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Remembrance Day

This year our Remembrance Day Observation will be held on Monday, November 10th, 2025. This is a solemn remembrance of those who fought to preserve peace for Canada as well as to remember those still serving in our armed forces. Poppies will be given to all students on to wear in their classrooms. Please remember to support our Veterans by sending a small cash donation (if you can) for the poppies that day.



Winter Clothing

As the cooler weather approaches, please ensure that your child is dressed warmly before sending them to school. It is time for winter coats, mitts, hats and warm footwear. Students need to be dressed properly for the elements. Unless weather conditions are extreme, students will continue to enjoy their recess and lunch breaks outside.



Criminal Records Check & Volunteer Driving Forms

All parents / caregivers who would like to help in their child's classroom or accompany the class on any fieldtrips, **must** have a current criminal records check on file at the school office. There will be no cost for parents/caregivers to obtain a criminal records check for use within SD#73 schools. All criminal record checks must be completed online, the local RCMP detachments are no longer accepting paper requests from any of the schools in SD#73. To start the process of obtaining a criminal record check, click here:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>

ACCESS CODE: ZJ7RJWUXV6

Similarly, all parents / caregivers who will be transporting students (other than your own child) to/from fieldtrips or sporting events, must have a current Volunteer Driving Form on file at the office. These forms can be picked up at the office and can be filled out quickly! **We will need to verify the expiry date on your insurance and driver's license.**

INSIDE SHOES

Friendly reminder: all students need to have a pair of inside shoes to wear inside the school during the school day. These are shoes that are not to be worn outside and should have non-marking soles so that they can also be worn in the gym for PE class.





BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!

Basketball season starts after the winter break and we are looking for a few Parent/Caregiver volunteers to help with both the boys and girls' teams, Grades 4-7. Commitment would be one practice day per week and one game day per week. Please note for grade 4/5's this may be for a practice team only. If you are interested in coaching one of the teams or if you'd like more information, please email Mr. Marchese: rmarchese@sd73.bc.ca

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross Country season is now complete. [Congratulations](#) to the 44 participants from Grade 3-7 who worked hard and represented our school well. Thanks to all the parents who helped drive and supervise the athletes during the very busy events. Thanks also to Fern and Sandra who helped at practices and kept our stats during races. Finally, thanks to Ms. Morris who kept parents updated and made sure things ran smoothly behind the scenes. Coach Bentz and Kuroyama look forward to seeing many returning athletes next year:

Scarlet	DIV 006
Beck	DIV 007
Caden	DIV 007
Cyprus	DIV 007
Damian	DIV 007
Daxton	DIV 007
Grayson	DIV 007
Harper	DIV 007
Jet	DIV 007
Maddie	DIV 007
Mick	DIV 007
Nathan	DIV 007
Shivraj	DIV 007
Ashton	DIV 008
Brooklynn	DIV 008
Rhys	DIV 008

Ella	DIV 009
Ember	DIV 009
Luke	DIV 009
Paisley	DIV 009
Ryleigh	DIV 009
Travis	DIV 009
Weston	DIV 009
Isla	DIV 010
Jake	DIV 010
Lincoln	DIV 010
Max	DIV 010
Olivia	DIV 010
Scarlette	DIV 010
Susan	DIV 010
Violet	DIV 010
Derek	DIV 011
Ivy	DIV 011
Sandra	DIV 011
Tommy	DIV 011

Barry	DIV 012
Delilah	DIV 012
Paisleigh	DIV 013
Alex	DIV 014
Alice	DIV 014
Henley	DIV 014
Jon	DIV 014
Marvelous	DIV 014
Spencer	DIV 014



🎵 WINTER CONCERT – SAVE THE DATE! 🎵

December 10th & 11th @ 1:30pm

Our much-anticipated **Winter Concert** is coming up!

To help us manage seating and ensure everyone can enjoy the performances comfortably, please attend on the following dates based on your family's last name:

- **A–L:** Tuesday, December 10th
- **M–Z:** Wednesday, December 11th

Both concerts will feature the **same performance**, so no one will miss out!

We kindly ask families to attend on their assigned date to help us stay within the gym's occupancy limits.

