



# DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY

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Newsletter #2 ~ October 1, 2025

## THANKSGIVING Day

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – No School

## Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

There is no school for students ☺

Photo Re-Take Day  
& Class Photos  
**Oct 2nd**



### David Thompson Elementary

#### School Supplies 2025/26

Due Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Each year David Thompson provides school supplies to students for a 'user fee'. The school will supply all pens, pencils, markers, art paper, notebooks, photocopied booklets, etc for the school year, as the student needs them. We encourage parents/caregivers to use this program as it is economical and provides consistency of materials throughout the classroom. Grades 1-7 are required to use an agenda book. Kindergarten students will use a modified version; an agenda folder that the Kindergarten teachers will provide to the students. Performing Arts: all students will attend a series of music/plays/concerts throughout the year as well as professional 'Art Starts' performances.

#### NEW THIS YEAR!!! NEW INFO FOR ALL ITEMS PAID FOR THROUGH SCHOOLCASH

Starting September 2025 individual student fees (enhancement fees for field trips and athletics for example) **will include a processing fee for all payment transactions using online payment options.** This processing fee, which was approved by the Board after the budget consultation process last spring, represents actual costs the Board incurs for using online fee payment services. Cash and cheque payments will not incur this processing fee. We recognize that fee increases can be challenging for families. School District 73 is committed to ensuring that no student is excluded from an educational program or activity or extracurricular activity because of financial need as outlined in the District's Administrative Procedure 506: Student Financial Assistance.  
<https://sd73.schoolcashonline.com/>

#### SCHOOL SUPPLY COSTS WHEN PAID ONLINE VIA SCHOOLCASH

Grade	School Supplies	Performing Arts	Agenda	Total
Kindergarten	\$36.75	\$16.00	\$2.25	\$55.00
Primary Supplies – Grades 1-3	\$36.75	\$16.00	\$9.75	\$62.50
Intermediate Supplies - Grades 4 – 7	\$55.50	\$16.00	\$9.75	\$81.25

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE A DEBIT / CREDIT CARD MACHINE AT THE SCHOOL AND WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ETRANSFERS\*\***



#### David Thompson Elementary 2025-26 School Supplies



#### SCHOOL SUPPLY COSTS WHEN PAID WITH CASH OR CHQ (PAYABLE TO DTE)

Grade	School Supplies	Performing Arts	Agenda	Total
Kindergarten	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$2.00	\$52.00
Primary Supplies – Grades 1-3	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$59.00
Intermediate Supplies - Grades 4 – 7	\$53.00	\$15.00	\$9.00	\$77.00

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHEQUE # \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Required: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF YOU ARE PAYING WITH CASH / CHQ.**

School supply fees are due Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. We have some options to help support families who may be experiencing financial hardship. Please contact the Principal, Dyan Gunnlaugson, to discuss payment options.

## RECESS & LUNCH BREAKS OUTSIDE – DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!

With the cool fall weather approaching, please ensure your children are dressed in appropriate attire for the conditions. Younger students should have an extra change of clothes on hand. Students will be expected to go outside for recess and lunch breaks. Exceptions will be made during inclement weather.



## Halloween Costumes

On Friday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> students will be able to wear their costumes at school. Please read carefully through the following:

- No full-face covering costume masks or weapons of any kind.
- Students must be able to change into and out of their costume on their own.
- The school cannot be responsible for any damaged/lost costumes or accessories. Therefore, please use your discretion on what costume your child will be wearing at school and what pieces/parts of their costume they will be bringing with them.
- Please reach out to your child's teacher before sending any treats for your child's class.



## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Cross Country season is going well and we have 42 athletes participating. They have completed 2 events and have one more in October. Thanks to the parents who have helped drive and keep runners on their best behaviour while they wait for their scheduled race time.



## PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

There will not be an early dismissal day this year to accommodate Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during the week of Oct 27 - 31<sup>st</sup>. This might be a class wide open house, not a one-on-one conference.

More information will be sent home soon, prior to the week of Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **DT SCHOOL CLOTHING – ON SALE STARTING **OCT 2nd!!****

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, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

# SAVE THE DATE!

# DT's Winter Concert 2025

\* A-L \* Dec 10th @ 1:30pm  
(last names)

\* M-Z \* Dec 11th @ 1:30pm  
(last names)

## HOT LUNCH DATES - OCT 2025 – JAN 2026

### OCTOBER

7th Senor Froggy  
14th Pizza  
21st Subway  
28th Edo Japan

### NOVEMBER

4th Pizza  
12th Pasta  
18th Senor Froggy  
25th Hot Dog Day

### DECEMBER

2nd Whitespot  
9th Edo Japan  
16th Hot Dog Day

### JANUARY

6th Pizza  
13th Senor Froggy  
20th Edo Japan  
27th Whitespot

## Kamloops Pride Event

Ms. Steffenson is looking for volunteers for the Haunted Homecoming on October 18th at Kelson Hall (in the theatre), The event runs from 6-10 PM, with a "Peek-a-boo" event for kids under 12 from 6-7 PM. Please send Ms. Steffenson an email if you are able to help with this event:

[msteffenson@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:msteffenson@sd73.bc.ca)



hey, boo!

