PACIFIC WAY ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Note:

Well… we had an early taste of winter last week with a bit of snow and cooler weather. Please help to ensure your child is dressed for the weather as they spend time outdoors each day - at recess, lunch, and during outdoor learning times. I encourage your child to have a change of clothes for wet or muddy encounters to avoid discomfort in class.

We had a lot of Halloween excitement last week. Thank you to Mrs. Wiwchar's class, who spent a great deal of time designing their *Shipwreck* themed haunted house for our students to enjoy. Thanks to student donations, we were able to donate boxes and boxes of food and monetary donations to the Kamloops Food Bank. The afternoon was followed up with a fun and lively costume parade in the gym.







Friday's Halloween dance was a ton of fun! From the bbq'ed hot dogs and concession, the photo booth, the contests, and the wonderful DJ, it was a night to remember! Thank you to the Halloween Dance Committee and all of the volunteers who made it a night to remember.

Teachers have been working last week and this coming week to share their students' progress of learning with parents in the form of an interim report. Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's progress in school.

Volleyball season is well underway. We have the following teams:

- Tier 1 Competitive Girls with Mrs. Wiwchar and Mr. Sandhu
- Tier 1 Recreational Girls with Sara Tommasini and Paige Reilkoff, with Mrs. Bluhm as the staff sponsor
- Tier 1 Competitive Boys with Mrs. Naylor
- Tier 1 Recreational Boys with Mrs. Sewell
- Tier 3 Girls with Mrs. Littlejohn
- Tier 3 Co-Ed with Mrs. Meints

I am grateful to our teacher and parents for volunteering their time to allow our students to have such wonderful school experiences.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katrina Sewell



To honour the individuals who fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today, we will be hosting our Remembrance Day Assembly on **November 10th at 11:00am** in the gym. Students who participate in Sparks, Embers, Guides, Pathfinders, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or Cadets are invited to wear their uniforms to school that day.

Thanks to The Legion, poppies will be available for all students to wear during the assembly. If you are able, please send a donation to the office.

Pacific Way Spirit Wear Orders:

Spirit Wear is now available to order. This year, Pacific Way celebrates its 25th Anniversary, with the school opening in 2001. You will notice a few additional special edition items for purchase.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go online to https://pacwayfall26.itemorder.com/
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card Online Store

Ordering Deadline: **Wed. November 11 @ 11:59pm**



Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is once again overflowing. Please take a look through items while you are at school.



Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Corner:

🍫 **Fundraising Fun Is Coming!**

- Keep your eyes open for our upcoming Purdy's Chocolate and Poinsettia fundraisers!

🍎 **Hot Lunch Coordinator Needed!**

- We're looking for a parent volunteer to take over our hot lunch program for the 2027/2028 school year. The role would officially begin in June, but some training before is ideal for a smooth transition. Interested in learning more? Email pacwaypac@gmail.com.

📅 **Next PAC Meeting:**

- Join us **Tuesday, November 24th at 3:00 PM** in the Pacific Way Elementary Library. Everyone is welcome!

We respectfully acknowledge that Pacific Way Elementary School is located on the unceded territory of the Secwépemc Nation, specifically the Territory of the Tk'émlups te Secwépemc



Don't Forget…

Picture retake day is on November 3rd

ROUNDABOUT / PARKING



Pick up and drop off continues to be a busy time at Pacific Way. Thank you to the many drivers who have worked to keep our round about moving at a reasonable pace.

As a reminder, please remember that the roundabout is designed for student drop off and pickup, while you remain in your vehicle.

If you need to leave your vehicle, please park in the upper parking lot or along the street, being mindful of keeping crosswalks clear to ensure the greatest student visibility. Remember that parking along the lane of the parking lot is not permitted.





We have families at our school who require the accessible spots, which allows them to access the school with fewer obstacles.

It's important to use these spaces only when you (or your child) is leaving and/or returning to the vehicle. Drivers with an Accessible Parking Pass waiting in their parked vehicle for an able student should not be taking an accessible spot.

I appreciate you sharing this message with grandparents and other caregivers who pick up and drop off your child(ren).



Winter Concerts - Save the Dates

We are working through the logistics of this year's Winter Concerts, but we have our 2 dates narrowed down to December 9th and 10th. More details to follow.

Thinking of Volunteering?



Don't forget to complete your Criminal Record Check before helping out on field trips or at the school. **Access Code**: X9NKF6656X

Online Link:
https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck

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Pacific Way Elementary
12 Days of Giving Food Bank Fundraiser

Starting and running from **Friday, November 19th** until **Monday, December 4th**, Mrs. Kopper's Grade 6/7 class will be collecting donations for the Food Bank in our 1st Annual **12 Days of Giving** fundraising event. We are hoping to collect over 500 cans for the local food bank. For a little friendly competition, the class (1 primary and 1 intermediate class) with the most donations will win a **CLASS PIZZA PARTY** in January**.** Each day has a specific, top needed item suggestion, but please feel free to bring items as you can, if you can, and on days that work for you. We thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to giving back to our community!

12 Days of Giving - Schedule (Nov 19- Dec 4)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			November 19 Day 1: Soup & Stews	November 20 Day 2 Canned Fruit & Vegetable
November 23 Day 3: Pasta & Pasta Sauce	November 24 Day 4: Health & Hygiene Examples: ○ Toothpaste ○ Tooth brushes ○ Floss	November 25 Day 5: Jam & Peanut Butter	November 26 Day 6: Canned Meat & Proteins	November 27 Day 7: Christmas Dinner Fixings Examples: ○ Stuffing ○ Instant potatoes ○ Gravy mix
November 30 PRO-D (bring Tuesday) Day 8: Basics for Babies Examples: ○ Diapers/Wipes ○ Formula ○ Baby food	December 1 Day 8 and Day 9: Crackers, Cereal & Grains	December 2 Day 10: School Lunch Snacks Examples: ○ Granola bars ○ Apple sauce ○ Fishy Crackers	December 3 Day 11: Special Drinks Examples ○ Coffee ○ Tea ○ Hot chocolate ○ Juice	December 4 Day 12 Coin Drive Day Bring in your coins, to go towards a monetary donation

Come Read With Me:

Thank you to Mrs. Greenwood who has been working with Erica Hopkinson to get the One-to-One Reading Program started at our school. Volunteers are preparing to start reading with primary students in November.

ONE TO ONE
A Children's Literacy Program

Dates To Remember

November 3	Photo Re-Takes
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @ 11:00am
November 11	Remembrance Day - No school
November 11	Spirit Wear Order Deadline - 11:59pm
November 12	Bake Sale
November 24	PAC Meeting at 3:00pm
November 26	Art Starts Performance #1
November 30	Non-Instructional Day - No school
December 9 / 10	Christmas Concerts
December 11	Learning Updates Posted on Portal
Dec. 19 - Jan. 3	Winter Break

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