We look forward to celebrating the season with you! 🌟



**STICKER SALE
IN THE LIBRARY**

COST:
3 STICKERS FOR \$1
MAX SPEND: 6 STICKERS PER STUDENT

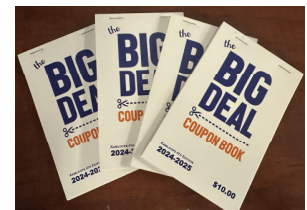
PRIMARY CLASSES:
WEEK OF NOV 27TH - 21ST

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES:
WEEK OF NOV 24TH - 28TH

**STICKER SALE WILL
BE OPEN DURING
RECESS TIME ONLY**

The poster is decorated with various colorful stickers including a heart, a smiley face, a rainbow, a star, a panda, a frog, a baseball, a book, a pencil, a giraffe, and a sun.

PAC COUPON BOOKS - \$10 each



We have a few more coupon books up for grabs. These would make a great stocking stuffer or hostess gift!

The coupon books are \$10 each and can be picked up from the office.



DT SCHOOL CLOTHING – DEADLINE EXTENDED!

We are excited to announce that Hansport is now offering David Thompson Spiritwear that you can order online using the following link:



<https://dtspiritwearfall25.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

All orders **MUST** be done online as the school will not be collecting money/orders.



The order deadline is: Friday, NOVEMBER 7TH at midnight.

Delivery date TBD. Please see online store for additional details. Your order can be held at the office if it is a Christmas gift. Please email Ms. Morris to hold your order.

Our Indigenous Education Worker, Mrs. McCleaf has been working in classrooms to teach students to dry fruit, make fruit leather and one class had a very special experience of drying salmon.

For Indigenous communities, food preservation is far more than a practical skill – it's a sacred tradition rooted in culture, connection, and survival. Preserving food honors seasonal cycles and ancestral knowledge, allowing communities to store nourishment for times of scarcity while maintaining a deep relationship with the land.

DRYING SALMON WITH MRS. MCCLCAF



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING CEAS:

Mrs. Siguenza, Mrs. Hwang, and Mrs. Sudhoff—for leading our *Little Learning Legends* program with such care and dedication. They're making a big difference by helping some of our youngest Tigers build important new skills.

A big shout-out to **Mrs. Podovennikoff, Mrs. Siguenza, Mrs. Quiring** and **Mrs. Sudhoff** for leading our Community Learning group! Each week, students dive into hands-on experiences like grocery shopping, baking and recycling — building life skills, confidence, and a love for learning beyond the classroom. Thank you for bringing real-world learning to our Tigers!

When **Mrs. Ony** isn't busy keeping our students safe and healthy as our First Aid attendant, she is dedicated to helping our students improve their reading ability! She works with small groups every day to help our little learners grow their reading skills!

Mrs. McGuire is a master at helping our Intermediate students organize their materials and desks so they are set up for success. This is an important school and life skill! From there **Mrs. McGuire** and **Mrs. Quiring** support our Intermediate students to learn and complete their work!

Ms. Strain re-joined our team recently. Her calm, kind, gentle approach has children seeking her out for support all over the school.

We're so grateful for their support and the positive impact they bring to our school community!



PAC NEWS

◆ Next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 5th at 6:30pm** in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend, and childcare will be available 😊

◆ **Growing Smiles Poinsettia Fundraiser**

All orders are due Nov 10th, and plants will be ready for pick-up on November 25th between 2:30pm-4pm. Orders can be placed online. Here is the link to order: <https://davidthompsolementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Please feel free to share with your family and friends.

◆ **Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser**

More information will be sent home soon! Orders must be completed online.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THE DT PAC!



DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PRESENTS

A Holly Jolly CRAFT FAIR

November 22nd, 2025 ★ 10am – 3pm
1051 Pine Springs Road

LOCAL ARTISANS | SPECIALTY GOODS

BAKESALE | RAFFLE PRIZES

PROFESSIONAL HOLIDAY PHOTO'S



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NOVEMBER 2025

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
						01
 02	03 Art Card Orders Due	04 Pizza Lunch Day Art Starts Performance	05 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm – Library	06	07 Spirit Wear – DT Clothing Orders Due	08
09 Poinsettia Orders Due	10	11  Remembrance Day	12 Pasta Lunch Day	13	14	15
16 <u>Robothink Sessions</u> → Nov 17-21	17	18 Senor Froggy Lunch Day	19	20	21	22 Holly Jolly Craft Fair / Market 10am-3pm
23	24	25 Hot Dog Lunch Day Poinsettia Pick-up after school	26 Purdy's Orders Due	27	28	29
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