



# Roadrunner



## REPORT

Friday, April 4, 2025

### Principal's Message

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Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. It's hard to believe that we are in the final stretch of the school year, and that it is time for us to start planning for September.

A yearly tradition at AE Perry is a Multi-Cultural Day and Luncheon. This year it will take place on Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup>. We are just at the beginning phases of planning, but we need some information from you. If your family hails from a country other than Canada, we want to know about it. If you speak a language other than English at home, we want to know about it. We are asking that you fill out a [short survey](#) so that we can ensure that everyone is fairly represented in our festivities. Click [here](#) for the survey.

We are seeing more and more students chewing gum at school, and while this can be a self-regulating activity for some, it does create a mess when it is not used appropriately. Please check in with your child/ren's teacher with regards to his/her/their policy on gum chewing during class time. It is not allowed during PE classes, recess, or lunch, as students are supposed to be physically active during these, and it causes a choking hazard for students. We would appreciate you having a discussion with your child/ren at home about this.

We are also looking for two people who would be interested in helping with some lunch hour supervision. If this is something that interests you, please contact Ms Mabee ([smabee@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:smabee@sd73.bc.ca)).

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### Upcoming Events

- April 7 Day of Suwewtwecw
- April 10 Gymnastics - Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Semenoff, Ms. Paddon (1/2)
- April 11 PAC Movie Night @ 3PM- **SHREK**
- April 17 Gymnastics - Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Semenoff, Ms. Paddon (1/2)
- April 18 **GOOD FRIDAY - School Closed**
- April 21 **EASTER MONDAY - School Closed**
- April 22 PAC Meeting @ 4:30 in the Library
- April 24 Gymnastics - Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Hansen, Ms. Paddon (1/2)  
Kamloops Honour Choir Presentation @11am  
SPARK Session #1 @ 4:30pm
- April 25 Grade 7 Bake Sale Fundraiser
- April 29 Author Visit - Ms. Paddon, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Semenoff, Mrs. Hansen
- April 30 Dress As Your Favourite Character Day
- May 1 Gymnastics - Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Hansen, Ms. Paddon (1/2)

Subscribe to the School Calendar on school website [here](#)

## FAVOURITE CHARACTER DAY

Our next Spirt Day will take place on **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Students are invited to dress as their favourite character from a book/story, comicstrip, T.V. show, movie, cartoon, fairytale, etc. Homemade costumes are best and we can't wait to see your creativity shine. Please keep in mind that students will be expected to go outside to play at recess and lunch, so please ensure that your child/ren can move freely in his/her/their costume



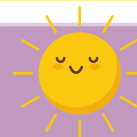
## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We continue to welcome registrations for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year. That being said, it is far easier for us to plan for a seamless start-up if we know how many students we are expecting in September. **We need your help** to get the word out. If you, or anyone you know, has a child that was **born in 2020**, you will need to register them at their neighbourhood school as soon as possible.

If you already have a child/ren enrolled at AE Perry, and you have a child/ren starting in Kindergarten in September, please let Mrs. Ablitt or Mrs. Mc Givern know and we will send home a registration package home with the oldest sibling.



## SunSense Challenge



Did you know that exposure to ultraviolet radiation during childhood is an important risk factor for developing skin cancer later in life? It's true, as little as one sunburn during childhood can increase skin cancer risk.

During the next few months, our school will be participating in the Canadian Cancer Society's SunSense program. This program is aimed at educating children, parents, and school staff about the importance of sun safety and the best practices for sun protection.

At school, your child will be participating in educational lessons to understand ultraviolet radiation and how to protect themselves by practicing the 5 S's of sun protection: SEEK, SLIP, SLAP, SLOP and SLIDE.

- SEEK shade or create your own
- SLIP on protective clothing
- SLAP on a wide-brimmed hat
- SLOP on sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- SLIDE on sunglasses (UVA and UVB protection)



If possible, talk to your child about what they learned and reinforce these lessons at home. Remember to protect yourself from the sun too. You can also visit the SunSense website [sunsense.ca](https://sunsense.ca) for more information and resources for parents.

There are many benefits to children learning and playing outdoors. Together we can teach them about sun safety and enjoying the outdoors in a healthy and safe way.

