



Roadrunner Report

Friday, April 24, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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مرحبًا/Hello

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 9 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 to think 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.



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 or shoes that cannot fasten, as they are not a safe choice of footwear for physical activity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 27** **PRO-D DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- April 28 Hunter to MacArthur Island
- April 29 Flag Football game @ home vs South Sa-Hali
- April 30 Author Presentation - Robinson and Cowan
Mr. Bourassa's class to McQueen Lake
- May 1 Young Author's Conference @ TRU
- May 4 PAC Meeting @ 4pm in Library
- May 5 Red Dress Day 
Track and Field Meet (am) - Field Events
Hansen and Anderson to Gymnastics - 12:30
- May 6 Track and Field Meet (am) - Running Events
Cowan and Jacobson to Gymnastics - 12:30
Young Artists Conference @ TRU
Flag Football @ Westsyde Elementary
SPARK #2 @ 4:30 
- May 7 Grade 7 Day @ TRU
- May 11 Honesty Assembly
Kamloops Rugby Club Presentation for Gr. 6/7
- May 12 Hansen and Anderson to Gymnastics @ 12:30
- May 13 Gulbransen and Selski to Paul Lake
Cowan and Jacobson to Gymnastics
Flag Football @ home Vs. Juniper Ridge
- May 14 Langford to Gymnastics
- May 15** **PRO-D DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- May 18** **VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- May 20 Zone 3 Track Meet at Hillside Stadium
- May 22 Story Telling with Jackie Jules - Kindergarten
- May 26 District 1000m/1200m @TRU
- May 27 SPARK #3
- May 28 District Track and Field Meet  
- May 29 Wacky Hair Day and PAC Popcorn Day
Mrs. Telford's class to McQueen Lake
Jump Rope for Heart 11:45-12:15 
- June 1 Respect Assembly @ 9am
PAC Meeting @ 4pm in Library
- June 5 Spring Play - Grade 6/7s
PAC Year-End BBQ 3-5pm 
- June 10 Multicultural Day Luncheon and Assembly



MULTI CULTURAL LUNCHEON AND ASSEMBLY

A yearly tradition at AE Perry is a Multi-Cultural Day and Luncheon. This year it will take place on Wednesday June 10th. **Families are invited to bring dish** for the potluck luncheon. The luncheon will begin at 12:15. A form will be sent in the coming weeks for you to indicate if you are planning on bringing a dish. 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/they would like to wear, they are more than welcome to wear it or change into it at lunch.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - P.A.C

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their next meeting on upcoming **Monday, May 4 at 4:00pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend. The last of the PAC Events this year is:

June Family BBQ

- Friday, June 5 from 3pm-6pm






If you are able to help out at this event in any capacity, please send a message to Krystyna krystyna.prince@hotmail.com



SUNSCREEN

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.

We will be reviewing the 5 Ss of Sun Safety: Seek, Slip, Slap, Slop and Slide.

- **SEEK** shade share 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) 

Please apply sunscreen to your child/ren before he/she/they come to school. If you send sunscreen with your child to apply at school, please remind him/her/they that they are not to be applying sunscreen to others, or bringing it outside with them at recess and lunch.

DIVERSITY AND CULTURE CALENDAR

MAY

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| 1 - 31 | Asian Heritage Month | |
| 1 - 31 | Canadian Jewish Heritage Month | |
| 1 | Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja | |
| 1 | International Workers' Day | |
| 3 | World Press Freedom Day - United Nations | |
| 4 | International Family Equality Day | |
| 4-10 | Mental Health Week | |
| 5 | Dutch Heritage Day |  |
| 5 | Red Dress Day (MMIWG2S) | |
| 5 | Cinco de Mayo | |
| 7 | National Child and Youth Mental Health Day | |
| 10 | Bear Witness Day |  |
| 10 | World Fair Trade Day | |
| 15 | International Day of Families | |
| 17 | International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia | |
| 18 | Victoria Day | |
| 18-22 | Anti-Racism Awareness Week | |
| 19 | Eid al-Fitr or Id al-Fitr |  |
| 21-21 | Moose Hide Campaign | |
| 23 | Shavuot | |
| 21 | World Day for Cultural Diversity | |
| 24 | Buddha's Birthday | |
| 24-29 | The Hajj |  |
| 25-31 | National AccessAbility Week | |
| 26-30 | Eid al-Adha | |
| 30 | World Multiple Sclerosis Day | |

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

NO PARKING

When parent park in our staff parking lot, it becomes more congested and the chances of someone being struck, as 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. We also have a variety of District staff that visit our school to support children who need to access these parking spots. District Maintenance Vehicles also 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.**



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 over two mornings: Tuesday, May 5th and Wednesday, May 6th. 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. 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 **Wednesday May 20th** and at the District Track Meet on **Thursday, May 28th**. Once again, please let Mrs. Underwood know if you can help out on one or both of these days.



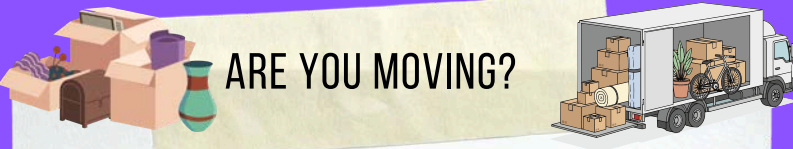
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

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.

