**Simon Fraser Principal Report to PAC February 11, 2020**

I acknowledge that we are learning and working together on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh Coast Salish people.

**Black History month**

February is Black History month. Simon Fraser will be celebrating Black History month by using age appropriate resources and curriculum materials that raise awareness of the achievements and contributions of Black people to Canadian society past and present and which challenge stereotypes and racism. A diverse and inclusive school creates a space for cultural exchange and has a positive impact upon everyone. Students should feel safe to be themselves and to share their cultural background and experiences, which are integral to their identity and success at school. At our assembly I asked students who appears on the $10 note and one student knew- after that I shared a Heritage Minute video about Viola Desmond. I know that a number of classes have been learning about this already.

**Kindness month**

February is also Kindness month at Simon Fraser. Division Five will be leading us all in performing Random Acts of Kindness throughout the month, culminating in the celebration of Pink Shirt Day on Wednesday 26th February. Acknowledging and promoting kindness and gratitude cultivates shared happiness, builds relationships and gives people a sense of connectedness to their classroom, family and community. Division Five shared a video about the science of kindness in our assembly- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9UByLyOjBM>

**Menstrual products**

As you might already be aware, the Ministry of Education has mandated that all students in B.C. will have access to free menstrual products in school washrooms this year – ensuring stigma free access so that students don’t miss school, extracurricular, sports or social activities because they can’t afford menstrual products.

At Simon Fraser we have just had a sanitary towel dispenser installed in the girls washroom and four out of six of the bathroom stalls have a plastic disposal unit attached

**We are looking forward to-**

- More basketball, our teams are enjoying the basketball season and are extremely enthusiastic

- Coordinating our Outdoor Classroom- it’s coming together! We have an April timeline for the first part.