



SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

OCTOBER 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

September has been a wonderful month of connection as we've gotten to know our new students, staff, and community members. We continue to welcome new families and students to our school and to Canada, and it has been a joy to see our community grow. We have 330 students this year!

This month, we held a heartfelt gathering on Truth and Reconciliation Day. A special thank you to our Indigenous Education Worker, Mr. Daryll Laboucan, for sharing his truths with us. We look forward to our Indigenous Meal on Monday.

Our Teachers and Tims Welcome Back event and the Dude Perfect Welcome Back BBQ were both well attended, and together we raised \$238 for the Terry Fox Foundation—thank you to everyone who contributed!

Our cross-country runners are having a fantastic season, guided by our dedicated coach, Libby Bujas. After-school sports are also underway, and we're excited to offer both an Arts and Sports Club. Volleyball practices have begun, and games will start in mid-October.

As we look ahead, we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day on October 5th. We are so grateful for the dedication of our incredible teachers, who work tirelessly to create safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for your children. Our teachers at Summit truly care for their students and strive to create opportunities for each child to reach their full potential. This weekend, I encourage you to take a moment to reach out to your child's teacher with a note of thanks—or even better, have your child create a special thank-you card to share with them on Monday.

Warm regards,
Jennifer Boyle

Important Events

- Oct 6 Indigenous Family Meal 5-7
- Oct 6 Fruit and Veggie Program
- Oct 7-9 Robo Think
- Oct 13 Thanksgiving (No School)
- Oct 16 Earthquake Drill
- Oct 19 PAC Meeting Sunday 6:30 pm
- Oct 21 Come Read with Me (Gr 1)
- Oct 24 Pro-D (No School)
- Oct 29 Halloween Safety Primary
- Oct 30 Tentative Halloween Dance
- Oct 31 Halloween





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Reminders

SchoolCash Online

Sign In

Email Address

Password

Forgot your password?

Remember me

SIGN IN

New to SchoolCash Online?

REGISTER NOW



Welcome to your new SchoolCash Online login page.

Simply login to access your account.

SCHOOL FEES

Payments for student school fees, including field trips, can be completed using School Cash Online. Cash and cheques can also be accepted, however the office does not carry a float, so please send exact change. Thank-you.

If you have not yet registered, go to <https://sd73.schoolcashionline.com> and click on Register.

THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING

Don't forget to complete your Criminal Record Check before helping out on field trips or at the school. Here is our link and access code to complete the criminal record check:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

ACCESS CODE: 2TE55PW5MD

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Autumn is definitely upon us and with that comes cooler temperatures. On supervision each day we are still seeing some students dressed for summer weather. Students will need to remember coats, rain jackets, sweaters as they are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks. Doors open at 8:25 each morning and students need to wait outside in the morning until the bell goes and teachers let children into the school.





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Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th, students and staff at Summit Elementary wore orange in recognition of the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. We gathered in the gym and learned the Honour Song together and then headed up to the upper field to learn the round dance together. A special Thank-you to Mr. Daryll for sharing his truths and leading us in dance and song.





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Terry Fox Run

On September 12th, students and staff participated in the Terry Fox Run. Thanks to your generous donations, we successfully raised \$238

NO MATTER THE DISTANCE.
NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES.
NO MATTER THE JOURNEY.
NO MATTER THE ODDS.
NO MATTER WHAT.





