wednesday,
February
26th**

**Thursday,
February
27th**

**Friday,
February
28th**

**Lord Byng's Got Talent
Auditions @ Lunch**

Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm



Scholastic Book Fair in the Library after school!

We have a busy week coming up! With our "Lord Byng's Got Talent Auditions" (Monday & Tuesday @ lunch)... Scholastic Book Fair (Monday - Thursday after school), Pink Shirt Day (Wednesday) and Early Dismissal (Wednesday & Thursday @ 1:45pm). Students should already have their talent audition forms in by now and, remember, it's okay to wear ANYTHING PINK on Wednesday!!!

Let's talk about spare clothes...

With the soggy season upon us; it is more important than ever that students have a spare change of clothes at school. Especially the little ones! Please make sure to include pants, socks, shoes and shirts!



Friday, February 28th – Saturday, March 29th

Ramadan

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

Pink Shirt Day is an opportunity to focus on working together to treat everyone with dignity and respect.



Just like tending to a garden, together we can each help nurture a sense of belonging where we live, work, and go to school. It all starts with small gestures– a kind word, an offer of support or understanding. If we plant enough, pretty soon, more will be sprouting up all around us!



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hello, and I hope you are all doing well! I'm thrilled to say that our second Scholastic bookfair is just around the corner! It will be held from Monday, February 24th – Thursday, February 27th, right here in the school library!

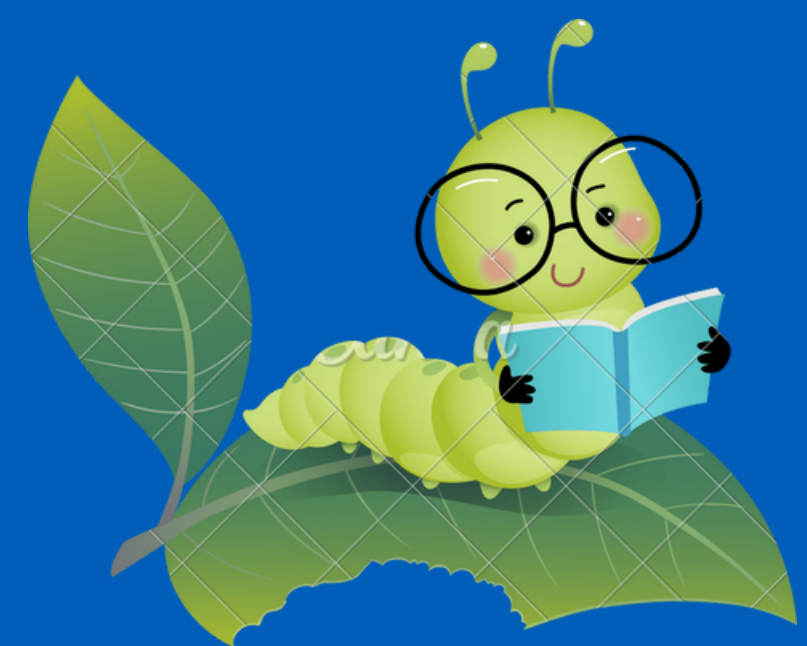
The purpose of holding book fairs is two-fold. Firstly, it gets books into children's hands! Secondly, for every \$10 spent at the bookfair, Lord Byng Elementary Library will receive \$6.00 in product rewards!! This is a huge win-win fundraiser!

Students will be able to purchase books during school hours, when they come in for their regularly scheduled library block(s). Students will have two library blocks this week. The first block will be to peruse the books. Here, they will be offered a wish list sheet to fill out and bring home to show their family, or, purchase right away! Students will also be able to purchase books at their second library block, at lunch, or after school. After school, please feel free to come in and peruse with your child – it's a family affair!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Happy Reading!

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Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression

Parent Education Session | February 25, 2025

**PRESENTED BY HANNAH BEACH
FEBRUARY 25, 2025 | 6:30 – 8 P.M.**

Children are becoming more anxious and aggressive. The common thread? A stark decline in free play. After this session, you may never see play the same way again. Our current culture has replaced play with entertainment and structured activities. We are now seeing the emotional side effects of the loss of play in the lives of children as aggression and anxiety in young people is at an all-time high.

