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REPORT

Principal's Message

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Spring has officially Sprung, and despite the lack of rainfall, the trees are blossoming and flowers are growing. It is hard to believe that there are only 8 weeks left of the school year. The warmer weather and sunshine is a welcome addition, which seems to lead to students are growing taller a little bit every day. It's quite possible that your child/ren don't fit into their clothes from just a few months ago. The warmer weather also means that our students often go outside at recess/lunch with a sweater/jacket and leave it out there and it eventually ends up in our "Lost and Found," which is growing exponentially. If you have a few moments, I would recommend swinging by the school to claim any items that belong to your family.

It also signifies the beginning of field trip season, with many classes heading off to far and distant lands (aka the Wildlife Park, McQueen Lake, etc.), which has a few of implications for you and your family:

- Communicate early if your child/ren are not going to be at school for any reason (appointments, trips, etc.).
- Criminal Records Checks are mandatory if you are going on a trip to help supervise or drive students to the location. A volunteer driver form is also necessary if you are going to drive.
- Please pay for the trip with SchoolCashOnline as quickly as possible. Please check your JUNK MAIL, as we are hearing that sometimes these notifications are landing there.
- If the field trip will put financial hardship on your family, please let whoever you feel comfortable talking to at the school know, so that we can find a solution that works for everyone and no one misses out.

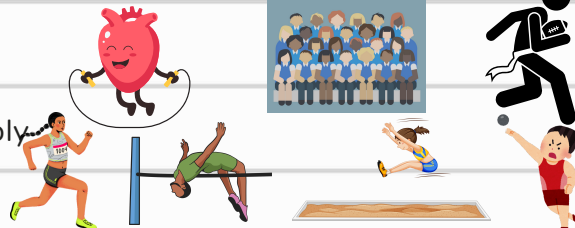
Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

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Upcoming Events

- April 30 Dress As Your Favourite Character Day
Young Artists' Conference @ TRU
Flag Football @ Raleigh Elementary
- May 1 Gymnastics - Ms. Anderson, Mrs. Hansen, Ms. Paddon (1/2)
- May 2 Young Authors' Conference
- May 5 Class Picture Day
Red Dress Day
- May 7 Flag Football @ home vs. St. Ann's
- May 13 Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff Assembly
- May 14 Flag Football @ Beattie Elementary
S.P.A.R.K. Session #2
- May 15 School Track Meet
- May 16 **Pro-D Day (No school for students)**
- May 19 **Victoria Day - School is Closed**
- May 20 Zone 3 1000m/1200m Race @ Parkcrest
- May 23 Wildlife Park - Ms. Hunter, Ms. Minaker, and Mrs. Semenoff
Zone 3 Track and Field Meet @ Hillside Stadium



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

FAVOURITE CHARACTER DAY

Our next Spirt Day will take place on **Wednesday, April 30th**. 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 for more information and resources for parents.

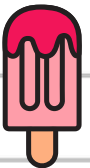
There are many benefits to children learning and playing outdoors. Together we can teach them about sun safety and enjoying the outdoors in a healthy and safe way.

Read more

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING

Our grade 7 students are working hard to raise the funds needed for their year-end field trip to Kelowna and their Farewell Celebration Evening in June. They will be holding the following events in which you can help contribute to this worthy cause:

- Bake Sale - May 30
- Ice Cream Sale - June 13
- Reverse Bottle Drive - May 20-23



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>



ARE YOU MOVING???



I cannot believe that we have already begun our plans for September. Time flies when you're having fun. If you are moving over the summer months and it is your intention to enroll your child/ren in a new school, please call or e-mail Mrs. Mcgivern (mmcgivern@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Ablitt (sablitt@sd73.bc.ca) in the office. It makes for a much smoother start up for students and staff if we have a clear picture of how many students will be attending our school prior to the summer break. This holds true as well if you are moving houses and intend to have your children continue to attend AE Perry, as we will need to have up-to-date contact information.

Track and Field

Track and Field season has arrived and planning has already started for our school Track and Field Meet, which will take place **Thursday, May 15th, 2025**. Students in grades 4-7 will be participating in a variety of activities including short distance and long distance races, long jump, high jump, triple jump, and shot put. We will need some help from parent volunteers to make this day a success. If you think you would be able to help out at a station, please let Mrs. Plummer (cplummer@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Underwood (dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca) know.

We will also need some parent volunteers to help us run the Shot Put pit at the Zone 3 Track Meet at Hillside Stadium on **Friday May 23rd** and at the District Track Meet on **Thursday, May 29th**. Once again, please let Mrs. Plummer or Mrs. Underwood know if you can help out on one or both of these days.



Water Bottles



As the weather gets hotter, it becomes even more imperative that your child/ren bring a refillable water bottle that he/she/they can fill at our water filling stations. Please make sure that these water bottles are labelled with your child/ren's first and last name so that we can get them back to their rightful owners when we find them on the ground and in the gym.