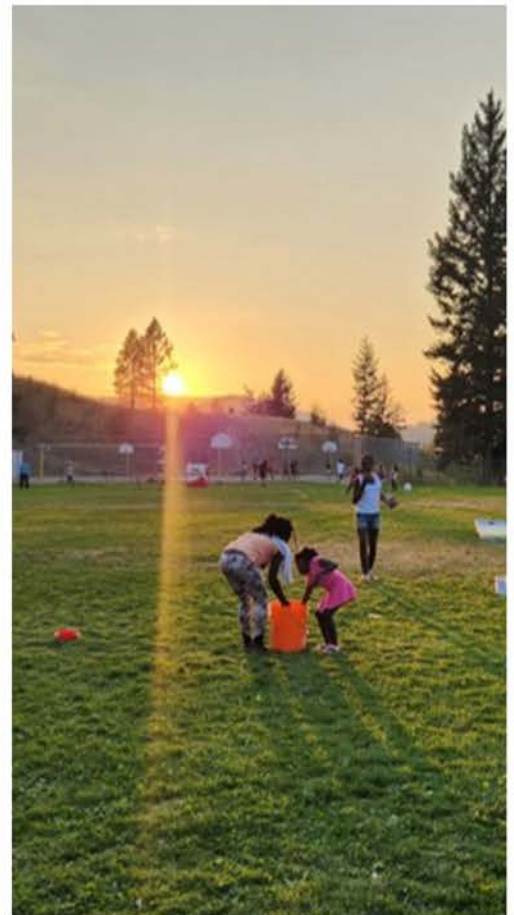
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Dude Perfect Event

Our Grade 7's students hosted a wonderful Welcome Back BBQ with games, and laughter for all families to participate in. What a wonderful evening raising money to support students attending the year end grade 7 events.





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Learn 2 Ride

Various Intermediate classes participated in the Learn 2 Ride Program sponsored by HUB. Students participated in the 2-session Safe Cycling program. The program is geared towards promoting an active and enjoyable session that provided students with the skills to bike to school and around the neighbourhood safely. The program instructors are Bike Right certified and are highly trained to teach fun and safe cycling. We hope to have them back again so more classes can participate.





Information for Parents

STUDENT PROGRESS

Research shows that strong communication between home and school is vital for student success. Regular updates on progress and ongoing dialogue throughout the year help keep parents and educators engaged in the student's learning.

I. Points of Progress Reporting Timeline:

- Oct/Nov: Flexible sharing of student learning
- December 12: First Formal Learning Update
- March 11: Second Formal Learning Update
- Spring: Interim Report / Celebration of Learning
- June 24: Final Formal Learning Update

During the end of October/early November, we will have our first point of progress. Teachers will communicate about how they will share student learning with families.

FSA

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual province-wide assessment of all B.C. students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7 and provides parents, teachers, schools, school districts, and the Ministry of Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of Literacy and Numeracy. More information about the FSA can be found here

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/assessment/fsa/en-foundation-skills-assessment-for-parents-and-caregivers.pdf>

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

We've had over 30 runners participate in the cross country events this year. Way to go Scorchers! The final two cross-country races are just around the corner! Congratulations to all our runners for their hard work so far, and a big thank you to Mrs. Bujas for her coaching and support.

Last run of the year, October 9 - Westsyde Cross Country Run @ Westsyde Centennial Park 705 Franklin Rd





Information for Parents

BEAR AWARE REMINDER

With bears preparing for winter, one has been spotted in our neighborhood. We want to keep you and the bears safe. Please review these safety tips with your child:

- Keep a Safe Distance: Never approach a bear. Give it space to leave.
- Do Not Run: Back away slowly if you see a bear.
- Make Noise: Bears avoid humans—make noise outdoors to avoid surprising them.
- Secure Food and Garbage: Store food and trash securely to prevent attracting bears.
- Travel in Groups: Bears are less likely to approach groups.

If you encounter a bear, stay calm, talk softly, and back away slowly.

Stay safe!

PICK UPS & DROP OFF'S

Our school is in a busy cul-de-sac, and drop-off/pick-up times can be hectic for both the school and our neighbors. Things are going to get more complicated with the construction. Please help us keep things safe and respectful by following these guidelines:

- Respect Neighboring Homes: Do not drive on lawns, block driveways, or park in staff parking areas.
- Encourage Walking: If your family lives nearby, please have your child walk to school.
- Drop Off Further Away: Consider dropping your child off farther down the block to reduce congestion.
- Use Gleneagles Drive: Whenever possible, park on Gleneagles Dr. and walk through the lower field.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school environment safe and considerate for everyone!

