



# Roadrunner



## REPORT

### Principal's Message

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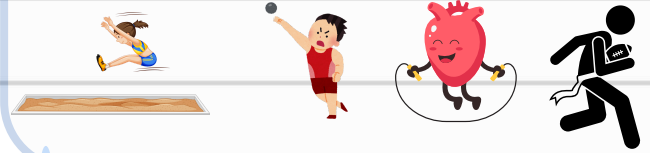
There are only 18.5 school days left this year. Wow! Where does the time go? In looking at our school calendar, there is no doubt in my mind that the remaining days and weeks will fly by. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the finish line, with only the month of June left in the 2024-2025 school year. It's amazing to see how much the students have grown physically, academically, socially, and emotionally since September.

Because the month of June is full of assessments, field trips, and year-end celebrations, clear communication with your child/ren's teacher about any absences will be crucial in making sure that everything that needs to get completed before the summer break. Keeping a regular bedtime routine, even with the increased daylight is one of the best ways to help keep your children regulated during this busy time of year.

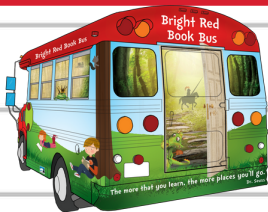
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### Upcoming Events

- May 29 District Track and Field Meet @ Hillside Stadium
- May 30 Wacky Hair/Sock Day and Rainbow Day  
Grade 7 Bake Sale Fundraiser  
McQueen Lake - Grade 4s
- June 4 Grade 7s @ TRU
- June 5 Grade 7's Orientation at BROCK  
PAC Carnival
- June 10 SPARK Session #3  
Strings Concert
- June 11 Grade 7 Orientation @ NorKam 9:15am  
Multi-Cultural Day and Luncheon
- June 12 Bike Rodeo  
Grade 5s to District Powwow
- June 13 Grade 7 - Freezie / Ice Cream Sandwich Sale
- June 16 PAC Meeting @4:30
- June 19 Volunteer Tea
- June 20 Grade 7 Year-End Trip to Kelowna
- June 23 Grade 4/5/6 to Salmon Arm Waterslides
- June 24 Grade 7 Farewell Evening 6pm-8pm
- June 25 Intermediate Fun Day
- June 26 Last Day of School - Dismissal @ 12:40  
Year-End Assembly @ 9am



### Bright Red Book Bus



As a collaborative project with community partners, the Bright Red Book Bus visits school and park sites over the summer and provides free, engaging interest books to encourage reading for pleasure. The Bright Red Book Bus will be visiting AE Perry Elementary on **Thursdays from 10am to noon** on the following dates:

- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24
- July 31
- Aug 7
- Aug 14

### What's In This Month's Issue?

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- Wacky Sock/Hair Day or Rainbow Day
- Kindergarten Registration
- Grade 7 Fundraisers - Bake Sale
- Water Bottles
- Are You Moving???
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- PAC CARNIVAL
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## WACKY HAIR/SOCK DAY OR RAINBOW DAY



Our next Spirit Day will take place on **Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, and there are a number of ways that students can participate. Students are invited to:

- style their hair in a creative and wacky way
- wear wacky socks
- decorate socks that they already own in a wacky way
- wear as many rainbows as possible.



We can't wait to see your creativity shine in how you chose to celebrate this Spirit Day. Our last spirit day will be "Twin Day" and it will be held on Friday June 13. Students are invited to dress up in the same manner as a friend or group of friends, or to dress up as Ms Mabee, who will be wearing black shorts/pants and a grey shirt/hoodie.



## 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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:mmcgivern@sd73.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Ablitt ([sablitt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto: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.

*Read more*

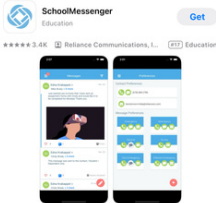
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## STUDENT ABSENCES

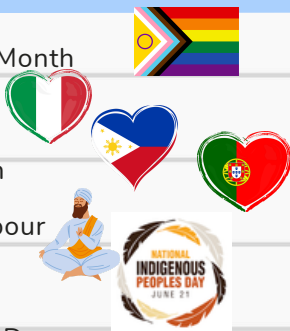
We ask that all parents submit their child/ren's absences through the SchoolMessenger System, particularly those students who will be away for an extended period. You can access this system in 3 ways:

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



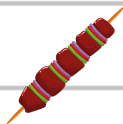
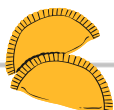
## Diversity and Culture Calendar JUNE

- 1-30 Pride Month (LGBTQ!A2S+)
- 1-30 National Indigenous History Month
- 1-30 Italian Heritage Month
- 1-30 Portuguese Heritage Month
- 1-30 Filipino Heritage Month
- 1-30 Deaf/Blind Awareness Month
- 12 SD73 District Powwow
- 12 World Day Against Child Labour
- 16 Guru Arjan Martyrdom
- 18 Autistic Pride Day
- 20 World Refugee's Day
- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day
- 24 Saint-Jean Baptise Day/Fête nationale du Québec
- 27 Canadian Multicultural Day



## MULTICULTURAL LUNCHEON

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>**. Families are invited to bring dish for the potluck luncheon. The luncheon will begin at 12:20. A form was sent home last week indicating if you are planning on bringing a dish. Please send this back to school ASAP. We also have a planned a celebration of cultures happening at 1:30 and parents are invited to attend. There will be a variety of dances and songs from around the world. If your child/ren have any traditional dress that he/she/the would like to wear, they are more than welcome to wear it or change into it at lunch.