The research is clear: children learn and develop best through play. And yet, children are playing less than ever. In fact, this is the first generation of children that does not have a play-based childhood. The side effects? Children and youth are struggling. It has become harder than ever to lead and care for kids.

This conversation has never been more important as we look at how we can support children's emotional health and learning. We'll unpack the science behind play and how it lowers anxiety and aggression, builds resilience, and fosters social and emotional health. Little changes can have big effects. Join Hannah for a powerful workshop that will help you discover practical ways to transform your family culture and support your children in becoming their best selves.

Closed captioning in multiple languages will be available for participants.



Hannah Beach is an award-winning educator, author, emotional health consultant, and keynote speaker. She is the co-author of the best-selling book *Reclaiming Our Students: Why Children Are More Anxious, Aggressive, and Shut-Down than Ever – and What We Can Do About It*.

Hannah was recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission in 2017 as one of five featured changemakers in Canada. Her bestselling *I Can Dance* book series, supporting the emotional health of children through movement, play, and expression, won a 2017 Gold International Moonbeam Children's Book Award. You can find her at hannahbeach.ca.



Go Canada Go!!!!



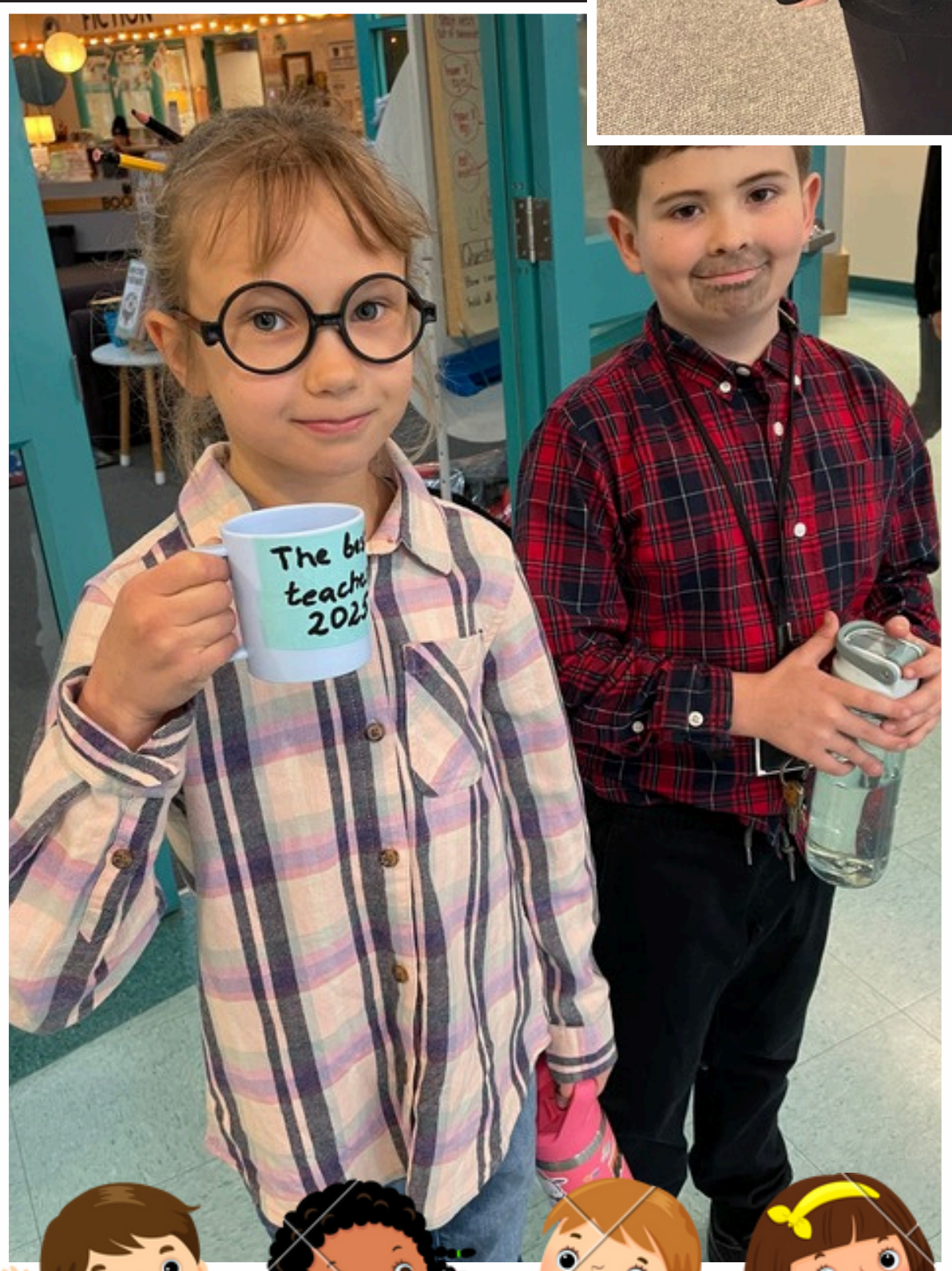
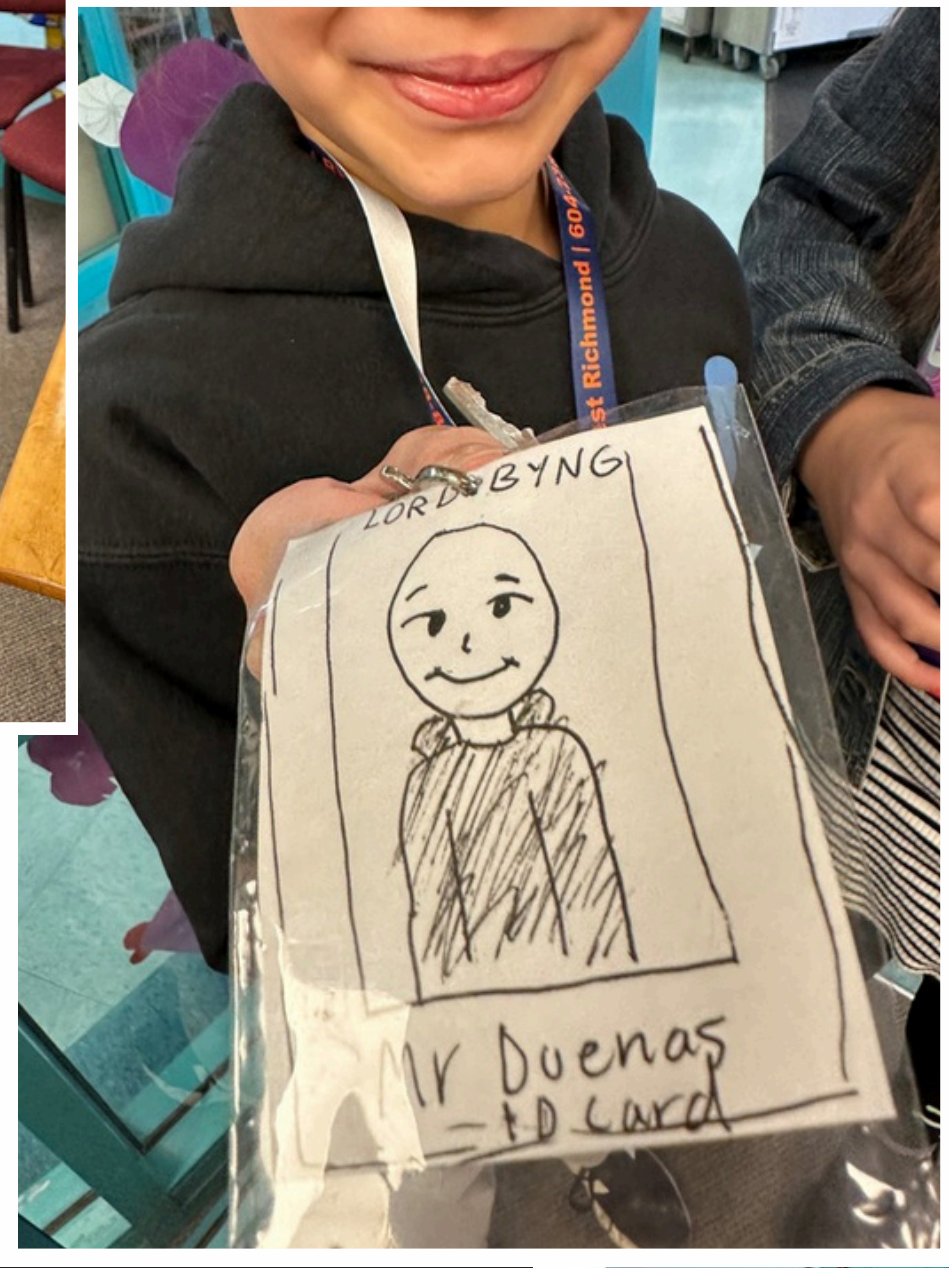
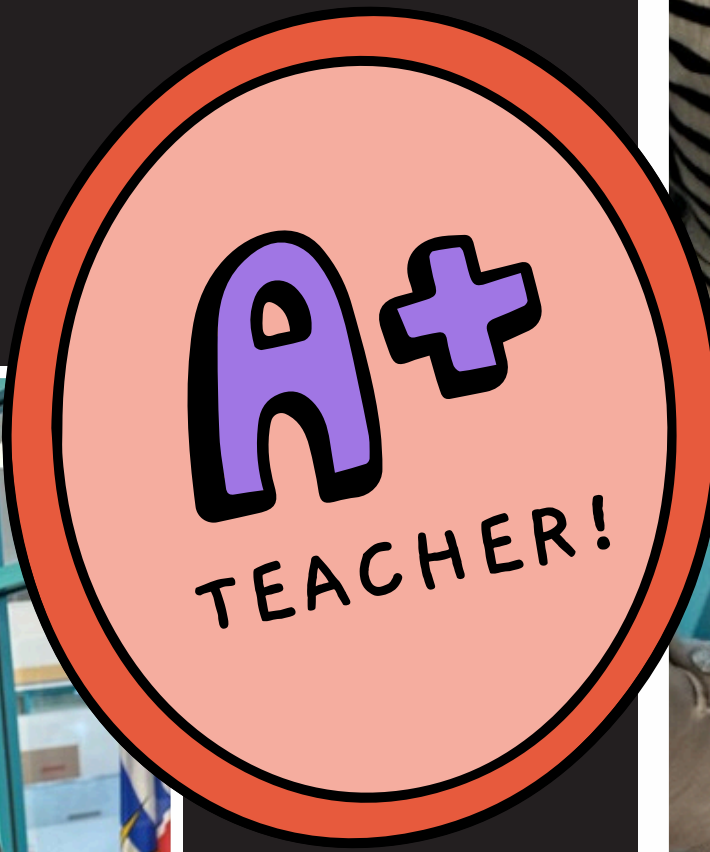
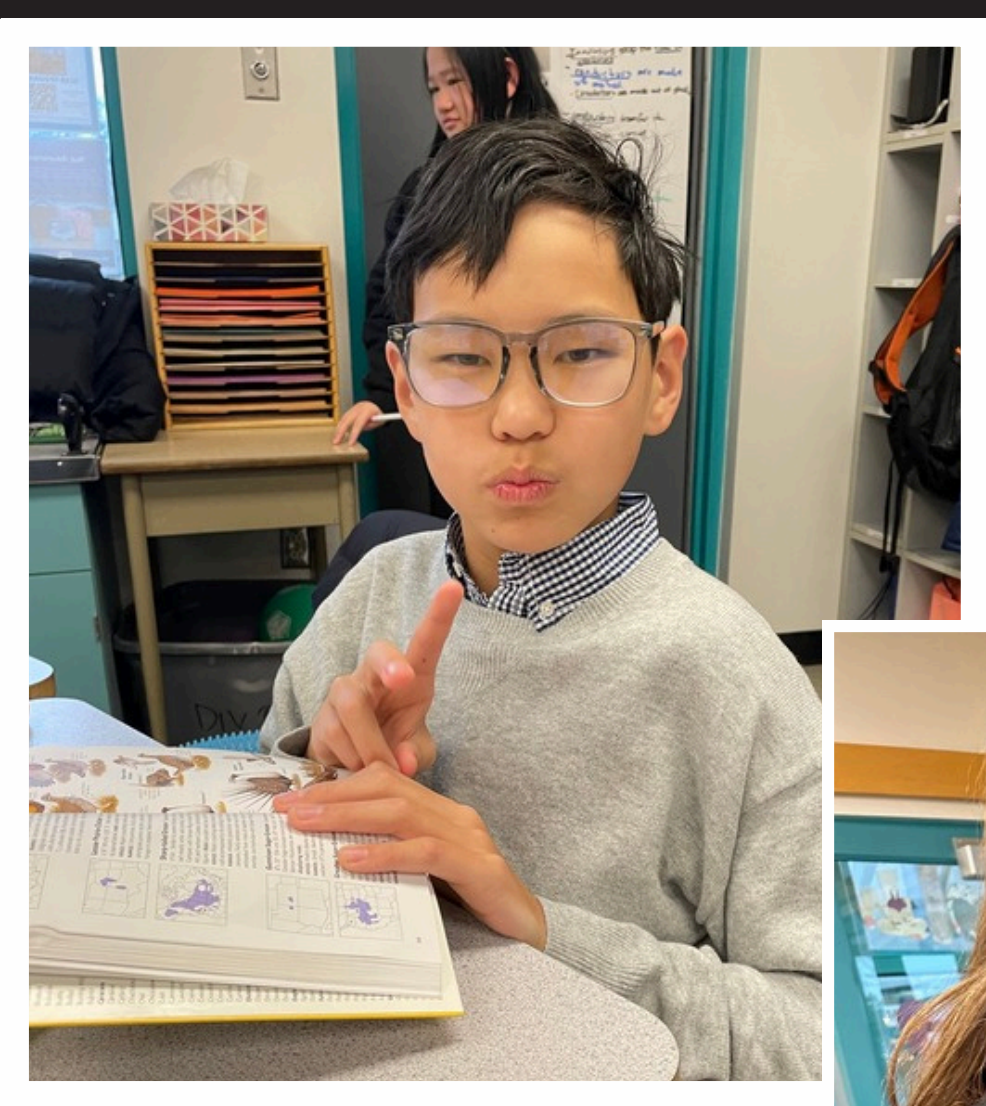
February is Black History Month



