ROADRUNER REPORT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Winter announced its imminent arrival on this week with a light snowfall in Aberdeen and Dufferin. This means that it is time to dig into your winter bins to pull out warm clothes and gear and to see just how much your child/ren has/have grown since last year. New boots and warm winter clothes can be quite expensive, so if you need some help getting some gear that fits your child/ren, please do not hesitate to contact whomever you feel comfortable talking to at the school, as there are some options available to you. Please label all of your child/ren's clothing. You would not believe how many pairs of boots and mittens accumulate in the lost and found over the course of a few wintery months.






I would also like to inform you all that, as of this past Monday, many students will be entering and exiting the school from a different door, in order to ease the use of the boot racks. Once the ground gets wet and muddy, **EVERYONE, this includes you too parents**, will need to take their outside footwear off at the door. We do not want to track in dirt and water through our halls.

I would also encourage you to take a look at our school website for up-to-date information about events at our school and SD73 as a whole. You can visit the site here:
https://www.sd73.bc.ca/aeperry

UPCOMING EVENTS

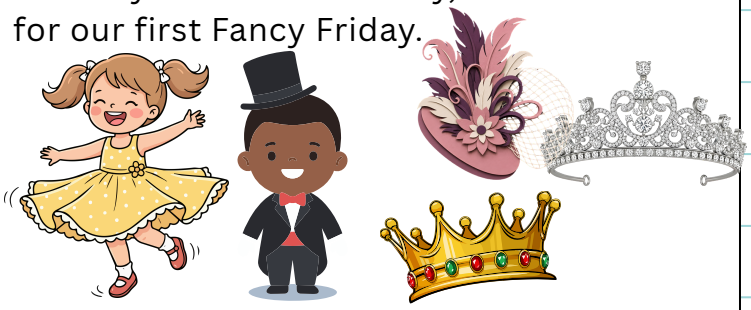
Nov. 2-6	Powwow Dance Workshops for all
Nov. 3	Boys Volleyball Game @Home
Nov. 4	Tier 3 Co-Ed Volleyball Game @KCS
Nov. 5	Girls Volleyball Game @KCS
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly @11
	Boys Volleyball Game @Sníne
Nov. 11	**Remembrance Day (School is Closed)**
Nov. 12	Girls Volleyball Game @Parkcrest
Nov. 17	Boys Volleyball Game @LGES
Nov. 18	Tier 3 Co-Ed Volleyball Game @Dallas
Nov. 19	Girls Volleyball Game @Dufferin
Nov. 23	PAC Meeting @ 5pm
Nov. 25	Tier 3 Co-Ed Volleyball Game @OLPH
Nov. 27	Spirit Day - Fancy Friday
Nov. 30	**Pro-D Day (no school for students)**
Dec. 7	TRU Engineering Workshops
Dec. 8	Winter Concert @1:15PM
Dec. 9	Winter Concert @1:15PM
Dec. 10	Winter Concert @1:15PM
Dec. 11	Term 1 Report Cards Home
Dec. 18	Ugly Holiday Sweater/PJ Day

LOST AND FOUND

You would be astounded to see how many things we have already accumulated in our Lost and Found. As much as we pick up items left outside after recess and lunch, it is difficult for us to return belongings to their rightful owners if there is no name on them. We ask that you label all of your child/ren's belongings so that we can get these "lost" items back to your child/ren ASAP. All of our Lost and Found items are hanging in the primary hallway for you or your child to take a look and claim anything that belongs to your family.

FANCY FRIDAY

Isn't it frustrating when you buy an outfit for your child for a specific event (i.e. wedding), and then they have no other time or place to wear it again before they grow out of it. Well, we would like to provide the opportunity for everyone to wear these clothes at least one more time. Students are welcome to wear their "Sunday Bests" on Friday, November 27th for our first Fancy Friday.