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 to get on a waitlist.

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



Diversity and Culture Calendar MAY

- 1-31 Asian Heritage Month
- 1-31 Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
- 1-31 Speech and Hearing Awareness Month 
- 1-31 Sexual Violence Awareness Month
- 1 National Principals' and Vice Principals' Day
- 3 World Press Freedom Day - United Nations
- 5 Dutch Heritage Day 
- Cinco de Mayo 
- Red Dress Day (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day)
- 5-9 Mental Health Week
- TBA Moose Hide Campaign Day
- 15 International Day of Families
- 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia 
- 19 Victoria Day
- 22 Harvey Milk day
- 24 Pansexual Visibility Day 
- 25-31 National AccessAbility Week 

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), the Vice-Principal, Mrs. Plummer (cpummer@sd73.bc.ca), or either one of our secretaries Mrs. McGivern (mmacgivern@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Ablitt (sablitt@sd73.bc.ca).

MULTI CULTURAL LUNCHEON

A yearly tradition at AE Perry is a Multi-Cultural Day and Luncheon. This year it will take place on **Wednesday June 11th**. 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.



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 **Monday, May 26th 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:

Acting Chairperson: Malcolm Atkin

Vice-Chairperson: vacant

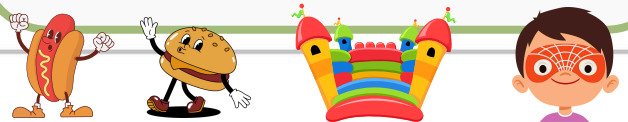
Secretary: Christopher Dale

Treasurer: Krystyna Smoch



PAC SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Each June, our PAC organizes a fun event to celebrate the end of the school year. This year, it will take place on Friday June 6th, from right after school until around 5pm. There will be carnival games, face painting, and a bouncy castle free of charge. There will also be a BBQ for those who want to purchase food. As you can imagine, there will be a need for volunteers in order to make this event a success. If you can volunteer, even if it's just for an hour or two, please contact Krystyna Smoch krystyna.prince@hotmail.com.



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.

MAY Lunch Program

Menu

Day	Date	Menu	Snack <u>w</u> Lunch	Check your selection
Tues	29	Hotdog	Apple Sauce & Granola bar	
Tues	29	Veggie Dog	Apple Sauce & Granola bar	
Wed	30	Quesadilla Chicken	Sliced Cucumber	
Wed	30	Quesadilla Bean & Cheese	Sliced Cucumber	
Thurs	1	Cheeseburger	Carrots and dip	
Thurs	1	Veggie Burger	Carrots and dip	
Fri	2	Chicken Ceaser Wrap	Yogurt Tubes	
Fri	2	Chickpea Caesar Wrap	Yogurt Tubes	
Mon	5	Chicken Nuggets	Fruit Cup	
Mon	5	Veggie Nuggets	Fruit Cup	
Tue	6	Penne Alfredo w/ Garlic Toast	Celery and dip	
Wed	7	Pancakes w/ bacon	Yogurt & Granola	
Wed	7	Pancakes w/ fruit salad	Yogurt & Granola	
Thurs	8	Three Cheese Pizza	Apple Slices	
Fri	9	Cheese and Crackers w/ Sausage	Veggies	
Fri	9	Cheese and Crackers w/ Veggies	Veggies	

MAY Lunch Program Menu

Mon	12	Cheese Pizza Bagel	Apple slices	
Tue	13	Spaghetti Meat	Carrots and Dip	
Tue	13	Spaghetti Marinara Sauce	Carrots and Dip	
Wed	14	Burritos - Beef	Celery and Dip	
Wed	14	Burritos - Bean and Cheese	Celery and Dip	
Thurs	15	Bunwich Ham & Cheese	Fresh Fruit	
Thurs	15	Bunwich Veggie	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	16	No School		
Mon	19	No School		
Tue	20	Chicken Burger	Yogurt & Granola	
Tue	20	Veggie Burger	Yogurt & Granola	
Wed	21	Perogies	Sliced Cucumbers	
Thurs	22	Grilled Cheese	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	23	Pizza Pretzel	Carrots and Dip	
Mon	26	Ham & Cheese Sandwich	Carrots and Dip	
Mon	26	Egg Salad Sandwich	Carrots and Dip	
Tue	27	Hotdog	Apple Sauce & Granola bar	
Tue	27	Veggie Dog	Apple Sauce & Granola bar	
Wed	28	Cheeseburger	Apple Slices	
Wed	28	Veggie Burger	Apple Slices	
Thurs	29	Chicken Nuggets	Fruit Cup	
Thurs	29	Veggie Nuggets	Fruit Cup	
Fri	30	Chicken Ranch Wrap	Fresh Fruit	
Fri	30	Chickpea Ranch Wrap	Fresh Fruit	

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.

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