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Newsletter #2 ~ October 1, 2026

THANKSGIVING Day

Monday, October 12th – No School

Non-Instructional Day

Friday, October 23rd

There is no school for students ☺

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 26th–30th. Some teachers might have a 'class-wide open house' and not a one-on-one conference.

More information will be sent home soon, prior to the week of Oct 26th.

Halloween Costumes

On Friday, Oct 30th 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.
- Sorry, no inflatable costumes – these are delicate and tend to get ruined easily.
- 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.**



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.



MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that Mr. Martin has secured a grant for a class set of mountain bikes!

Thanks to the not-for-profit organization Outride, David Thompson Elementary is now part of the Riding for Focus program, which provides students with an opportunity to improve both their physical and mental well-being through the sport of cycling.

The bikes have started to roll in, and we can't wait to share this amazing program with our school community!

OUTRIDE
RESEARCH • RIDING FOR FOCUS • FUND

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Our Cross Country season is off to a great start, with **50 athletes** participating this year! The team has completed one event, with **two more events coming up in October**.

A big thank you to the parents who have helped with driving and supporting our runners, as well as keeping them on their best behaviour while they wait for their scheduled race times. Your support is greatly appreciated!





HOT LUNCH DATES - OCT 2026 – JAN 2027

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
6th Hot Dog Day	3rd Pasta	1st Edo Japan	5th Senor Froggy
8th Pizza	5th Pizza	3rd Pizza	7th Pizza
13th Senor Froggy	10th Mary Brown's	8th Whitespot	12th Hot Dog Day
21st Edo Japan	24th Senor Froggy	15th Pasta	19th Whitespot
27th Whitespot			26th Edo Japan

**Please Note: The Edo Japan hot lunch day in October has been moved to:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST**

DT SCHOOL CLOTHING – WILL BE ON SALE SOON! MORE INFO WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK.



All orders **MUST** be done online as the school will not be collecting money/orders. The link to order will be emailed out on Oct 6th, 2026

The order deadline is: Friday, October 30th at midnight.



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

COMMUNITY NEWS

🚨 FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 🚨 ' Oct 2nd @ 6:30pm

Join us at the WSS field for an amazing night!

Concession featuring our 2nd Annual Chili cook off! 🌶️

Cash and Cards Accepted! 💵💳

Don't cook dinner, come get a bowl of chili or some chili cheese nachos! 🧀🌶️

Merch Available! Get your swag to support the team! 🧢👕

Raffle tickets! A chance to win $500! 💵💵🎟️

🚤 TRU WolfPack Cheer is bringing the WOLFPACK energy to Westsyde! 🦈💙

Give them a Westsyde welcome! 👏



PAC NEWS

☆The next PAC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm.

☆UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS☆

☆ **Mitchells Soup** Fundraiser – Orders due October 23rd

This month's PAC meeting is the AGM and all of the PAC Chair/Board Positions are up for election!

If anyone would like a copy of David Thompson Elementary's PAC constitution and bylaws please get in touch with Sallyleona@gmail.com.





"Our PAC is fundraising with Mabel's Labels!

** This is an ONGOING fundraiser. Please select our school anytime you make orders throughout the year**

If you're not familiar with Mabel's Labels, they are personalized, durable, waterproof labels. They are great for everything from shoes, clothing tags, water bottles and backpacks. You can customize them with your name and a design, and they are dishwasher, laundry and microwave safe.

Mabel's Labels also offers clothing stamps, silicone bands for water bottles and medical alert labels. This is a great way to ensure your items don't end up in the lost & found or mixed up. To reduce the spread of germs, we highly recommend labelling but they are also useful for everyday life.

To support our fundraiser, visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and select DAVID THOMPSON ELEMENTARY PAC.

You can pick out whatever labels or product you want, and it will ship for free directly to your house!

