



SNÍNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Sníne Families,

September is now behind us and it's hard to believe that October is just around the corner. It is still amazing to see the sun shining and providing us with a few beautiful fall days for our students to get outside. Students have been settling nicely into their classrooms and are learning the grade level structures and routines. Parents should have heard from their child(ren)'s teacher in terms of what expectations are in each classroom.

This week, our school community will take part in various activities as a way to honour residential school survivors and those children who did not make it home. Our school community planned various cultural and learning activities about the Orange Shirt Day story and to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. It is our hope that students have a little more understanding about this very important day and that they were able to share some of the activities that they took part in with their families. As a school, we are committed to Truth and Reconciliation not just today, but every day.

Ms. Rosie Caputo, Principal

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated for the Terry Fox Run. We have a very generous community; it was great to see everyone working hard towards Terry's goal.

LUNCH SUPERVISORS

If there are any parent who would like to offer their services as lunch time supervisors, please reply to this email indicating the days you are available. Please note this is a full year commitment and you must have an active criminal record check at our school. Thanks in advance.

VANDALISM

There have been several destructive students on school property after hours including weekends. Our school and grounds are brand new, and it is up to all of us to ensure we keep it looking as beautiful as the day we opened. If you see young people are vandalising school property by riding electric scooters where they should not be, you are encouraged to report it to the RCMP Non-Emergency number. Anyone under 16 is prohibited from riding an electric scooter and vandalism is also an offence. This can be reported to the non-emergency number or online at <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/kamloops/en>.

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Just a reminder that in accordance with City of Kamloops Bylaw 34-26, dogs are not allowed on school property. While I love my 4-legged furry pet, not everyone feels as comfortable as others are around dogs. Please respect everyone by ensuring you adhere to this. Please also mention this to family members/daycare providers who may be dropping off or picking up your children, so they are aware. If you are bringing a dog for any reason, please be sure to wait outside of the school gates at the corner of Copperhead Road.

DOOR DASH/UBER EATS ETC.

Please feel free to drop lunch off for your child at any time. However, due to the busy state of the office, we really do not have time to manage any food delivery services and would greatly appreciate if you did not do this. This is a great home opportunity to teach students to build a healthy lunch for themselves (with some assistance) and create independence.

VOLLEYBALL

This year, our school will be participating in the SD73 Volleyball season if there is enough student interest. Boys and girls in Grades 5, 6, and 7 are welcome to join. Initial meetings are taking place this week.

VERIFICATION FORMS

These will be coming out this week. These are very important, so the office has up-to-date contact information for each family. If you have not yet done so, please return your child's verification form to the office or to the classroom teacher by Friday, October 9.

IN/OUT PROCEDURES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

When students arrive at school late, the expectation is that they report to school office and check in. They will sign in and get a WELCOME slip. Once they have checked in with the office, they will proceed to check in with their classroom teacher.

When students are being picked up early for appointments, parents/guardians are asked to come to the front office, sign them out, and the office will call the classroom and have the student(s) sent down to the front office. If you would like to call ahead when en route, we will try our best to have them waiting down at the office. It is imperative that we know exactly who is in the school, at all times, in case of any emergency or other pertinent situations that may arise. We appreciate your help with this.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Please do not forget to call in your child's absence and/or late arrival each day that they are absent from school. The absence reporting telephone number is 1-844-350-2647 and if you have not done so, you may create an account at the following website: go.schoolmessenger.ca.

As well, please do not ignore the Safe Arrival calls. This occurs for the safety of your children. When calls are ignored, this makes a great deal more work for office staff and takes a great deal of time.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENTS

Every year, Grades 4 and 7 students around the province participate in the Ministry of Education Foundation Skills Assessment. This assessment considers the areas of reading, writing, and numeracy, and will take place September 28 through to November 6 this year. Caregivers of children in Grade 4 and Grade 7 should have received a letter home by email. If you do not receive one, please contact the school office.