Donovan Bailey was born in Jamaica and emigrated to Canada as a teenager. He is one of the country's most highly decorated track athletes and once held the world record for the 100-metre sprint. He won three world championships in either the 100 metres and 4x100-metre relay and two gold medals at the 1996 Olympics.



“Dress Like a Student / Dress Like a Teacher Day”



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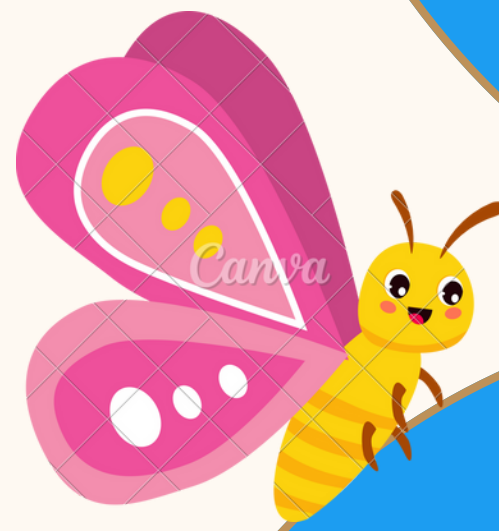
***Important
Dates to
Remember***



FEBRUARY

26TH - PINK SHIRT DAY

28TH ~ START OF
RAMADAN



MARCH

13th & 14th ~ "LORD BYNG'S
GOT TALENT"