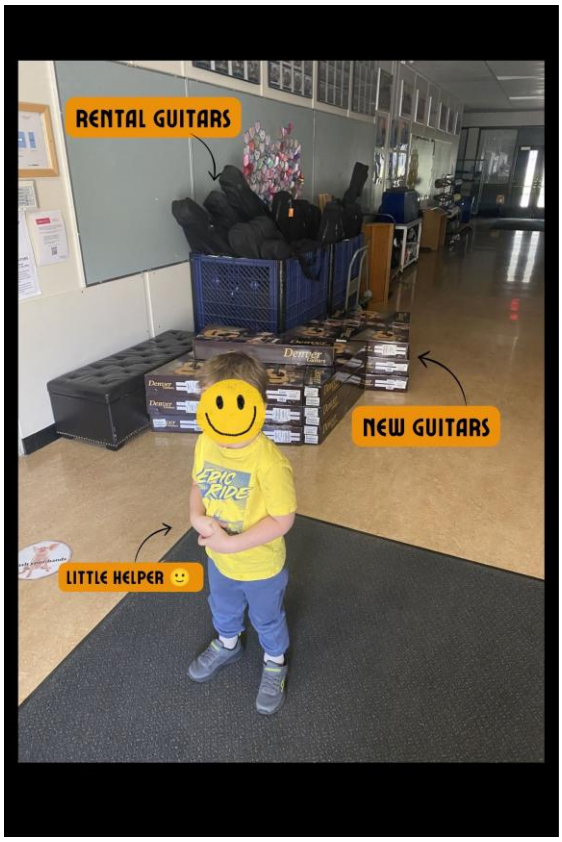
Thank you for supporting us! 😊"

🎸 NEW GUITARS HAVE ARRIVED! 🎸

We are so excited to announce that our **brand-new set of guitars have arrived at David Thompson!** A huge thank you to our **PAC for helping purchase half of this new set**. Thanks to their support, we no longer need to rent a shared set from the Henry Grube!

Mr. Chomyc leads both **Guitar Club and Songwriting Club** with our intermediate students and will use these guitars with students in **Grades 4–7 during their Fine Arts prep time**. We can't wait to hear the music and creativity that comes from this exciting new addition to our school!

Mr. Chomyc's son even helped deliver the guitars to the school, making their arrival extra special. 🎸





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

HALLOWEEN Party

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29th

5:00pm - 7:00pm

PIZZA, CHIPS, JUICE & CANDY ALL AVAILABLE!

Glow sticks to light up the night!

DJ to dance the night away!

Fun activities and more!

Costumes are encouraged (no weapons) - bring your Halloween spirit and join the fun!

Stay tuned... more details are creeping your way soon!

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

2026-2027

DUE OCTOBER 16TH, 2026

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.

PLEASE NOTE: 2.5% SERVICE FEE FOR ALL ITEMS PAID FOR THROUGH SCHOOLCASH

All individual student fees (enhancement fees for field trips and athletics for example) will include a processing fee of 2.5% 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/

SchoolCash Online

SCHOOL SUPPLY COSTS WHEN PAID ONLINE VIA SCHOOLCASH

Grade	School Supplies	Performing Arts	Agenda	Total
Kindergarten	$35.88	$15.38	$2.05	$53.31
Primary Supplies – Grades 1–3	$35.88	$15.38	$9.23	$60.49
Intermediate Supplies – Grades 4–7	$54.33	$15.38	$9.23	$78.94

SCHOOL SUPPLY COSTS WHEN PAID WITH CASH OR CHEQUE (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

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT HAVE A DEBIT / CREDIT CARD MACHINE AT THE SCHOOL AND WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT E-TRANSFERS.

Payment options: SchoolCash Online (2.5% service fee applies) • Cash • Cheque payable to David Thompson Elementary

PAYMENT FORM – CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY

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

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Amount: _____

Amount of payment enclosed: $ _____

CHEQUE # _____ CASH _____ Receipt Required: ☐ YES ☐ NO

OCTOBER 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01	02	03
04	05	06 Hot Dog Hot Lunch	07 Lion's Vision Screening – grades 3 & 6 RLC Cross Country Run	08 Pizza Hot Lunch	09	10
11	12 	13 Senor Froggy Mexican Hot Lunch	14 PAC Meeting 6:30PM Cross Country Run – Centennial Park	15	16 School Supplies Due –	17
18	19	20 Salmon Run Field Trip	21 Edo Japan Hot Lunch	22 Paw Path Assembly - Mindfulness	23 **In-Service Day No School** **Soup Orders Due**	24
25 Parent / Teacher Conferences – this week →	26	27 Whitespot Hot Lunch	28	29 Come Read With Me – Gr. 1's **HALLOWEEN DANCE 5-7pm**	30	31 