



# Roadrunner Report

Friday, September 12, 2025

## WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a new school year! We were able to get students into classes fairly quickly and last week has been filled with making new connections to peers and classmates, reviewing school and classroom expectations, and getting to know their teacher.

Our focus this year as a school will continue to be guided by our School Learning Plan goals:

1. Each learner will demonstrate growth in Reading.
2. All learners will feel a sense of belonging and have positive connections within our school community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 12 Terry Fox Assembly with Fred Fox
- Sept. 19 Terry Fox Run @ 11am
- Sept. 22 Pro-D Day (no school for students)**
- Sept. 26 Individual Photo Day
- Sept. 29 Orange Shirt Day**
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School is Closed**
- Oct. 1 - 31 FSA - Grades 4-7
- Oct. 13 Thanksgiving - School is Closed**
- Oct. 16 Bus Safety Training - Kindergarten
- Oct. 20 PAC Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Oct. 21 Photo Re-Takes
- Oct. 24 Pro-D Day (no school for students)**
- Oct. 31 Halloween



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

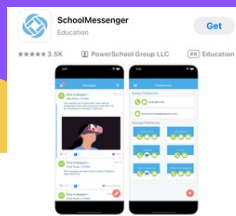
School supplies are provided at the school at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of going out and buying supplies that might not be the right fit. You will be getting, or have already received an e-mail from [SchoolCash Online](#) this week indicating that the system is available for you to pay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

Starting September 2025 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 after the budget consultation process last spring, 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 [schoolcashionline.com](#) which will prompt you to register for an account. Instructions on how to sign up for an account can be found [here](#). If you need any help, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Ablitt in the office.

If you have changed your e-mail over the summer, please contact Mrs. Ablitt or Mrs. McGovern in the office ASAP so that she can update our system and allow you to use the online payment options with [schoolcashionline.com](#).

## SAFE ARRIVAL



A big thank you to the many of you who are using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app or phone number **1-844-350-2647** to report your child/ren's absences. For those of you who are new to the school, it is an app that can be downloaded to your cellphone and is easy to use. SD73 is asking that if you are reporting your child's absence as illness, to please designate the appropriate type of illness that applies to your child. Interior Health needs to keep track of any abnormalities in our attendance data, in the case that there is a health concern that our community needs to know about. If those options don't appear on the app, refresh the app on your phone

## TERRY FOX RUN 2025 TOONIE FOR TERRY

Last Friday, we were treated to a visit by Fred Fox, Terry Fox's older brother, and we were proud to announce that AE Perry Elementary is once again participating in the Terry Fox School Run, this year on **Friday September 19, from 11am to 12pm!** If you would like to come out and help supervise the run, please contact your child's teacher.

We are so proud to be a part of this Canadian tradition in the fight against cancer. We will be collecting **Toonies for Terry** the week of September 15-19. Every toonie your child brings in will give them a chance to enter their name in a draw for the chance to throw a pie in the Principal's face if we reach our fundraising goal of \$2 for each student (\$734 in total). For every \$100 above our goal, I will draw an additional name.



## SCHOOL STAFF

### Classroom Teachers

Teacher	Role
Mrs. Underwood	6/7
Mrs. Robinson	6/7
Ms. Langford	6/7
Mr. Bourassa	5/6
Ms. Selski	4/5
Mrs. Gulbransen/Ms. Carmichael	4/5
Mrs. Telford	4
Mrs. Knapp	3/4
Mrs. Cowan	3
TBA	2/3
Mrs. Hansen	2
Ms. Anderson	2
Mrs. Bymoan	1
Ms. Hunter	1
Mrs. Barrow	K/1
Mrs. Danyluk	K
Mrs. Shull	K

### Non-Enrolling Teachers

Mrs. Williams	Pr. Prep
Ms. Carmichael	Int. Prep
Mrs. MacPherson	LART
Ms. Pereversoff	LART/Library

### Support Staff

Mrs. Ablitt	Secretary W-F
Mrs. Macgovern	Seretary M-T
Ms. Bennett	IEW
Mrs. Adolph	IEW
Ms. Erickson	CEA
Ms. Harris	CEA
Mrs. Onuluk	CEA
Ms. Reed	CEA
Ms. Savage	CEA
Ms. Senger	CEA
Mrs. Cantin	StrongStart
Mrs. Madge	BASC

### Custodians

Mrs. Heyer	Daytime
Mr. Louvros	Evening
Ms. Raine	Evening

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

We will be hosting a breakfast program once again from 7:45am to 8:15am for those families who need it. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know if this is a service in which you would like to participate. We do our best to accommodate as many families as possible, and keep a waitlist.