## 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, June 6<sup>th</sup> 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, June 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 ([cplummer@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:cplummer@sd73.bc.ca)), or either one of our secretaries Mrs. McGivern ([mmcgivern@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:mmcgivern@sd73.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Ablitt ([sablitt@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:sablitt@sd73.bc.ca)).





# CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL AND SOCIAL MEDIA



Last spring, the provincial government announced that they were planning to restrict the use of cellphones in all schools, commencing September 2024. SD73 made some changes to our current [AP350, Student Code of Conduct](#), in relation to this announcement and a cell phone policy was shared with you in September (see below). While we appreciate that many of our students need to bring a cell phone or smart watch to school to communicate with their families after school, we are asking your support in reminding your child that they are not to be used on school property during the school day, unless given permission to do so by their teacher. We would also be asking for your help in reminding your child that taking someone's photo without their permission is also not permitted on school property during the school day. I would also like to remind everyone that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items, so we encourage students to keep expensive and sentimental items at home.

We have also been seeing some issues with unkind behaviour across a number of social media apps such as Snapchat and TikTok. It is a good time for you to have a conversation about your child's presence on these apps (if they even need to be on those apps at all) and the language they choose to use in the messaging sections.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



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### Personal Electronics Devices

If a cell phone or other personal electronic device, including smart watches, is necessary, it must stay in your backpack, in your locker, or given to your teacher upon arrival at school. It may **NOT BE KEPT IN YOUR POCKET OR DESK**.

Cell phones are **not** to be used by students on school grounds during school hours (8:20AM – 2:40PM).

Cameras and other electronics may be brought for special occasions **with teacher permission**.

Taking pictures of people without their permission is not permitted.

Personal Digital Devices may **NOT** be brought outside at recess or lunch.

These items are the responsibility of the student who brought them. **The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

It is best to leave expensive items (cell phones, iPod, toys, trading cards, cash, etc.) at home.

## P.A.C CARNIVAL

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:krystyna.prince@hotmail.com).



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

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their next meeting **Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend. This meeting will be the **PAC AGM** when election for the 2025-2026 PAC executive will be had. At our last several of PAC meetings, it was noted that there were a few people on the executive that have children who only have a year or two left at AE Perry, which means that in the next few years, there will be some openings on the PAC executive. Our current PAC executive members would love the opportunity to train and mentor some new parents so that the transition to a new executive is as seamless as possible. Our next PAC meeting is on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm and they would like anyone who is interested to attend.

## 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.

## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Dressing for the weather in the spring and summer looks quite a bit different than it does in the winter. This time of year, a hat, a water bottle, and a pair of runners are the best bet for an active and happy recess or lunch play time. Please refrain from sending your child/ren to school in flip flops, as they are not a safe choice of footwear for physical activity.



## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overflowing with items of clothing. Please swing by the office to collect anything that belongs to your family. Any belongings left at the end of the year will be donated to charity.

## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for students is **Thursday, June 26th** and dismissal that day is 12:40pm. Please plan for someone to be here at that time to collect your child/ren, as we have important meetings in the afternoon. There may be some families who choose to start their summer vacation a few days early and will not be at school on June 26th to collect their child/ren's report card. If you are planning on leaving early for Summer Holidays, please call the office to let us know and **enter the absence into the Safe Arrival Reporting App/Website** so that we can plan accordingly.

The office will be open until Friday, July 4th for you to pick up your child/ren's report card. If you would rather the school send your child/ren's report card in the mail, please leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with either the office or your child/ren's teacher, and we will pop it into the mail for you. **Teachers will NOT be handing out report cards before June 26th**; however, like in December and March, they will be posted to the parent portal in MyEd. Accessing your child's report card is done the same way it was done earlier of this year. Below is a list of instructions to support you.

## MYED PORTAL

To complete the setup to access the parent portal (if you haven't done so already) you will need to complete the following steps (each parent or guardian or household will have their own separate account):

- Visit <https://myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do>
- Make sure popups are enabled for your browser
- Your username (LOGIN ID) with the e-mail you gave the school
- Your temporary password: please use the same one you set up in January. If you cannot remember this password, click on the "I forgot my password" link and follow the instructions.
  - **NOTE:** Both username and password are case sensitive. New passwords require at least 8 characters, including a capital letter, as symbol, and a number)
- Enter your user name (LOGIN ID) and password then click "log On" to access the system. You may be prompted to change your password and fill out some information so that you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password.

Once inside the MyEducation BC system, you can navigate around to view information for your child/ren.

For a detailed explanation on how to login and navigate through the portal, please visit this [information page](#).



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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!

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