

ROADRUNNER REPORT



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a great start to the school year. I can't believe that we are already in October.

I wanted to let you all know that the calendar on our school website has been updated and this is a great place for you all to get important information about school events. All of our school newsletters and PAC meeting minutes can also be found on the website, as well as other important information. Please take a few moments to explore this site. When you visit the calendar and you click on an event, you can add it to your own personal calendar. This is quite a handy tool to help you keep your family organized.

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/aeperry>

As we move into the autumn months, and the weather gets cooler, it is time to start digging out sweaters, boots, and jackets to try on to see if they still fit.

As November is right around the corner, we have begun planning for our Remembrance Day Assembly. If you know of a family member or friend that is a veteran or is currently serving our country and who might be interested in speaking, being recognized, or attending our assembly, please contact Mrs. Underwood dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 12 | Thanksgiving - School is Closed |
| Oct. 14 | X-Country Race @ Centennial Park |
| Oct. 15 | Lions Vision Screening |
| Oct. 19 | Salmon Run (Gr. 2-4)
PAC Meeting @5pm |
| Oct. 20 | TRU Engineering Workshops |
| Oct. 27 | Come Read with Me - Grade 1s |
| Oct. 23 | Pro-D Day (no school for students) |
| Oct. 28 | Photo Re-Takes |
| Oct. 30 | Halloween Parade (primaries) |
| Nov. 2-6 | Powwow Dance Workshops for all |
| Nov. 10 | Remembrance Day Assembly @11 |
| Nov. 11 | Remembrance Day (School is Closed) |
| Nov. 23 | PAC Meeting @ 5pm |
| 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 |



PAC ART CARDS FUNDRAISER

Our PAC has launched their first fundraiser for the year. Currently, students are designing a piece of art work that can be printed on cards, water bottles, etc. When your child brings home this piece of art, if you would like to order one of the items, you will have to scan the QR code on the back of the poster to order what you would like, write the reference letter down in the box, and send the artwork back to the school **before October 28th**.



HALLOWEEN



Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costume **Friday October 30th** if he/she/they choose to do so. Please contact your child's teacher about their plans for the day and when they will expect their students to change back into their street clothes. We will have a primary parade starting after announcements and parents are welcome to attend. Please remember the following guidelines when helping your child to choose a costume to wear to school:

- **No masks**
- **No inflatable costumes (we need to be able to see student faces)**
- **No weapons (swords, guns, etc.)**
- **No ultra-violent or gory costumes/make-up (we don't want to frighten the younger students)**

Also, keep in mind that it is still a school day, so super bulky costumes that do not allow your child/ren to sit down are not the best choice. If your child/ren does/do not want to wear a costume or you do not celebrate Halloween, your child/ren is/are invited to wear black and orange that day if he/she/they like.

If you would like to send goodies for your child's class, you are welcome to do so, but please check with your child's teacher first. Also keep in mind that there are many food allergies at our school.

Another thing to monitor is how much candy is sent to school in your child's lunch in the days following Halloween, as too much sugar can be detrimental to your child's ability to self-regulate. If you could limit it to no more than 2 pieces, we would be very grateful. Of course, if they are Twix bars, then they can drop them off at the office for the Principal; they're her favourite.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES



School supplies are provided at the school at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of going out and buying supplies that might not be the right fit. You will be getting, or have already received an e-mail from SchoolCash Online this week indicating that the system is available for you to pay for school supplies. Forms will be coming home with your child this week, if they didn't come home with them on Friday.

Individual student fees (enhancement fees for field trips and athletics for example) will include a processing fee for all payment transactions using online payment options. This processing fee, which was approved by the Board, represents actual costs the Board incurs for using online fee payment services. Cash and cheque payments will not incur this processing fee. We recognize that fee increases can be challenging for families. School District 73 is committed to ensuring that no student is excluded from an educational program or activity or extracurricular activity because of financial need as outlined in the [District's Administrative Procedure 506: Student Financial Assistance.](#)

For those of you who are new to the District, you will, if you haven't already, receive an e-mail from schoolcashonline.com which will prompt you to register for an account. If you need any help, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Janzen in the office.

IMPORTANT!!!! If you have changed your e-mail over the summer, please contact Mrs. Janzen in the office ASAP so that she can update our system and allow you to use the online payment options with schoolcashonline.com.



SAFE ARRIVAL



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 1 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 October 19th at 5:00pm in our school library**. All parents are welcome to attend.

