

ROADRUNNER REPORT



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year! Last week was spent making new and revisiting former connections to peers and classmates and reviewing school and classroom expectations. By Friday at lunchtime, we were able to get students into classes, where they started to get to know their teacher and their classmates. While some students had some bigger feelings about not ending up in the class or with the friends they wanted, we have done our best to place students where we believe they will be the most successful, both academically and socially. It's important to remember that class time is for learning and that there is ample time at recess and lunch to connect with their friends. In addition, being in a class with peers they don't know well is an excellent opportunity to widen the circle of people they can call friends, and who couldn't use a few more friends, right? We can use your support in re-enforcing this message with your child at home.

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

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



STARFISH
PACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15	PAC AGM @ 4:30	
Sept. 18	Mug N Muffin	
Sept. 21	Pro-D Day (no school for students)	
Sept. 25	Welcome Back Picnic	
Sept. 28	Terry Fox Run	
Sept. 29	Orange Shirt Day	
Sept. 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - School is Closed	
Oct. 1	School Photo Day	
Oct. 1	Bus Safety Training for Ks	
Oct. 1 - 31	FSA - Grades 4-7	
Oct. 2	Earth Rangers Assembly	
Oct. 12	Thanksgiving - School is Closed	
Oct. 15	Lions Vision Training	
Oct. 20	Salmon Run (Gr. 2-4)	
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)	

STARFISH PACKS

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.

SCHOOL STAFF

Classroom Teachers

	Role
Mrs. Underwood	6/7
Mrs. Beresh	6/7
Ms. Bonderud	6/7
Mr. Langford	5/6
Ms. Selski	5/6
Mrs. Gulbransen/Ms. Carmichael	4/5
Mrs. Telford	4/5
Mrs. Sirianni	3/4
Mrs. Jacobson	3
Mrs. Sharp	3
Mrs. Hansen	2
Ms. Anderson	2
Mr. Y-C	1/2
Ms. Hunter	1
Mrs. Barrow	K/1
Mrs. Danyluk	K
Mrs. Shull	K

Non-Enrolling Teachers

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

Support Staff

Mrs. Janzen	Secretary
Ms. Bennett	IEW
Mr. Bearhead	IEW
Ms. Erickson	CEA
Ms. Harris	CEA
Mrs. Onuluk	CEA
Ms. Reed	CEA
Ms. Savage	CEA
Ms. Egdel	CEA
Mrs. Cantin	StrongStart
TBA	BASC

Custodians

Mrs. Heyer	Daytime
Mr. Louvros	Evening
Mrs. Serown	Evening

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.

Our school's **PAC AGM** will take place **Tuesday September 15th at 4:30pm in our school library**. At this meeting we will vote in our new executive and we need some new parents to fill in some of these positions. We must have both a President and Treasurer in order to move forward with a PAC this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions about what being on the PAC entails, please come to the meeting on **September 15th at 4:30pm**

BEFORE SCHOOL 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. This program will begin September 22.

BREAKFAST IN A BAG PROGRAM

We know mornings can be tough. If you would like for your child/ren to receive a breakfast in a bag each morning, please fill out [this form](#) to ensure that we prepare enough bags for anyone who needs one. This program will begin September 22



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.

ORANG SHIRT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This year we will wear orange on **Tuesday 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 **Wednesday, 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



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.**

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.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO REVIEW

Each year I am asked to share a few 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 below and take some time to review these expectations with your child/ren at home.



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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.

STAFF PARKING LOT

NO  PARKING

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.



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 24 hours 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 nose 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



TERRY FOX RUN 2026 - TOONIE FOR TERRY

Last September, we were treated to a visit by Fred Fox, Terry Fox's older brother which reinforced the importance of this event. We are proud to announce that AE Perry Elementary is once again participating in the Terry Fox School Run, this year on Monday September 28, 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 22-25. 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 (\$710 in total). For every \$50 above our goal, I will draw an additional name.