CAUTION
BEAR IN AREA



Manage your garbage
compost, birdfeeders + pet food !!
Bears will move on





Information for Parents

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We have a few spots available in our Morning Breakfast Club, starting at 8:15 a.m. This program provides a healthy and friendly start to the day. Families who may need extra support are encouraged to join. For more information or to sign up, please call the school office. We're here to help!



DOGS AT SCHOOL

We all adore dogs, but we recognize that some children are anxious around them. To help ensure a safe environment for everyone on school grounds, please keep your dogs outside the school perimeter during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. As per City of Kamloops BYLAW 34-42 (Division 7) Dog Responsibility and Control – no dogs are permitted at public schools, with the exception of service dogs. Unfortunately we've had a lot of dog poop on our school field lately. Please keep our school field clean by picking up after your dog.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

As Halloween approaches, we want all our Summit Scorchers to have a safe and fun experience! Here are some important safety tips to keep in mind:

- Stick to well-lit areas and always trick-or-treat with a trusted adult or in a group.
- Make sure costumes are safe—avoid tripping hazards and ensure masks allow for clear vision.
- Wear reflective gear or carry a flashlight to stay visible.
- Only visit familiar homes and never enter a stranger's house.
- Check all treats with an adult before eating.

Let's make this Halloween a safe and exciting night for all!





NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Monarch to Waddington Sewer Upgrades Project

September–November 2025

PROJECT SCOPE

The City of Kamloops has contracted Extreme Excavating Ltd. to perform sewer upgrades to the existing sanitary line between Monarch Drive and Waddington Drive, adjacent to Springhill Creek. The current sanitary line is aging and does not have enough capacity to meet the current demand.

The project will also include the creation of an access road at the corner of Gleneagles Drive and Monarch Drive, removal and replanting of trees and vegetation, reseeding disturbed areas outside of the road alignment, and upgrades to the walking path.

We are advising residents that this work is scheduled to begin September 22, with expected completion in November 2025.

Construction is scheduled to occur Monday through Friday, 7:00 am–5:00 pm, with the possibility of some evening and weekend work required.

RESIDENT IMPACTS

Work will begin at Monarch Drive and end near Waddington Drive. The bulk of the work will occur in the greenspace near Springhill Creek.

During the work, water service disruptions may occur. Impacted residents will receive advanced notification when any planned water shutoffs are scheduled.

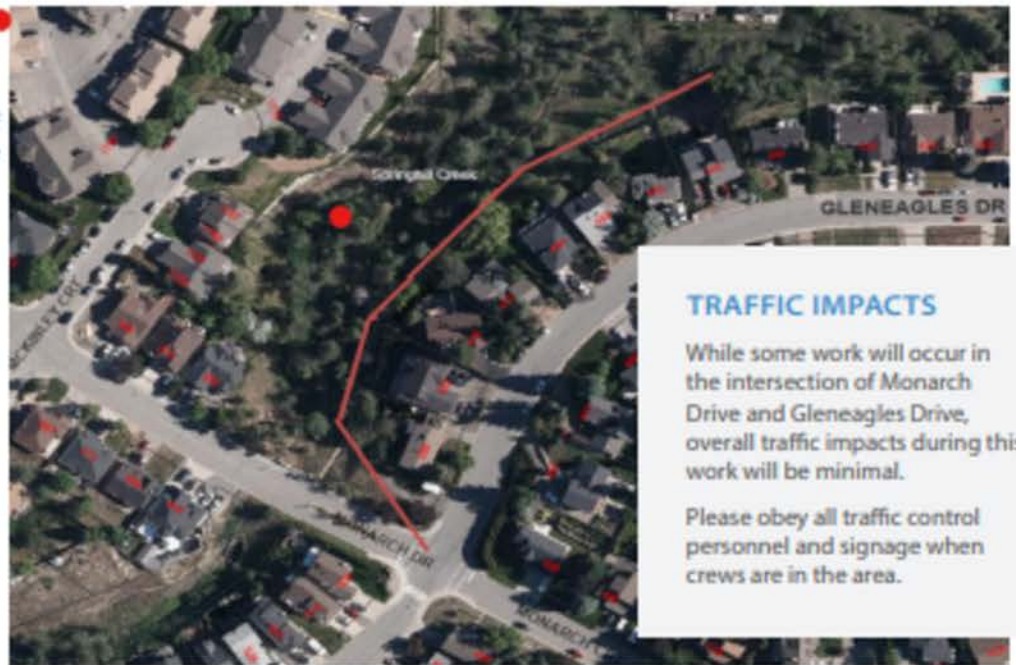
Throughout the construction period, vibratory compaction equipment may be in use; therefore, any fragile items should be packaged or protected from damage due to vibration.