PHOTO RETAKES



Photo Re-Takes will take place **Tuesday, October 28th** for any student or staff that was absent on Thursday, October 1st, or if you are not satisfied with the photo taken this day.

Your child was sent home with a slip of paper with the QR code to order your child's photo package. All photos should be uploaded to their site. If you did not get a code or have any questions, please visit their website:

<https://www.mountainwest.ca/photogrpa-hy-faq>

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.

THANK
YOU

TERRY FOX RUN - TOONIE FOR TERRY



This year's Fundraising efforts were fantastic. We made a goal to raise \$702 and we raised \$930 by collecting Toonies for Terry the week of September 22-25. Every toonie brought in gave students a chance to enter their name in a draw for the chance to throw a pie in the Principal's face if we reached our fundraising goal of \$2 for each student. Well the Principal got several pies in the face that day, much to the delight of the students.



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Dressing for the weather can be tricky in the Fall, as the mornings are a bit chilly, while the afternoons can be downright balmy. 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 than 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.

Oct. 30 - Halloween
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 seem 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 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.

TO ALL GR. 1 PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS



Come Read with Me

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

HOW TO INCREASE READING MOTIVATION AND CONFIDENCE

Location A.E. Perry Elementary

DATE Tuesday Oct. 27, 2026

TIME 9 am

RSVP DATE Tuesday Oct. 20, 2026

THIS IS HOW OUR MORNING TOGETHER WILL LOOK:

- 45 minutes: Parents learn ways to support their young reader at home
- 30 minutes: Parents and their child read and play word games together

WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT THIS SESSION:

- "This workshop answered so many questions we had."
- "Great tactics and advice; reminder that confidence is key."
- "Very helpful! Makes reading together fun."

Participants will receive a free package with a book, word games and word cards!

PLEASE RETURN THIS PART TO THE SCHOOL

I WILL BE THERE! MY NAME IS	
MY GR. 1 CHILD'S NAME IS	
TEACHER'S NAME	

We highly encourage a parent to attend. If you are unable to attend, you are invited to send another caregiver (grandparent, aunt, uncle) in your place, so that your child will have someone to read with.

THE LIBRARY MINI PAGE



October is National Booooook Month!

This month is a great time to expand your love of reading by trying a new genre of book! Visit your local library to find your next favorite read!

#NATIONALBOOKMONTH

MONTHLY EVENTS

World Octopus Day



October 8, 2026

Today we celebrate the unique octopus! Did you know these 8-legged creatures have 9 brains?

National Black Cat Day



October 27, 2026

Did you know black cats are less likely to be adopted? Today is a day to appreciate our furry feline friends!

Library News



Hello Parents and Caregivers!

My name is Nicole Pereversoff, and I'm excited to be your child's teacher librarian this year! I look forward to helping students discover great books, develop their library skills, and find stories and information that spark their curiosity.

Library Days & Book Checkout

Students will visit the library regularly on their scheduled library day (see below).

- **Kindergarten & Grade 1:** Students may check out **1** book.
- **Grades 2-7:** Students may check out **2** books.

Please help your child remember to bring their library books back each week so they can check out new ones. We are also learning how to care for books and keep them safe!

Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
• YC • Shull • Gulbransen • Sirianni • Langford	• Hunter • Barrow • Anderson • Bonderud • Telford • Selski	• Flex Room • Danyluk • Jacobson • Beresh • Sharp • Underwood	• Hansen

Fast Facts of the Month

- October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar before January and February were added!
- The most candy is purchased during this month due to Halloween - on average 745.8 million pounds of candy are sold!



DID YOU KNOW?



What We Did in September



September was all about getting comfortable in our library space.

Students learned about:

- A tour of the library and how the space is organized
- Library expectations and routines
- How to care for books
- Our monthly library contest (How many "book worms" are in the jar?) & passive programming.



What's Coming in October?

We have lots of exciting learning planned!

Kindergarten

- How to handle and care for books
- Parts of a book
- Fiction vs. Nonfiction

Grades 1-3

- A salmon inquiry! Students will explore questions, gather information, and learn more about salmon.

Grades 4-7

- **Fiction:** Different ways to read and enjoy books, including online read-aloud resources
- **Nonfiction:** An introduction/focus on the 100s section of the Dewey Decimal System

ACTIVITY TIME

HAPPY HALLOWEEN ISPY

Circle the items as you locate them in the iSpy below! Can you find all of the hidden items?