If you don't have anything that fits the bill, we also welcome wearing a tiara, a crown, or a fascinator (lightweight, ornamental formal headpiece worn as a stylish alternative to a traditional hat). You can create one of these at home with common crafting supplies. We may also have a few tiara/crown/fascinator workshops at lunch for those wanting to create one at school (or at least start one they can finish at home).

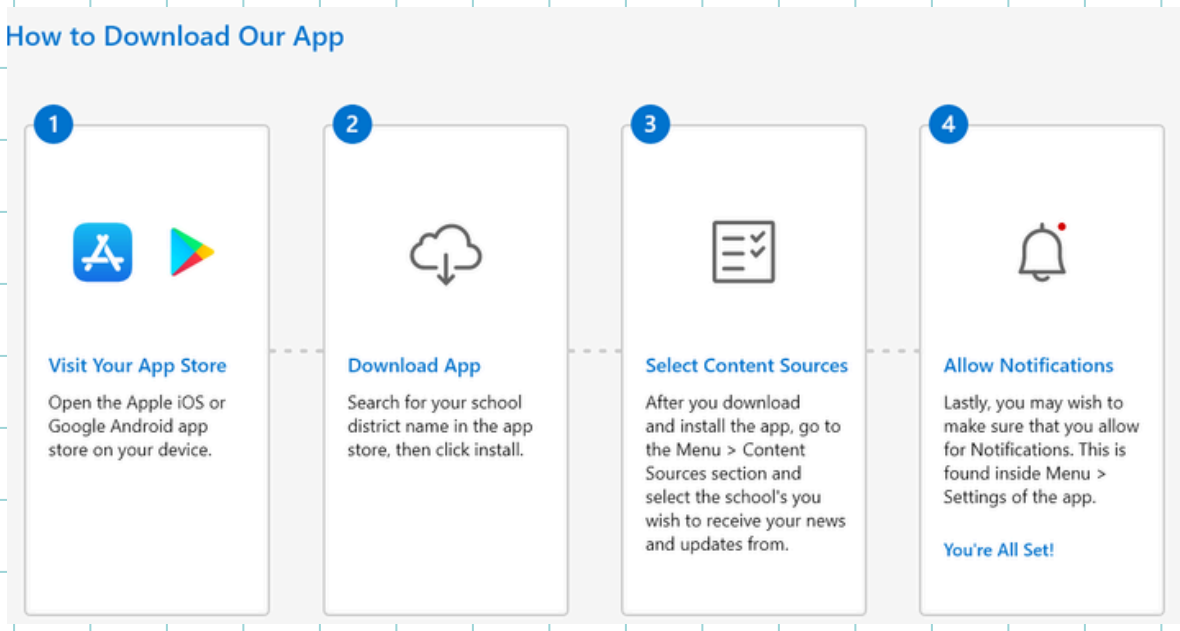
REMOVING SHOES AT THE DOOR

As the weather is changing, and the wet and dirty season of snow and rain boots is about to be upon us, I am warning you in advance that we will be asking EVERYONE, parents and staff included, to remove their outside shoes at the door when they are wet, muddy or snowy. It just takes one pair of wet/dirty shoes to leave a mess in the hallway for a child to walk through with sock feet, leaving them with wet socks for the day; or even worse, a small puddle for someone to slip and fall in. We consider the school as a second home for everyone here, and if you wouldn't consider walking through your living room with your wet boots, we wouldn't expect that you do it here at school. This means that your child/ren will need to bring a pair of inside shoes to school, if he/she/they do not already have some here.



SD73 APP

The school District has a new app that you can download and subscribe to updates for our school and any other school in the District. I've downloaded it myself, and would recommend it to all of you as well. The directions are explained here:






STAYING




If your child/ren are going to be absent or late from school for any reason (i.e. dentist, holiday, etc.) please enter this absence into the Safe Arrival Student Absence Reporting System - SchoolMessenger App, go.schoolmessenger.ca or l toll-free **1-844-350-2647**. You can enter absences in advance or the day of until 8:30am.