*Read more*

<https://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>



# SUNSCREEN 101

Wearing sunscreen is an important practice in protecting yourself from harmful ultraviolet radiation.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS TO GET MAXIMUM PROTECTION:



Use an **SPF 30** or higher.



Look for **BROAD SPECTRUM** and **WATER-RESISTANT** on the label



Check the **EXPIRY DATE**

**PUT SUNSCREEN ON FIRST,**  
before any makeup or insect repellent.



**TAKE CARE**  
with products that **COMBINE SUNSCREEN**  
with make-up or moisturizer.



Try different sunscreens until you find one **YOU LIKE**

Use a **LIP BALM WITH SPF** and reapply when needed



**DON'T SPRAY**  
aerosol or pump sunscreen products directly onto your **FACE**



Use sunscreen on any skin that clothing does not cover



Apply sunscreen on **CLOUDY DAYS** and **DURING WINTER** months



Apply a **GENEROUS** amount



If you forget to put it on before going outside, **IT'S NOT TOO LATE**  
Put it on as soon as you can and reapply often



**REAPPLY**  
every 2 hours



*Read more*

<https://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>





## Dressing for the Weather - SPRING EDITION

Spring is finally here, and the temptation of wearing shorts and sandals to school is definitely there. While we welcome this warmer weather with open arms, we also need to be mindful that Mother Nature can change her mind at a moment's notice and students are expected to go outside in inclement weather, such as rain and wind. Dressing in layers is a great way to make sure that your child/ren is/are ready for whatever the day has in store for him/her/them. Having a pair of outside shoes/boots is also very important, as wet and muddy shoes make a mess of our classrooms and hallways, and, as such, are not permitted.

Another thing to consider is sending your child/ren to school with a hat. As the sun's rays get stronger, being mindful of sun protection cannot be underestimated. It might also be time to dig out some sunscreen and make it a part of your daily routine of getting ready for school.



## All Things with Wheels

Living near the school offers so many transportation choices and it is great to see students and their families walking and/or riding their bikes and scooters to school. We have also seen a few students wearing "WHEELIE" shoes to school, and while we love to see students being active, we ask that anything with wheels are to be carried or walked on school grounds from 8:15am-3:00pm. Our school grounds are very congested before and after school, and we would not want anyone to get hurt as a result of a collision with someone on wheels. Helmets are also strongly recommended.



## Dogs on School Property

You will never meet a person who loves dogs more than I do; however, we have had a fairly significant problem with dog feces (aka poop) on our school grounds as of late, which causes a disgusting mess for both our custodian and the students playing in the field.






While we appreciate that we are a neighbourhood school, and many families walk to and from school, we ask that you keep your dogs off of school property and meet your child/ren at the outskirts of our field. If your dear Fido does do his/her business on our school grounds, please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after him/her.



## Supervision Afterschool

We are seeing more and more students not being picked up at the 2:40 bell and waiting for their parent on the playground or at the office until well after 3:00 PM. This is a reminder that there is **no supervision** on our school grounds after school, and as such, students need to be picked up or walk home after school. This includes siblings of students participating in after-school programs. Please take a moment as a family to organize your after-school plans. If you need before or after school care, please contact the Before and After School Care team at [elcc@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:elcc@sd73.bc.ca) to get on a waitlist.

## Diversity and Culture Calendar APRIL

1-30	National Poetry Month	
1-30	Sikh Heritage Month	
1-30	Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation, and Prevention Month	
1-30	Sexual Assault Awareness Month	
2	World Autism Awareness Day	
7	Day of Suwentwecw	
9	Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge	
9	International Day of Pink	
10	National Youth and AIDS Awareness Day	
12-20	Passover	
13-19	Holy Week	
14	Vaisakhi	
15-21	Canada Book Week	
18	Good Friday	
21	Easter Monday	
22	Yom Hashoah	
23	Administrative Professionals Day	
26	Lesbian Visibility Day	
28	National Day of Mourning	
29-May 5	Golden Week in Japan	

## SPIRIT DAYS



Our Student Leadership Club has planned some fun spirit-building days for the year. Upcoming spirit days are:

- **Wednesday, April 30** - Favourite Character Day
- **Friday, May 30** - Wacky Hair and Sock Day and Rainbow Day
- **Friday, June 13** - Twin Day



## PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT

Each May and June, teachers meet to begin organizing classes for the following school year. Consideration is given to gender balance, learning needs, teaching styles, social dynamics, class size limits, and when possible and appropriate, parent input. Tentative class lists are made through staff conversations before parent input is considered. However, for those families who have significant concerns about their child's educational placement, we welcome you to fill out the Parent Input for Class Placement Form and return it to school by **Friday, May 30th at the very latest**. While this form gives families the opportunity to advocate for their child's educational needs, **it by no means guarantees that their request will be honoured**. Ultimately, the School Act, gives the principal the final decision on any child's placement in their school. Please complete one form per child, and please note that **name requesting a particular teacher you want or do not want is not the intent of this process and these requests will NOT be considered**. If you choose to complete one of these forms, it needs to be returned to the office no later than Friday, May 30th. You can obtain one of these forms by calling the office or sending an e-mail to the Principal Ms. Mabee ([smabee@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:smabee@sd73.bc.ca)), the Vice-Principal, Mrs. Plummer ([cpummer@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:cpummer@sd73.bc.ca)), or either one of our secretaries Mrs. MacGivern ([mmacgivern@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mmacgivern@sd73.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Ablitt ([sablitt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:sablitt@sd73.bc.ca))

## STUDENT ABSENCES

We ask that all parents submit their child/ren's absences through the SchoolMessenger System, particularly those students who will be away for an extended period. You can access this system in 3 ways:

- by phone - 1-844-350-2647
- via the SchoolMessenger App
- on-line @ [go.schoolmessenger.ca](http://go.schoolmessenger.ca)



## STAFF PARKING LOT

We have noticed an increasing number of parents/guardians parking, picking up and dropping off their child/ren in the staff parking lot. This causes a number of safety issues for our community.

1. As the number of cars there are in the parking lot increases, it becomes more congested and the chances of someone being struck.
2. We have a number of families who travel to school on foot, and enter the school grounds from this area. There are many smaller, not-yet-school-aged children who do not yet have the knowledge/experience of how to navigate parking lots safely.
3. We have a variety of District staff that visit our school to support children who need to access these parking spots.
4. We also have District Maintenance Vehicles which need to access our school to do minor repairs and maintenance tasks. They cannot do this if they cannot access the school.

We kindly ask that if you are arriving to the school with a vehicle, that you use Lethbridge Avenue to drop off and pick up your child/ren.



DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT. THANK YOU

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C)

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their next meeting **Tuesday, April 22nd at 4:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our PAC also has a Facebook Group that parents can join to stay informed of all of the events that PAC has planned. It is called **A.E. Perry Family**.

Our PAC executive for 2024-2025 is:

**Chairperson:** Jade Sallows  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Malcolm Atkin  
**Secretary:** Christopher Dale  
**Treasurer:** Krystyna Smoch



## SCENTS AND PERFUMES



We have a number of staff members who are very sensitive to artificial scents, such as perfume and scented lotions and hair products. When our staff works closely with students who are wearing these scents, it causes them to have migraine headaches and take time off of work, often leaving us short-staffed for the day. We are asking you to refrain from spraying your children with these scented products before sending them to school.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and keeping everyone at school safe and healthy.

## CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Any adult wanting to volunteer in his/her/their child/ren's class, drive students to/from athletic events, supervise on field trips, or be alone with children other than their own for any reason, will need to complete a criminal records check.

This can be done easily online [here](#) Use the code **6EWCGPQXWN**. It is free of charge.

Because it can take up to a couple of weeks for these checks to come back to us, if volunteering is something that you are interested in this year, I would recommend starting the process ASAP.

# AE Perry PAC Presents

## SHREK

April 11 at 3PM in the Gymnasium

- Admission is Free



### Concession:

Popcorn \$1

Chips \$1

Water \$1

Juice Boxes \$1

Glowsticks 2/ \$1.

**Children must have an adult with them to participate.**

**Volunteers Welcome!**

### Supervision:

Students must arrive with an adult who will be responsible for your their behaviour for the entire event.