## STARFISH BACKPACKS

Many students across the province rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to fill their tummies on school days. When it comes to the weekend, they don't have the food they need. Starfish Pack was designed to help change that.



The Kamloops Food Bank is excited to provide its Starfish Backpack program once again this year. This program offers groceries to families on a weekly basis. Each bag contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and some snacks. The backpacks are delivered to the school on Friday mornings, and students bring them home for the weekend. If this is a program that you will need this year, please sign up by filling out this form [here](#) so that we can do our best to make sure that we have enough food for anyone who needs it.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO REVIEW

Each year I am asked to share a couple of Administrative Procedures with my parent community, as they pertain to conduct on behalf of students and our community. Attached to this newsletter are the following APs for your review:

- [AP 350 – Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [AP 350.2 Dress Code](#)
- [AP 146 – Social Networking \(Employees and Parents\)](#)

In regards to AP 350, last year each school was asked to use the new provincial guidelines to create a school policy to address the use of student personal digital devices. Please look at the policy [here](#) and take some time to review these expectations with your child/ren at home.



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This year we will wear orange on **Monday September 29th** to recognize the 150 000 Indigenous students who endured the residential schooling system and its trauma that continues to be felt today. Phyllis Webstad wore an orange shirt to school one day and it was taken from her. No one would listen to her when she said that she wanted it back. We encourage you learn more about her story [here](#). The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation has been deemed a federal statutory holiday to allow for all Canadians to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and honour the Survivors of the residential school system.

**The school will be closed on Tuesday, September 30th in observance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.**





## VOLLEYBALL COACHES AND REFEREES NEEDED

Volleyball season is coming up and the number of teams we can roster is dependant on how many coaches have, which means we will need some of you fantastic parents to help out with some coaching responsibilities.

We will also need some help with refereeing games, so if you know of a High School student that might be interested in earning some pocket money, please let us know.

If you are able to help out with coaching or refereeing, please contact Mrs. Underwood ASAP!! Email: [dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca](mailto:dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca)



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Dressing for the weather can be tricky for the first few months of school, 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.**



## VERY IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Staff Parking lot and the drop-off Zone is an area that seems to always need mentioning for new and experienced parents alike. A reminder that **the parking lot is for staff only and should not be accessed by parents/guardians/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.

**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



## 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 at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordscheck>. 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.

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.

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - P.A.C

You may be asking, "What is a Parent Advisory Council (aka PAC)?" It is a group for parents from the school community to gather to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our students. Often times fundraising initiatives and community building events are discussed and planned.

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their first meeting this upcoming **Monday, September 29th at 5:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

## PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

SD73 presents several sessions throughout the year to help parents set their children up for success. These sessions are held via Zoom for ease of access to everyone. There is also an excellent [Parent Resource Page](#), which houses previous sessions for you to access at any time. The next session "Partnering for Success; How schools in BC support students with diverse needs," will take place **Wednesday, September 17**. In this session, you will:

- Learn how the BC education system supports students with diverse needs
- Understand the roles of teachers, education assistants, case managers, and school teams
- Gain a clear overview of Individual Education Plan (IEPs) —what they are, how they work, and your rights as a parent
- Discover simple strategies to prepare for, participate in, and follow up after IEP meetings
- Take home easy-to-use resources, including checklists, key questions, and a guide to supports available in BC

This session is about empowerment and partnership—helping you become a strong advocate for your child while building positive, collaborative relationships with the school team.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

## DIVERSITY AND CULTURE CALENDAR

- 1 Labour Day
- 3 Mawlid-al-Nabi
- 8 International Literacy Day
- 14-20 Mennonite Heritage Week
- 15 International Day of Democracy
- 18 International Equal Pay Day
- 22-28 Week of Deaf
- 21 UN International Day of Peace
- 22 Navarati
- 23 Bi+ Visibility Day
- 23 International Day of Sign Language
- 21-27 Gender Equity Week
- 22 Rosh Hashanah
- 26 National Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
- 30 Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day For Truth and Reconciliation