As this project location is in close proximity to streams, riparian areas, and wildlife, the City is abiding by an Environmental Management Plan that will help mitigate and minimize the

potential for adverse environmental impacts, as well as provide best practices for how best to manage the work in this area.

PEDESTRIAN IMPACTS

For safety reasons, the green space and walking trail within construction zone will be closed for the duration of the construction project. Please obey all posted signage.



TRAFFIC IMPACTS

While some work will occur in the intersection of Monarch Drive and Gleneagles Drive, overall traffic impacts during this work will be minimal.

Please obey all traffic control personnel and signage when crews are in the area.

Questions?

Contact our Civic Operations Department or visit our website for more project information and updates.

LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca/CapitalProjects



Sports and Clubs

Volleyball – Tier 1 Boys

School volleyball is officially underway! Tier 1 Boys Recreational Team (Grade 6/7 Boys) will play on Tuesdays from 3:00 -4:30. Thank you to our parent Volunteer Coach Andrea Bailey and our teacher sponsor Ms. Yakura. Practice is after school on Mondays from 2:40-4:30. Games start mid October.

Sport Club – Tuesdays

Sport Club (5-7) takes place on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:30 PM outdoors. You should have received an email from Mrs Wourms confirming your child's participation.

Volleyball – Girls 6/7

School volleyball is officially underway! Mr. Lam has been holding optional 7:30 am practices for students eager to learn about volleyball. This team will play at lunchtime and for development this year and against our boys team. Thank-you to Mr. Lam for coaching.



ART Club – Mondays

Art Club (Grade 5-7) meets on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in the Prep Room. Students involved were notified by Mrs. Wourms via email, and a list of participants is posted on the office window. There are a number of students on the wait list as we had more students





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Summit Spiritwear

HOW TO ORDER

Summit Spirit Wear is back this year! The store will be open from October 3th to Friday October 31th. We'll also be wearing our Spirit Wear on Fridays and other special occasions. So make sure to get your gear!

[Click here to shop or find more details.](#)



Gildan Youth Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt



ATC Youth Everyday Cotton Long Sleeve Tee



Gildan Youth Heavy Cotton 100% Cotton T-Shirt



Gildan Heavy Blend™ Hooded Sweatshirt



ATC Adult Everyday Cotton Long Sleeve Tee



Gildan Heavy Cotton™ T-Shirt



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photo
day is
coming

BRING A SMILE!

MOUNTAINWEST
STUDIOS



PHOTO RETAKES

A QR code was sent home from Mountainwest to order your child's photos. Photo Retakes are on October 30th, if you missed the first photo day or need retakes, make sure you are here.

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Summit Elementary is seeking volunteers to coach team sports, including volleyball, basketball, and cross-country running. If you have a passion for sports and want to help support our students, we would love to hear from you! Whether you're interested in coaching or assisting in any capacity, please contact dlam@sd73.bc.ca for more information. All volunteer coaches are required to complete a criminal record check and review the necessary concussion protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our athletes. Join us in fostering a positive and active environment for our students!

CALL OUT FOR SUPERVISORS

Are you interested in coming to the school over the lunchtimes to provide extra supervision? It's a great way to get involved with the school community, get to know your child's school and staff, and give back. There is a small honorarium, and a criminal record check is required (See the end of this newsletter to complete that). If you are interested, please email me at jboyle@sd73.bc.ca to let me know.