Feel free to bring pillows and blankets to feel more comfortable; however,

**participants are expected to have movie theatre behaviour.** Please limit talking.

Running around will and opening doors will not be tolerated, and you will be asked to leave if you do so.

Please assist with the clean up once the show is complete.

### Volunteers:

All events need assistance from our volunteers. If you can assist with the setup, concession or clean up please reach out to our executive members on our Facebook page "A.E. Perry Family" or check in at the gym doors.

The more volunteers we have, the easier the work and makes our event successful.



# SPARK

Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

**Is your child excited for Kindergarten?**

**Entering kindergarten is a major transition for children and parents.**

**This free program includes:**

- Time spent with Kindergarten teachers and school staff
- Parent education
- Take away activities

**\*You are encouraged to attend all, but please feel free to sign up for those you can.\***



**FREE!**

**Registration  
required**

**DATES**

**April 24th**

**May 14th**

**June 10**

**TIME**

**4:30pm**

**to**

**5:30 pm**



**REGISTER HERE:**

<https://forms.gle/o5L7c6Lbkp2pRvdg8>

# APRIL Lunch Program Menu

Forms were due to office before Spring Break.

Day	Date	Menu	Snack <u>w</u> Lunch	Check your selection
Mon	31	Hotdog	Fruit Cup and Granola bar	
Mon	31	Veggie Dog	Fruit Cup and Granola bar	
Tues	1	Perogies	Apple Sauce	
Wed	2	Pancakes w/ bacon	Carrots and dip	
Wed	2	Pancakes w/ fruit salad	Carrots and dip	
Thurs	3	Three Cheese Pizza	Apple Slices	
Fri	4	Chicken Ceaser Wrap	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	4	Chickpea Caesar Wrap	Fresh Fruit	
Mon	7	Bunwich -Ham and Cheese	Yogurt and Granola	
Mon	7	Bunwich -Veggies	Yogurt and Granola	
Tue	8	Broccoli Mac and Cheese	Celery and dip	
Wed	9	Curry on Rice w/ Chicken	Fresh Fruit	
Wed	9	Curry on Rice w/ Cauliflower	Fresh Fruit	
Thurs	10	Chicken Nuggets	Apple sauce	
Thurs	10	Veggie Nuggets	Apple sauce	
Fri	11	Ranch Wrap - Chicken	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	11	Ranch Wrap - Chickpea	Fresh Fruit	
Mon	14	Cheese Pizza Bagel	Apple slices	
Tue	15	Spaghetti Meat	Carrots and Dip	
Tue	15	Spaghetti Marinara Sauce	Carrots and Dip	
Wed	16	Burritos - Beef	Celery and Dip	
Thurs	17	Burritos - Bean and Cheese	Celery and Dip	
Thurs	17	Pita & Tzatziki	Veggies	
Fri	18	No School		
Mon	21	No School		
Tue	22	Pizza Pretzel	Yogurt & Granola	
Wed	23	Chicken Burger	Sliced Cucumbers	
Wed	23	Veggie Burger	Sliced Cucumbers	
Thurs	24	Teriyaki on Rice - Chicken	Fresh Fruit	
Thurs	24	Teriyaki on Rice - Veggie	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	25	Cheese and Crackers	Veggies	

## ATTENTION Parents and Guardians: Don't let your child miss out on a \$1,200 grant!

The B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG) is available to eligible children for a **three-year window only**. It can be used for their future post-secondary education and training.



### Is my child eligible?

- Parent or guardian, plus the child are B.C. residents and have Social Insurance Numbers (SINs)
- The child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9

### Make a plan today!

**Step 1:** Contact or visit your financial institution and ask if they offer the grant (most will).

**Step 2:** All you need is:

- Proof of residency: e.g. *BC driver's licence, BC Identification Card, BC Services Card, or recent B.C. utilities bill*
- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Your child's Social Insurance Number (SIN)\*

\*Apply for a SIN: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

**Step 3:** During your appointment with your financial institution:

- Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child (skip if already done)
- Complete application for the BCTESG. No need to add any of your own money!

### If eligible, \$1,200 will be deposited into your child's RESP. Apply today!

Learn More: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> or contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).

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