14TH - HOT LUNCH

17TH - 28TH - SPRING
BREAK



APRIL

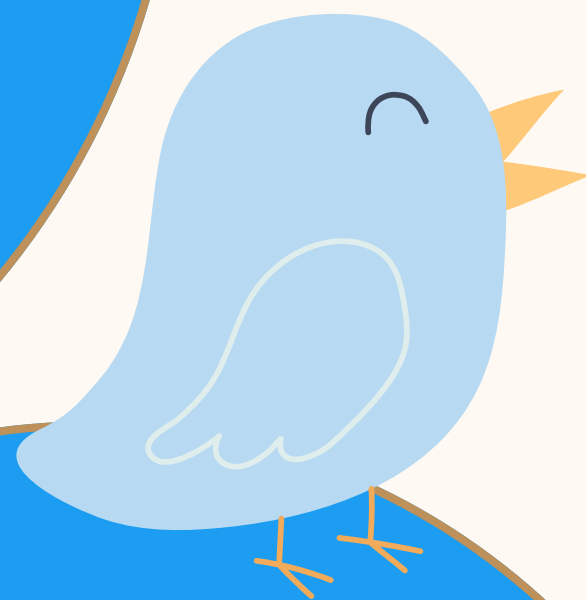


18TH - GOOD FRIDAY

21ST - EASTER MONDAY

25TH - HOT LUNCH

29TH - TERM 2 REPORT CARDS

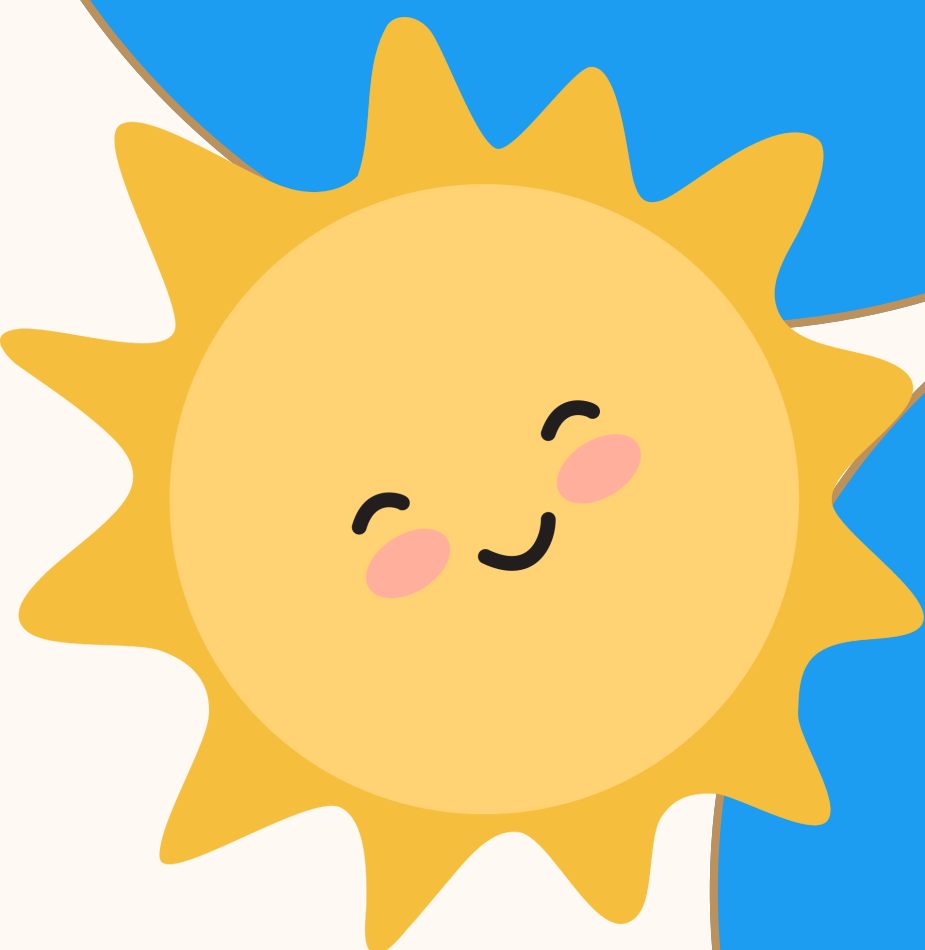


JUNE

13TH - FUN DAY

26TH - GRADE 7
FAREWELL

26TH - LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL



MAY

12TH - HOT LUNCH

16TH - PRO-D DAY

19TH - VICTORIA DAY

- NO SCHOOL



Looking ahead....

February 26th ~ Pink Shirt Day

**February 26th & 27th ~ Early
Dismissal @ 1:45pm**

**February 28th ~ Ramadan
Begins**

**March 14th ~ Hot Lunch ~
A&W**

**March 17th - 28th ~ Spring
Break**