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From our PAC

PAC HALLOWEEN DANCE

PAC is hopeful to host a family Halloween Dance October 30th from 5:30-7:30. PAC needs volunteers to help make these events happen. Please contact PAC at summitpacexec@gmail.com if you can help out. More information to come. A parent must be in attendance for children to attend.



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Stay up to date on what is going on around the school, connect with community, ask questions and get involved!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/xnwuhUbAH9scSmHF/>

PAC IS RECRUITING

PAC is recruiting! We are looking for talented individuals to join our Executive Team. Positions we are looking to fill are PAC Chair, PAC Secretary, and 10 members at large. Please contact PAC at summitpacexec@gmail.com for more info.

PAC MEETING

Our next PAC Meeting is on Sunday October 19th at 6:30 PM. All parents are a part of our PAC. Please feel free to join us by zoom here:

<https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/3794157174?omn=68685973510>

PAC NEEDS YOU!

Our PAC needs more parent volunteers to help our amazing school run events and fundraise for school opportunities. Please join us to learn about our PAC.

MUNCHALUNCH ACCOUNTS

Everyone will need to update your munchalunch accounts, following class placement, so that you can order PAC hot lunches (occur twice a month) participate in fundraisers and attend pre-pay events.

If you don't have a munchalunch account, please register for [Summit Elementary](#).



Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Schools

PEER CONFLICT:

Conflict between and among peers is a natural part of growing up. Children will have times when they disagree and can't solve their own problems. They may even become so frustrated that they say mean things or act out physically. If it's peer conflict you will be aware that these children:

- ★ usually choose to play or hang out together;
- ★ have equal power (similar age, size, social status, etc.);
- ★ are equally upset;
- ★ are both interested in the outcome;
- ★ will be able to work things out with adult help (after calming down).

Adults respond by helping the children talk it out, and see each other's perspective. This may be done through peacemaking circles

MEAN BEHAVIOUR:

Children may try out behaviours to assert themselves – sometimes saying or doing mean things – such as making fun of others, using a hurtful name, taking something without permission, or leaving a child out. If it is mean behavior, usually:

- ★ it is not planned and seems to happen spontaneously or by chance;
- ★ it may be aimed at any child nearby;
- ★ the child being mean may feel badly when an adult points out the harm they've caused

When adults see mean behavior they do not ignore it. Adults respond quickly to stop the behavior, to let kids know that their actions are hurtful and to redirect children to more positive behaviour.

BULLYING:

Bullying is serious behavior that has three key features – all three must be present for the situation to be considered bullying:

- ★ Power imbalance – One child clearly has power over the other(s), which may be due to age, size, social status, and so on.
- ★ Intention to harm – The purpose of the bullying behaviour is to harm or hurt – it's intended to be mean and is clearly not accidental.
- ★ Repeated over time – Bullying behaviour continues over time, and gets worse with repetition.

When the school responds to bullying, staff will also help the child who has been bullying others to take responsibility for their actions, and change their behaviour. They will monitor the situation to ensure the bullying stops, and will support the child who has been bullied to regain confidence and a sense of safety. Staff may follow up with the students who observed the behaviour to help them learn what to do when they see bullying.

The school deals with every reported case. At Summit Elementary we investigate and deal with every case individually. It does not, however, mean that we deal with every case the same.

For More information
click here to be
directed to School
District #73 Inclusive
Education Services
Handbook 607.1





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Growing Mindfully

A free 8-week program for children ages 8-12 featuring 1 hour of mental wellness discussion focused on mindfulness and 1 hour of physical activity

**For more information or to
register your child:**

mentalwellness@bc.ymca.ca
250-376-4771 ext 122





SD73 and KIS
invite you to a



**ESSENTIAL SCHOOL
INFORMATION FOR ELL &
NEWCOMER FAMILIES
VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**

OCTOBER

8

6-7:00PM

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.**

**Registration QR
Code:**



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