WATER BOTTLES

As the weather gets hotter, it becomes even more imperative that your child/ren bring a re-fillable 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 outside, in the hallways, 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 enrol your child/ren in a new school, please call or e-mail Mrs. Ablitt (sablitt@sd73.bc.ca) or Mrs. Macgovern (mmagovern@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 SSES, as we will need to have up-to-date contact information.



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 5th 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 5th. 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 VP, Mrs. Plummer cplummer@sd73.bc.ca, or either one of our secretaries Mrs. McGovern mmacgovern@sd73.bc.ca or Mrs. Ablitt sablitt@sd73.bc.ca.



SUPERVISION AFTER SCHOOL

We are seeing more and more students not being picked up at the 2:34 bell and waiting for their parent/s 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.



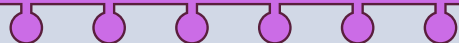
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

SD73 strives to provide high-quality, accessible, and affordable child care that is essential to the well-being of children, their families, and the broader community. The District acknowledges the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education and Child Care. This funding allows us to offer a wide range of early learning and childcare programs.

AE Perry is one of the sites that offers this great service. If this is something that you might be interested in, please don't hesitate to e-mail the Early Learning Team here: elcc@sd73.bc.ca

You can also put yourself on the waitlist by clicking this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1k1-FHIV9EAATXj-9hRZaBzMSdPN4qIE7tVII9xBhTx0/viewform?ts=66f59e4e&edit_requested=true



Upcoming Spirit Days

Fri. May 29 - Wacky Hair Day

Tues. June 16 - Wacky Hat Day



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We continue to welcome registrations for Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 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 2021**, you/they 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.



DISPOSABLE CUTLERY

In an effort to promote a more environmentally sustainable school, we would like to stop purchasing single-use disposable cutlery for students to use to eat their lunch. We have a number of students who come to the office regularly to ask for a fork or a spoon. Please make sure to send your child/ren with the necessary utensils to eat his/her/their lunch, as we will continue to not provide disposable cutlery to students.

Opportunities from Kamloops Immigrant Services



**HIKING
GIBRALTAR ROCK**

May 5th
5:00 - 8:30pm
More info: angie@kcris.ca



<https://bit.ly/CC-GibraltarRockHike>

Funded by / Financé par:

BC COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITIES | WelcomeBC | Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada | Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada | KAMLOOPS IMMIGRANT SERVICES TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER | BC PARKS FOUNDATION

[Register Here](#)

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**KAMLOOPS
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**YOUTH 4 YOUTH
ART WORKSHOP**



April 27th
1:00 - 2:30pm
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More info: angie@kcris.ca

<https://bit.ly/CC-YouthArtWorkshop>

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BCG @ John Tod (150 Wood St)

YOUTH DROP IN

HOURS: SEPTEMBER TO JUNE

FOR AGES 11-24, NOON TO 3PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

FOR AGES 11-18, 3PM TO 6PM, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

JULY & AUGUST: FOR AGES 11-19, 11AM – 4PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

- WEEKDAY DROP IN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH BETWEEN AGES 11-24
- VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES, YOUTH ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO GYMNASIUM & EQUIPMENT, A KITCHEN, POOL, PING PONG, FOOSBALL TABLES, BOARD GAMES, VIDEOS GAMES, TV, ART SUPPLIES, AND MORE!
- HOME-COOKED MEALS AND SNACKS ARE PROVIDED DAILY BY YOUTH RESOURCE WORKERS
- ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CLUB AND COME AND GO AS THEY LIKE. HOMEWORK HELP AND AN AFTERSCHOOL SNACK ARE PROVIDED

**FOLLOW LINK TO REGISTER: [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

NIGHTS ALIVE

- NIGHTS ALIVE IS A DRUG, ALCOHOL AND HARASSMENT-FREE PLACE FOR YOUTH BETWEEN 13 AND 21 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES IN A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT
- A MEAL IS PROVIDED, **SAFE RIDES HOME ARE AVAILABLE** FOR YOUTH WHO LIVE IN THE NORTH SHORE, BROCKLEHURST, AND SOUTH SHORE

**FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS, GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

YOUTH LIFE SKILLS & DROP-IN WELLNESS (YOUTH ROOM @ JOHN TOD CENTRE)

- A FREE PROGRAM THAT TEACHES YOUTH BETWEEN 11 AND 24 YEARS OLD VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS SUCH AS HEALTHY COOKING AND EATING, MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS, TEAM BUILDING, EMPLOYMENT SKILLS, AND PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

**FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS, GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.BGCKAMLOOPS.COM/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://www.bgckamloops.com/youth-programs)

YOUTH NECESSITY NOOK

MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS FROM NOON TO 6:00PM

FRIDAYS FROM 9:00AM TO 6:00PM

- A FREE SERVICE FOR YOUTH AGES 11-24 ONCE A WEEK, YOUTH CAN RECEIVE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS, AND HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES
- FORMAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BUT THEY DO NEED NAME AND BIRTHDATE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BRITTANY AT B.FERGUSON@BGCKWL.COM

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR GRADUATION??

- YOUTH CAN VOLUNTEER AT BGC KAMLOOPS BY COMMITTING TO A MINIMUM OF 10 HOURS TO 100 HOURS
- OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE ASSISTING WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS SUCH AS PREPARING YOUTH ROOM SNACKS, RESTOCKING THE NECESSITIES NOOK, OR HELPING WITH MAINTENANCE AROUND THE CENTRE. YOUTH CAN ALSO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS BY ASSISTING WITH LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMS

**FOR MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO REGISTER, EMAIL DEZARAE AT D.LUCE@BGCKWL.COM

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.