



PACIFIC WAY ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Note:

Thank you, Pacific Way, for a successful start up! Students are settled into their classes, routines have been set, and rich learning has begun. Many of our school-wide routines have remained the same from last year, and students have transitioned well.

Cross Country running is well underway. Thank you to Mrs. Hill for organizing this event, and to the parents who have practiced running with the students and driven students to their events over the past few weeks.

Mr. Bachhal's class organized a Fall Ball in September, where intermediate and primary classes enjoyed dancing and playing games with music. A highlight was the Dance Competition, with many brave students performing for spectators.

During the September 22nd Professional Development Day, we spent the day working on our School Learning Plan academic goals:

- **Academic School Goal:** Students will improve reading and numeracy proficiency.
 - **Reading Objective:** Students will demonstrate growth in their overall reading decoding and comprehension.
 - **Numeracy Objective:** Students will demonstrate improved computational fluency by choosing and applying number sense strategies.
- **Wellbeing School Goal:** Students will develop and foster a sense of self-worth, belonging, and personal initiative.

Student Progress Reporting:

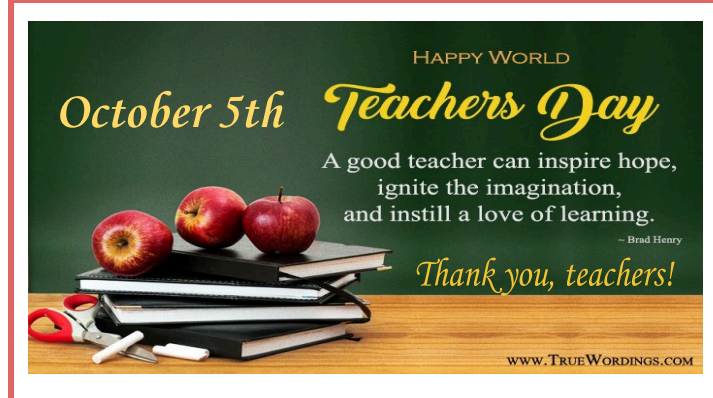
Research has shown that good communication between home and school is key to student success. Communication should provide up-to-date information about student progress in meaningful dialogue throughout the school year.

Points of Progress Reporting Timeline:

- Late October: Flexible sharing of student learning
- December 12: First Formal Learning Update
- March 11: Second Formal Learning Update
- April / May: Flexible sharing of student learning
- June 25: Final Formal Learning Update

During the month of October, we will have our first point of progress. Teachers are making plans to share student learning with families and will communicate their plans with families in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katrina Sewell



Noon Hour Supervisors Wanted

We are in need of parents for this important position. You will receive an honorarium of \$12 for the hour. This is a rewarding job; an opportunity to spend time with wonderful children and contribute to a positive, safe, and dynamic school environment. We are currently needing volunteers for all 5 days of the week.



Please contact Mrs. Sewell by phoning the school or emailing at ksewell@sd73.bc.ca. We will give your contact information to Cathy, our supervisor organizer, and she will reach out to add you to the schedule.

Orange Shirt Day



On September 29th, staff and students wore orange in recognition of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. Throughout the week, classes accepted the challenge to "Learn Secwepemctsin" and took part in a gameshow-style contest, resulting in an 18 division tie with all perfect scores!

Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Corner:

- Our family Halloween Dance is **Thurs. Oct 30, from 5:30 - 8 pm, at the school**. Doors open at 5 pm for pizza pickup (pre-order online now via the hot lunch system). Admission is \$2 per person (cash only!). Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult in order to attend. Costumes are encouraged, but school rules apply: no full face masks, no inflatable costumes, and no weapons of any kind (fake or real).
- Created by Kids fundraiser: watch for your child's artwork to come home closer to the end of October! More information is coming soon.
- If you haven't ordered hot lunches yet, they are available to order at pacificway.hotlunches.net

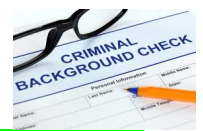
Terry Fox Run

Students participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 26th. Mrs. Littlejohn's class organized a bake sale to raise funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. They raised **\$1034.95** in donations! This, along with money donated by students and families, was impressive. Well done, Pacific Way!



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>

Payment of fees:

Payments for student school fees will be done using School Cash Online. While cheques will still be accepted, the office does not carry a float, and any cash payments will have to be exact change only.



Individual student fees will include a processing fee for all payment transactions using online payment options. This processing fee 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.

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

Parent Engagement Session:

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:

For more information email: Clara Kong - clara@kcris.ca, Anna Ediger - swis@kcris.ca

Electric Scooters:



There has been some recent concern from community members regarding the use of students riding E-Scooters on the sidewalks. Specifically, the speed in which students are travelling and the care and consideration of passing other

pedestrians has created increasing upset and frustration.

Please consider the following information quoted from the [Province of BC Website](#):

- You must be 16 years old, or older to ride an electric kick scooter.
- Wear an approved safety helmet whenever riding an electric kick scooter.
- Ride in a designated cycling lane if there is one or stay as far right as you safely can unless directed elsewhere by a traffic control device.
- You cannot ride an electric kick scooter on sidewalks or in crosswalks, except if a sign or traffic control device allows electric kick scooters on sidewalks or in crosswalks.
- Sound a bell or horn whenever approaching or passing a pedestrian, cyclist or person using another device.



you're not alone
- everyone needs to
ask for help sometimes

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase/help>

COME READ WITH ME

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR

Do you have **2 HOURS A WEEK** during school hours to read one-on-one with young students?

- No experience is necessary, but you must have good English language skills
- We provide free training and ongoing support
- Tutors read with 3 elementary students for 30 minutes each, once a week for 12 weeks

Volunteer Training

Monday September 29, 2025 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesday October 7th, 2025 9 am - 12 noon

Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent

Please register by contacting Cami at camiliteracyinkamloops@gmail.com or 250-573-1785

Dates To Remember

October 10	Picture Day
October 10	Come Read With Me session for Grade 1 Parents
October 10	Apple Fundraiser Pick Up 1:00 - 4:00
October 13	Thanksgiving - No School
October 24	Non-Instructional Day - No school
October 30	Halloween Dance
November 11	Remembrance Day - No school
December 1	Non-Instructional Day - No school
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Winter Break