



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. Teachers worked with students to create a beautiful message of what we can do to make our school a better place, which is displayed outside the office.

September 18th's Mug 'n' Muffin was a tremendous success! Thank you to the PAC for hosting the event, to all of our families who were able to attend, and to the teachers who opened their classes and made us feel welcome.

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.

During the September 21st Professional Development Day, staff spent the day learning more about our students so that we can set them up for early success. This work will help guide us as we work towards our School Learning Plan 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:

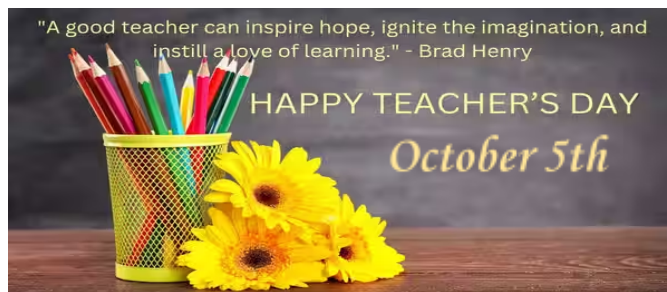
Research has shown that good communication between home and school is key to student success. Communication should provide up-to-date information about student progress in meaningful dialogue throughout the school year.

Points of Progress Reporting Timeline:

- Late October / Early November: Flexible sharing of student learning
- December 11: First Formal Learning Update
- March 10: Second Formal Learning Update
- Late April / Early May: Flexible sharing of student learning
- June 29: Final Formal Learning Update

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



Electric Scooters:

There has been ongoing concern from community members regarding the use of students riding E-Scooters. Specifically, the speed in which students are travelling and the care and consideration of passing other pedestrians has created increasing upset and frustration.



Please be aware of 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.

Parents Advisory Council (PAC) Corner:

SAVE THE DATE!

Family Halloween Dance — Friday, October 30th

Stay tuned for more details! Costumes encouraged. Please remember: no full-face masks, inflatable costumes, or weapons (real or fake). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

 **Hot Lunches:** Haven't ordered yet? Visit pacificway.hotlunches.net

 Already losing clothes and water bottles? Check out Mabel Labels campaigns.mabelslabels.com. be sure to select Pacific Way as your school.

Next PAC Meeting:

Tuesday, October 20th @ 6:00 PM in the Pacific Way Library

Want to get more involved with the PAC?

Ask us about becoming a PAC Parent! It's a great way to help out and stay connected.

Email: pacwaypac@gmail.com



Don't Forget...
Picture day is on
October 7th

Terry Fox Run

Students participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 25th. Pacific Way received a banner for participating in the Terry Fox Run for 25 years! This year, students and families raised \$2747 in donations! Well done, Pacific Way!



Accessible Parking:

We are all familiar with the physical mobility challenges that a person might face that would lead to them using accessible parking.



We have families at our school who are very appreciative of the accessible spots, which allows them to access the school with fewer obstacles. It's important to:

- use the space only when YOU (or your child) is leaving and/or returning to the vehicle
- keep the spots clear when picking up or dropping off

Our school is a caring and safe space for all of our school community. Thank you for continuing to be respectful and inclusive of all our students and their families, and for sharing this message with your caregivers.

BAKE SALE



WHEN:
Thursday, October 8th
Thursday, November 12th
Thursday, March 4th

TIME: 11:00AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-1:00 (if we have leftovers)

WHERE: Mrs Koppers Classroom (Portable 3)

WHO: Students from Koppers/Sandu's/Wiwchar/Naylor/Lukow's class (please bake items)

COST: \$1.00 AND \$2.00 (BRING YOUR TOONIES/LOONIES)

Proceeds will go to various field trips

Parent Engagement Session:

SD73 and KIS invite you to a

ESSENTIAL SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR ELL & NEWCOMER FAMILIES
VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

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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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>

Orange Shirt Day

On September 29th, staff and students wore orange in recognition of National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. During our morning gathering, Mr. Michel shared student-friendly parts of his personal story about his time in Residential School.

Parking on Private Property:

There has been recent concern from our neighbouring townhouse complexes about Pacific Way parents parking in their interior roadways, waiting for students at the end of the school day. Please remember that these complexes are private property and you should not be parking there.



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.

Dates To Remember

October 7	Student Photo Day
October 8	Bake Sale
October 12	Thanksgiving - No School
October 19	Come Read With Me for Grade 1 Parents
October 22	Grade 2-7: Adams River Salmon Run
October 23	Non-Instructional Day - No school
October 30	Halloween Dance
November 3	Photo Re-Takes
November 11	Remembrance Day - No school
December 1	Non-Instructional Day - No school
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2	Winter Break