The mornings are very busy, and we do not want to overlook any student absence. The most accurate and time sensitive way for you to let us know that your child will not be in attendance is to use the app, the website, or the toll-free number. **Please refrain from phoning the school to report a student absence**. The use of this system will also prevent any unnecessary and unsettling phone calls going out to you.

AE PERRY PAC

Our school Parent Advisory Committee meets monthly to discuss initiative, issues and plans for fundraising events for our school. They also organize and distribute popcorn for our popcorn days and the year-end BBQ. All parents are welcome to attend all meetings.
At the AGM, the members voted in are as follows:

- President - Krystina Smoch
- Vice-President - Malcolm Atkin
- Secretary - Angela Wilson
- Treasurer - Temitope Ayanda
- DPAC Rep - Jade Sallows

The next PAC meeting will take place **Monday November 23rd at 5:00pm in our school library**. All parents are welcome to attend.

PAC FACEBOOK PAGE

Our PAC has a Facebook page (AE Perry Family) that you might want to consider joining. In order to be granted access, you will need to answer the questions posted.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

Cold and Flu Season has already arrived, and the most effective way to keep everyone at school healthy and safe is to not send your child/ren to school if he/she/they are sick or feeling unwell. Here are some guidelines to follow when deciding when your child/ren should stay home:

- a fever, and keep them home for 24hours after the fever has gone away without medication
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode
- a severe sore throat
- a rash with no known cause
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms such as a runny now and headache
- redness, swelling, or discharge of the eyes, ears, or skin, unless treated
- acting unwell and has little energy to join in school activities



WINTER CONCERT

This year for our Winter Concert, we are putting on a production of the Polar Express. It is sure to be a big success for everyone.

Due to such a large school population, and the capacity limit of our gymnasium, our winter concert will be taking place over three afternoons, **Dec. 8, 9, and 10**. In order to distribute the spectators evenly amongst the 3 days, we are asking that families with the last name that begins with:



- **A-G** attend on Tuesday, December 8 from 1:30 - 2:30
- **H-R** attend on Wednesday, December 9 from 1:30 - 2:30
- **S-Z** attend on Thursday, December 10 from 1:30 - 2:30

We know that this won't be possible for everyone, but if the majority of families abide by this, we should have enough room for everyone. Please feel free to invite grandparents and other family members to attend if you wish.

If your child/ren is/are not going to be at school for any of the performances, please let your child/ren's teacher know so that he/she/they can make the necessary changes for the performance. We will also be collecting non-perishable food donations at the concert, so please feel free to bring a donation if you like.



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Dressing for the weather can be tricky in the Fall and early winter, as the mornings are a bit chilly, while the afternoons can be significantly warmer. As the air temperature drops and the amount of precipitation increases, it becomes increasingly more important for your child/ren to come to school dressed for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us for recess and lunch hour. We will be sending students outside in inclement weather, so it is crucial that they are prepared with outside shoes/boots, a jacket, and, before you know it, mitts and a tuque. **When it is raining, we ask everyone, staff, students and parents, to take their shoes/boots off at the door**. It just takes one pair of wet shoes/boots to make the hallways slippery and dangerous. Also, no one likes to step in water in sock feet on their way to putting on his/her/their indoor shoes. **Please make sure to send a pair of indoor shoes to school with your child, if you haven't already done so.**



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 that their own for any reason, will need to complete a criminal records check. It is free of charge. This can be done easily online at https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access. Use the code **6EWCGPQXWN**.

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. If you completed one last year, I don't believe that the system will allow you to complete another one quite yet. Please phone the office if you get some sort of error message in order to confirm that we have a Criminal Records Check for you on file.

SPIRIT DAYS

In order to infuse a sense of fun, we will continue to have a monthly Spirit Day. Here is a list of days for you to put in your calendar to help with your family planning. We do our best to choose spirit days that can be accomplished with items you can find at home, so be creative and try not to buy anything extra. As always, it is only an invitation to participate, so if your child does not want to participate, that is OK.





