

We respectfully honour and acknowledge that we live and work on the unceded territory of the Secwepemc peoples.

Principal's Message - Mrs. Edstrom

October 2025

Thank you to our entire school community for contributing to an excellent school start-up. Students are now settled into their classrooms and are hard at work on various projects and activities. Parents please be reminded of the weekly emails sent home each Friday. These emails highlight our upcoming week ahead.

Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the “Amazing Kids” performance in September. This was a great way to begin our year with a great message about the values of having fun, working hard and playing safe. Thank you to everyone for the enthusiasm and participation in our Terry Fox run.

Next week our students and staff will recognize Orange Shirt day. This will be a great day of learning and reflection. All classes will participate in an “I matter because...” theme.

Congratulations to all cross country runners. Thank you to Ms. Unsworth and Ms. Vermey for coaching our team and taking them to the after school running events. Thank you also to our many parents for driving our runners to these events. The final running event will take place on October 8th.

Retake Photos and Class Photos

Our second photo day for individual retakes and class photos is on Wednesday, October 15th. If you would like a retake on this day, please advise your child's classroom teacher. Photo proofs from this week's photo session can be accessed online. Your child will receive a paper with instructions with how to access these proofs.

Classroom Visit Day

We have designated **Monday, November 3rd** for students to showcase learning in their classrooms. This event will happen at the end of the school day. Teachers will advise families of further details for this day, as times for each class will vary slightly. Please note that all SD73 elementary schools will not be scheduling an early dismissal day for parent/teacher interviews this year.

Signing in

A friendly reminder that we require your child to sign in at the office when arriving late. Parents can drop off their children at the front door when they are arriving after the start of the school day. Our daily dismissal time is at 2:35pm. It is expected that parents/caregivers are here at this time for pick-up. We have limited supervision outside before and after the school day.

Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

Please note that use of any equipment with wheels on school grounds are not permitted. If students bring scooters and bikes to school, they need to walk them on school grounds. This rule applies before and after school bell times as well.

Weather

We request that you dress your child for the weather. Our plan is to have all recess and lunch breaks outside unless the weather conditions are very extreme. Students should come to school with appropriate footwear, coats and accessories (mittens, gloves, hats). Be sure to label all outdoor clothing.

Halloween

On Thursday, October 31st students can arrive in costume for a parade which will take place right after announcements. Students are expected to remove masks/headpieces right after the parade and bring clothes to change into afterwards. Please do not bring any costume accessories that resemble weapons and please limit blood/gore. Classroom teachers will advise families of the specific instructions and/or plans they will have for their classrooms. These classroom plans will include any information about shared treats on this day. **We request that students do not wear inflatable costumes.**

Keep Dogs at Home

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. This is a city bylaw and we ask for your attention in following this rule.

Important Dates for October

Sept. 29th Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30th No School National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Oct. 10th Rivers Day

Oct. 13th Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct. 15th Photo Retakes and Class Photos

Oct. 15th PAC Meeting 6pm

Oct. 17th PAC Panago Lunch

Oct. 17th Come Read with Me 8:45am (for Grade 1 Parents)

Oct. 24th Professional Day (no school)

Reporting Plan

Students will receive three written reports this year. Reports will be sent home on December 12th, March 11th and June 25th. In addition to the three formal reports, classroom teachers will provide two informal reports. Informal reports can include classroom student led conferences, interim written reports, one to one conversations. Each teacher will inform you of their plans for the informal points of contact. Our staff has reserved

Monday, Nov. 3rd (afternoon) for student led classroom visits. We will also host a STEM Showcase on the afternoon of Monday, April 20th.

Save the Date

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 18th. There will be two daytime performances on this day (9am and 1:30pm). ***We will not be having an evening performance this year.***

Volleyball

Volleyball season begins October 21st through to December 4th. We have started preseason practices at lunch. Over the next few weeks, teams will be formulated and schedules will be shared. Boys teams play on Tuesdays, coed on Wednesdays and girls on Thursdays.

Breakfast

This year we will once again be offering pancake breakfast days on the following dates: October 21st, Nov. 13th and 25th, Dec. 10th, Jan. 13th and 28th, Feb. 18th, March 12th, April 14th and 29th, May 12th and 26th and June 17th. If you require a gluten free option please advise your child's teacher.

Rivers Day

We are looking forward to our upcoming Rivers Day on Oct. 10th 2025. We are desperately seeking 5 or 6 parents to help us with setup on this morning (8-8:30am). Setting up tables, chairs and various items on the riverbank is what the job will entail. Please email Mrs. Edstrom if you can help kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca

Robothink

We are thrilled to have Robothink on site later in October. Classes will partake in hands-on robotics sessions.

Sports

There are lots of sports opportunities here at BEST - Cross Country, Skipping, Volleyball, Basketball and Track & Field! We love supporting the development of athletes and physical literacy skills of our students. There are a few things parents need to know about students participating in school Sports:

- All athletes are required to complete a Student Contract
- Jerseys are loaned to athletes and are only to be worn during the event they are participating in. If jerseys are not returned, a fee will be sent to the athlete
- Any parents wanting to help with driving must complete a Criminal Record Check (found on our website) and a Driver's Abstract Form (found at the office)
- All athletes are required to check in with their coach in the gym prior to leaving for an event and must also check out with their coach before leaving the event

Thank you to all our teacher/parent coaches & drivers! Without this support, we could not run our programs! Go Stingers!



Growing Mindfully

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INFORMATION FOR ELL &
NEWCOMER FAMILIES
VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

Please join us as we share information with parents about schools in Kamloops. Presenters will include SD73 staff and SWIS workers. Topics of discussion will be:

- ✓ School expectations
- ✓ Learning Updates
- ✓ Communication with your school
- ✓ Answering your questions

**Please register in advance.
A zoom link will be provided
upon registration.**

For more information email :

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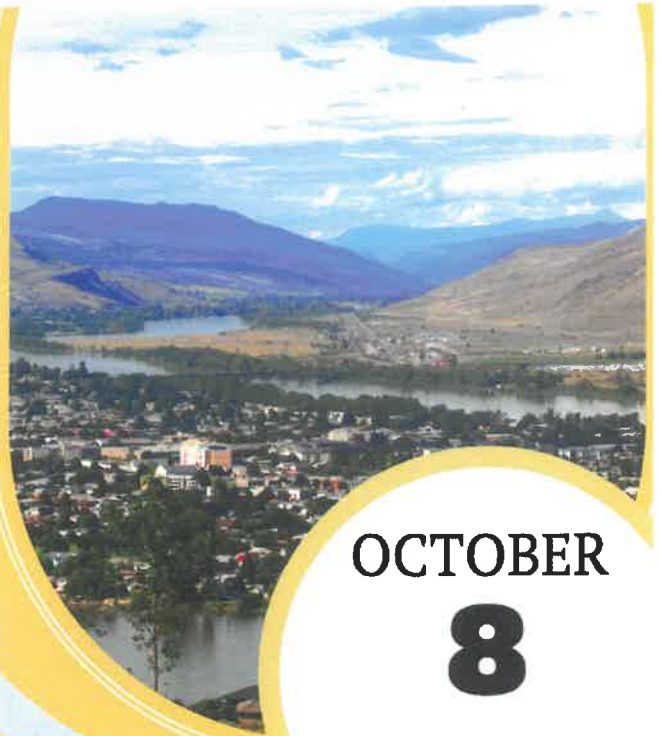
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