Haunted Homecoming  
October 18, 2025

# COMMUNITY NEWS

A colorful poster for the Raising Rainbow Play Group and Parent Support Circle. The background is purple with white stars and clouds. In the center is a cute, pink unicorn with a rainbow mane and a rainbow body. The unicorn is sitting on a rainbow. There are two shooting stars on either side of the unicorn. Below the unicorn, the text reads: "JOIN KAMLOOPS PRIDE TO CELEBRATE", "Raising Rainbow", "Play Group and Parent Support Circle", "A SAFE-SPACE FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 12 WHO IDENTIFY AS GENDER-DIVERSE, TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY, OR GENDER EXPANSIVE", and "REGISTER: YOUTHOUTREACH@KAMLOOPSPRIDE.COM". At the bottom left is the Kamloops Pride logo, which consists of a rainbow flag and the text "KAMLOOPS PRIDE".

JOIN KAMLOOPS PRIDE TO CELEBRATE

## Raising Rainbow

Play Group and Parent Support Circle

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# PAC NEWS

☆The next PAC meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm**.

☆ **Davison Orchards** - Fundraiser – Apple pick-up on **October 10<sup>th</sup>**.

☆ **Coupon Book** Fundraiser – ongoing until the end of NOV 2025

☆ **Mitchells Soup** Fundraiser – Orders due **October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

☆ **Growing Smiles Poinsettia** Fundraiser – a paper copy of the products we are selling will be sent home soon! DT's fundraising site is up and running, here is the link: <https://davidthompsolementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

**Orders due: Nov 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Plant Pick-up: Nov 25<sup>th</sup>**

## ☆**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS**☆

☆ **ART CARDS BY KIDS** - Students will be creating some wonderful works of art! Parents/Caregivers will be able to purchase cards, plaques, puzzles and ornaments of their child's artwork. More info coming soon!

☆ **Purdy's Chocolate** Holiday fundraiser order forms will be sent home with students at the end of October.

**This month's PAC meeting is the AGM and the following positions are up for election:**

### **PAC Vice Chair:**

This position supports the Chair, attends and assists at meetings, and assumes Chair responsibilities runs when the Chair is not available.

### **PAC Secretary:**


This position is responsible for accurate record keeping, including taking notes at PAC meetings, and then filing and distributing them appropriately.

### **DPAC Representative:**

DPAC stands for District Parent Advisory Committee. The DPAC representative is responsible to attend DPAC meetings and report back to their school PAC with updates. This position carries voting rights at the District PAC level.

**If anyone would like a copy of David Thompson Elementary's PAC constitution and bylaws please get in touch with [Sallyleona@gmail.com](mailto:Sallyleona@gmail.com).**

**A BIG THANK YOU to Braddik Roofing for your generous donation. Because of your support, our school is now able to replace our very old high jump mat —**

**Which has been in use for at least 30 YEARS!**  
  
**Braddik**  
Roofing and Sheet Metal LTD

**A BIG THANK YOU also goes out to several parents (who wish to remain anonymous) for their monetary donations made to our school to help provide snacks to students and field trip costs.**



David Thompson's PAC INVITES ALL  
DT FAMILIES TO THE:



# HALLOWEEN Dance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER **23rd**  
5:00pm - 7:00pm

**PIZZA FOR SALE BY THE SLICE - CASH ONLY!**  
Pre-ordering NOT required. Pizza will be sold on a  
first come, first sold basis.

Costumes are encouraged to be worn - please leave any  
weapons or delicate accessories at home...save those  
for the big day on the 31st!

All students must be accompanied by a parent /  
caregiver, this is NOT a drop and go event.

PRIVATO  
VINEYARD WINERY

# PUMPKIN PATCH 2025

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Pumpkins galore
- Wine & hot cider
- Kids' carving fun
- Perfect fall photo ops

Buy a Family Pass,  
enter your school's  
code, and we'll donate  
\$5 back to your school!



School Code:

**DavidThom2025**

SEPT 27 - OCT 26

Fridays - Sundays + Holidays  
11 AM - 5 PM

[privato.ca](http://privato.ca)

## MITCHELLS SOUP FUNDRAISER



ORDERS DUE:  
OCTOBER 30th

Pickup location: DT  
Pickup date: TBA

Please register your child using  
their name & contact info.  
Once registered you can share  
your link with family & friends.

Scan to  
register



Questions?  
Please contact Samantha Kelly:  
[samanthakelly0708@gmail.com](mailto:samanthakelly0708@gmail.com)  
250-819-7766

DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PAC PRESENTS

# MEAT DRAW



19+

# SAT OCT 18

50/50  
DRAW

2PM - 4:30PM

COME HAVE SOME FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN  
WHILE SUPPORTING THE KIDS!

RAFFLE TICKETS 5 FOR \$5

NEW RAFFLE EVERY 30 MINS & MULTIPLE PRIZES EACH RAFFLE




HOSTED BY:

POGUE MAHONE'S PUB  
843 DESMOND ST



# OCTOBER 2025



<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>
			<u>01</u>	<u>02</u> <u>Picture Re-Takes</u> 	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>
<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u> Senor Froggy Lunch Day	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u> Apple Order Pick-up	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>  <b>HAPPY THANKS GIVING</b>	<u>14</u> Pizza Lunch Day	<u>15</u> PAC Meeting 6:30PM	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> -	<u>18</u> PAC Meat Draw @ Pogue Mahone's 2-4:30pm
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Subway Lunch Day	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> <b>HALLOWEEN DANCE 5-7pm</b>	<u>24</u> <b>In-Service Day No School</b>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Drop Everything & Read!	<u>28</u> Edo Japan Lunch Day	<u>29</u> Come Read With Me – Gr. 1's	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>  <b>TRICK OR TREAT</b>	