



# Angus McKay School

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## Principal's Report – February 4, 2026

### Upcoming events:

Clubs upcoming in February include: Library Club, MYRCA, Floor Hockey, Olympics at Lunch. We will continue with Polar Bear Recess for those interested in braving the weather – on average about 25-30 students are coming outside. On cold days too, we have provided targeted gym time and Board Game Club as pressure releases.

Smudging has started once a week. Has been nice to see more families participate and the opportunity for the Grade 5 leaders to share their knowledge. Hopefully we see increase in participation with nicer weather.

The curling rink is back up after a two-year absence and is being used. Mr. Caithness shared that this is the 32<sup>nd</sup> rink he has flooded.

Teachers completed two full days of PD last Friday/Monday. Friday's school-based learning focussed on the new Framework for Learning document and the six global competencies/Universal Design modelling. On Monday, all 600 plus RETSD Early Years Teachers, including student services, specialists and administrators participated in a morning of PD around Play Based Learning – and included over 20 experiential stations where teachers shared their practice. We continued that learning and planning into our afternoon and this afternoon at our staff meeting. Plans to make that practice visible are in the works.

Many thanks to the CSA for the \$200 that was used by myself to update the board games in the office/conference room. They are especially useful for students that cannot go outside, provide social skills practice for specific students, and allow for the building of social capital in some circumstances.

Mrs. Parkes returns February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Pruden has had her term extended to March 27<sup>th</sup>.

A third update about school safety was provided.