

BACK TO SCHOOL

ROADRUNNER REPORT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026



WELCOME BACK

I hope that everyone had a fantastic summer and is ready for a great upcoming school year. Over the break I was fortunate enough to go to Port Hardy to fish with my mom, and we were very successful. I was also lucky enough to escape the smoke for a few days and have lunch in Jasper on the way to the farm of some family members. All in all, it was a lovely break and I am ready to be back at school for another year of learning.

I understand that the uncertainty of a new school year can be a little nerve-racking for some (me included); these feelings are completely normal. Getting back into some regular routines, (bedtime, meal time, etc.) can help, as they increase predictability and let people know what to expect. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again, and meeting the newcomers next week. Enjoy the sunshine and the last few days of Summer Break!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School supplies are provided at the school at a reduced rate, and these supplies save you the time and effort of going out and buying supplies that might not be the right fit. You will be getting an e-mail from SchoolCash Online during the week of September 8-11th, indicating that the system is available for you to pay for school supplies. Your child/ren will be coming home with the forms package (Internet permission, media release, etc.) the following week.

For those of you who are new to the District, you will receive an e-mail from schoolcashionline.com which will prompt you to register for an account. A sheet with instructions will be sent home with your child/ren in the forms package. It is very important for you to create this account, as this is the way that you will pay for everything at the school, field trips, school clothing, etc.

If you have changed your e-mail over the summer, please contact the office ASAP so that Mrs. Janzen, our new secretary, can update our system and allow you to use this online payment option.





WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE FIRST WEEK



We are so excited to welcome everyone in **Grades 1-7** back to school on Tuesday, **September 8th from 10:30 - 12:34** and then from **8:30 - 2:34 from September 9th onward**. On Tuesday, students will be meeting in GRADE GROUPS on the field. This includes new students as well. We want you to meet up with your peer group as soon as possible to start making new friendships and re-connecting with old friends as well.

Grade 1s	At flagpole in front of school - Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Williams
Grade 2s	At baseball backstop (primary field)- Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Y-C
Grade 3s	At soccer goal posts by sandboxes - Mrs. Sharp and TBA
Grade 4s	At courtyard on intermediate side - Mrs. Telford, Ms. Siriani
Grade 5s	At orange playground - Mrs. Gulbransen, Mrs. Carmichael, Ms. Selski
Grade 6s	At intermediate field goal posts - Ms. Langford, Ms. Bonderud
Grade 7s	At baseball backstop (intermediate field) - Mrs. Underwood, TBA

It will be very important for your family to decide on a meeting place at the end of the day, as students may be in different classes with different teachers at the end of the day. This will alleviate any confusion for both you and your children at the end of the day.

We are excited to begin our Before and After School Care program on **September 9th**, offering both morning and afternoon care, for those students whose registration has been confirmed. On the first day of school, September 8th, students attend from 10:30-12:30 only. During this time, our childcare staff will be taking part in training and orientation to prepare for a smooth start. **Childcare will not be offered on September 8th**. For those wanting more information about the childcare program at our school, please visit the [Childcare Tab](#) on the [SD73 website](#).

Our new **Kindergarten students** are on a different schedule until **Wednesday, September 16th**, so those students will be following the schedule they were received in the mail in August.

Because, as usual, there has been a significant amount of movement of students into and out of our school over the summer months, we will not be starting in our classrooms right away. Placing students in their respective classes is one of the most complex tasks that we educators have to do. The administrators and teachers have already spent a great deal of time and consideration in June placing children in a class that will best suit their needs and meet the demands of the Collective Agreement with regards to class size and composition. We will continue to make changes this first week to accommodate all of the new registrations. We hope that we will be able to have students into classes before the end of the day Friday, but this is completely dependent on the number of students who register with us in the coming days. We do not want to start classes and then have to re-organize after the fact. We will have your child/ren in his/her/their class as soon as possible.



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 15 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 15 at 4:30pm**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 8: First Day 10:30 - 12:34
- Sept. 15: PAC AGM @ 4:30
- 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



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.