Nov. 27 - Fancy Friday
Dec. 18 - PJ/Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Jan. 29 - Jersey Day



Feb. 24 - Pink Shirt Day
Mar. 12 - Anything but a Backpack Day
Apr. 23 - Western Day




May 20 - Superhero Day
Jun 25 - Tropical Day



STAFF PARKING LOT



The Staff Parking lot and the drop-off Zone are both areas that seems to always need mentioning for new and experienced parents alike.

Please remember that the parking lot is for staff only and should not be accessed by parents, guardians, or caregivers during drop-off and pick-up times. Please share this with any adults/caregivers that may be driving your child/ren to or from school.

Anyone arriving to AE Perry by vehicle should be park on Lethbridge Street and use the stairs to access the school grounds. **Please do not park in the Bus Parking Zone, as we have school busses that need to access this area**.

In addition, please respect our neighbours and do not block driveways while you are parked.



VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 2 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 3 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Boys @ Home**	NOVEMBER 4 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 3 Co-Ed @ KCS**	NOVEMBER 5 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Girls @ KCS**	NOVEMBER 6 Open Gym - Scrimmage @ Lunch	NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 9 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 10 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Boys @ Sníne**	NOVEMBER 11 Remembrance Day School is Closed	NOVEMBER 12 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Girls @ Parckrest**	NOVEMBER 13 Open Gym - Scrimmage @ Lunch	NOVEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 15	NOVEMBER 16 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 17 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Boys @ LGES**	NOVEMBER 18 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 3 Co-Ed @ Dallas**	NOVEMBER 19 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch **Tier 1 Girls @ Dufferin**	NOVEMBER 20 Open Gym - Scrimmage @ Lunch	NOVEMBER 21
NOVEMBER 22	NOVEMBER 23 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 24 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 25 T 1 Girls Practice @ lunch **Tier 3 Co-Ed @ OLPH**	NOVEMBER 26 T 1 Boys Practice @ lunch	NOVEMBER 27 Open Gym - Scrimmage @ Lunch	NOVEMBER 28
NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS					

THE LIBRARY MINI PAGE

November Contest
Finish this sentence: If I

found a secret door in the library, it would lead to...

I Spy this Month

Can you find these pictures around the library this month?



MONTHLY EVENTS

Author's Day
November 1, 2026
Today we celebrate authors and the books they write!



Remembrance Day
November 11, 2026
Today we honor all the brave individuals who served in the military during their lifetimes.



French Toast Day
November 28, 2026
Yummy! Celebrate today's holiday by making a batch of French toast - pass the butter and syrup!



November in the Library

Here's what's happening in the library this month:

Kindergarten-Grade 3
- SD73 Sagebrush Book Awards
- **Fiction Focus:** Picture Books

Grades 4–7
- SD73 Sagebrush Book Awards
- **Fiction Focus**: Genre Booktalks



Booktalk!
Booktalk noun (bok)(tawk)
1. A conversation about a book that one has read, infused with joy and emotion. Best if done daily.

Reader of the Month (September)

- Harshdeep,Grade2(Hansen's class)
- Isabella, Grade 4 (Gulbransen's class)

Reader of the Month (October)

Miley, Grade 2 (Anderson's class)
Logan, Grade 6 (Bonderud's class)

Fast Fact of the Month

November

- November was the ninth month in the Roman calendar before January and February were added!



bgc Kamloops and Williams Lake Club

Parent Together

For Caregivers of Neurodiverse Teens

Free two part workshop for **parents and caregivers of Neurodiverse teens**. In this workshop, participants will learn how to support their teens transition from childhood to adulthood.



When: Saturday, Nov 21st (pt.1) and 28th (pt.2), from 9 am to 1 pm

Who: Caregivers of Neurodiverse teens ages 13- 18 years old.

Where: John Tod Centre on 150 Wood St

For more information and to register, **scan QR code below!**

For even more information, contact Kelsey at k.mcarthur@bgckwl.com or call (250) 554-5437