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unceded territory of the Secwepemc peoples.*

Principal's Message - Mrs. Edstrom

October 2026

Thank you to our entire school community for contributing to an excellent school start-up. Students are now settled into their classrooms and are hard at work on various projects and activities. Parents please be reminded of the weekly emails sent home each Friday. These emails highlight our upcoming week ahead.

Thank you to everyone for the enthusiasm and participation in our Terry Fox run. A special thank you to Mrs. Unsworth and her leadership crew for organizing this event.

On September 29th our students and staff will recognize Orange Shirt day. This will be a great day of learning and reflection.

Congratulations to all cross country runners. Thank you to Ms. Unsworth and Ms. Vermey for coaching our team and taking them to the after school running events. Thank you also to our many parents for driving our runners to these races.

Photo Dates

Student photo day is on October 7th. Our second photo day for individual retakes and class photos is on October 21st. If you would like a retake on this day, please advise your child's classroom teacher. Photo proofs from this week's photo session can be accessed online. Your child will receive a paper with instructions with how to access these proofs.

Classroom Visit Day

We have designated **Monday, November 9th** for students to showcase learning in their classrooms. This event will happen at the end of the school day. Teachers will advise families of further details for this day, as times for each class will vary slightly.

Signing in

A friendly reminder that we require your child to sign in at the office when arriving late. Parents can drop off their children at the front door when they are arriving after the start of the school day. Our daily dismissal time is at 2:35pm. It is expected that parents/caregivers are here at this time for pick-up. We have limited supervision outside before and after the school day.

Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

Please note that use of any equipment with wheels on school grounds is not permitted. If students bring scooters and bikes to school, they need to walk them on school grounds. This rule applies before and after school bell times as well.

Weather

We request that you dress your child for the weather. Our plan is to have all recess and lunch breaks outside unless the weather conditions are very extreme. Students should come to school with appropriate footwear, coats and accessories (mittens, gloves, hats). Be sure to label all outdoor clothing.

Halloween

On Friday, October 30th students can arrive in costume for a parade which will take place right after announcements. Students are expected to remove masks/headpieces right after the parade and bring clothes to change into afterwards. Please do not bring any costume accessories that resemble weapons and please limit blood/gore. Classroom teachers will advise families of the specific instructions and/or plans they will have for their classrooms. These classroom plans will include any information about shared treats on this day. **We request that students do not wear inflatable costumes.**

Keep Dogs at Home

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. This is a city bylaw and we ask for your attention in following this rule.

Important Dates for October

Sept. 29th Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30th No School National Truth and Reconciliation Day

Oct. 2nd Rivers Day

Oct. 7th PAC Meeting 6pm

Oct. 9th PAC Panago Lunch

Oct. 12th Thanksgiving (no school)

Oct. 15th Salmon Run (Grades 1-7)

Oct. 16th Come Read with Me 8:45am (for Grade 1 Parents)

Oct. 23rd Professional Day (no school)

Reporting Plan

Students will receive three written reports this year. Reports will be sent home on December 11th, March 10th and June 29th. In addition to the three formal reports, classroom teachers will provide two informal reports. Informal reports can include classroom student led conferences, interim written reports, one to one conversations. Each teacher will inform you of their plans for the informal points of contact. Our staff has reserved

Monday, Nov. 9th (afternoon) for student led classroom visits. We will also host a STEAM Showcase on the afternoon of Monday, January 25th 2027.

Save the Date

Our Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 17th. There will be two daytime performances on this day (11am and 1:30pm). ***We will not be having an evening performance this year.***

Volleyball

Volleyball season begins later in October through to early December. Over the next few weeks more information will be shared.

Breakfast

This year we will once again be offering complimentary pancake breakfast days on the following dates: October 5th and 26th, November 16th and 27th, December 4th and 14th, January 11th and 25th, February 8th and 22nd, March 1st and 8th, April 5th and 19th, May 3rd and 17th, June 7th and 21st. If you require a gluten free option please advise your child's teacher.

Rivers Day

We are looking forward to our upcoming Rivers Day on Oct. 2nd 2026. We are desperately seeking 5 or 6 parents to help us with setup this morning (8-8:30am). Setting up tables, chairs and various items on the riverbank is what the job will entail. Please email Mrs. Edstrom if you can help kedstrom@sd73.bc.ca

Sports

There are lots of sports opportunities here at BEST - Cross Country, Skipping, Volleyball, Basketball and Track & Field! We love supporting the development of athletes and physical literacy skills of our students. There are a few things parents need to know about students participating in school Sports:

- All athletes are required to complete a Student Contract

- Jerseys are loaned to athletes and are only to be worn during the event they are participating in. If jerseys are not returned, a fee will be sent to the athlete
- Any parents wanting to help with driving must complete a Criminal Record Check (found on our website) and a Driver's Abstract Form (found at the office)
- All athletes are required to check in with their coach in the gym prior to leaving for an event and must also check out with their coach before leaving the event

Thank you to all our teacher/parent coaches & drivers! Without this support, we could not run our programs! Go Stingers!