INDOOR SHOES

Please ensure your child has non-marking indoor runners for PE classes.

PAC UPDATE

An email was sent out this past Friday indicating the first meeting of the Sníne PAC. This meeting will be held on Monday, October 5@ 6:30pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents have the option to participate in the SD73 school supply program or purchase their own if they desire. Please note that fees and supplies were due to the school by October 5 and have been posted to School Cash Online.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING

By October 15, your child's teacher will send home an overview of key learning concepts that your child will be engaged in over the upcoming months. In addition to the learning outcomes, teachers will also share information as to how your child will be assessed when they design learning activities.

In addition to academics, we work hard to explicitly teach and practice in key areas regarding Social Emotional Learning (SEL). We encourage children to use their **WITS** strategies including **walk away, ignore, talk it through and seek help** when in conflict with others.

SCENT SENSITIVE SCHOOL

Sníne Elementary is a scent sensitive school. This means we discourage the use of scents and fragrances because many staff and students have allergy related scents. Please try to use neutral hair products, deodorants, and other personal hygiene products.

WATER BOTTLES

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day. They can use the automatic water dispenser to refill their bottles.

MyEdBC MESSAGES

One of the platforms that SD73 uses to send out email and other messages to parents is MyEdBC. Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that Hotmail email accounts filter out any MyEdBC messages. We would ask that if you have a Hotmail account that you currently use for school and district messaging, that you provide the school with an alternate email address to not miss out on any important messages. We have been informed that Gmail accounts work fine with this platform.

BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL CARE (BASC) ROOM

BCG Kamloops/Wilams Lake will be opening be operating our BASC Room. While I have not been made aware of the opening date, if you are interested in learning more about a space, please contact Megan Campbell at m.campbell@bgckwl.com.

BUSSING

Please contact the bus garage for any bussing concerns or to register. You can find pertinent information at <https://www.sd73.bc.ca/register-for-busing>. There will be supervision at the school for those students that will arrive early or need to stay late due to bussing.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

Criminal record checks (CRC) are necessary for all parents who wish to participate in field trips, as volunteers, and school related supervision. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOUR CHILD IS GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO APPLY.

As per Administrative Policy 490 VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOLS:

3. Principals will require a criminal record check for potential volunteers in any situation or circumstance where the principal deems such checks to be appropriate. Such checks may include the following situations:

3.1 Where volunteers are alone with children without the near company of other adults; and

3.2 Where there is minimal direct supervision by staff members

And as per Administrative Policy 260 FIELD TRIPS

6. Requirement for Field Trip Supervisors

6.5 The Principal will ensure that all volunteers and chaperones provide a current criminal record check. This applies to all non-District employees. A criminal record check within the previous three years may be deemed current.

All volunteers, coaches, chaperones, and supervisors at school events must apply for a CRC. The process has been revised and must be completed via an online portal.

If you wish to complete the online application, the access code provided below is unique to our organization. This code will be required when submitting an online request:

Screening Application Portal <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>
Access Code: FL93K9SQZS

Parents whose Criminal Record Checks are expiring this year will receive an email to complete this process once again. Please complete this as soon as possible to avoid any let downs of not being able to help in school activities.

If you applied during the previous few months and need to have your identification verified, please do so as soon as possible as your application is not completed until this step is done.

CALENDAR EVENTS

September

- 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (School Closed)

October

- 09 Field Trip to Salmon Run
- 12 Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
- 15 Shake Out BC Earthquake Drill
- 22 Photo Retakes
- 23 Non-Instructional Day (School Closed)
- 31 Halloween

November

- 08 Indigenous Veterans Day
- 11 Remembrance Day (School Closed)
- 16 Louis Riel Day
- 30 Non-Instructional Day

December

- 10/11 Christmas Concert
- 19 Start of Winter Break

January

- 04 First Day back after winter break



HELLO AUTUMN!