



SUMMIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy September! We've had a wonderful start to the school year at Summit, and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and staff who have joined us. It has been great to see our students settling in so positively, and we're excited about the year ahead.

I look forward to connecting with you at our Welcome Back "Dude Perfect" BBQ, proudly hosted by our Grade 7 students, tomorrow, September 11th from 5-7 p.m. Later this month, we will come together for the Terry Fox Run and will also be engaging in important Truth and Reconciliation Day activities.

We hope to see you at Teachers, Tims, and Parents on the morning of September 17th—a chance to enjoy coffee, conversation, and community.

As a reminder, please take a moment to review our cell phone policy with your child to help support a safe and focused learning environment. Also a reminder to be Bear Aware.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Mrs. Wourms and I look forward to working together with you this year to make it a fantastic one for all of our Summit Scorchers.

At Summit, we live our SCORCH values:

- We are Safe
- We Care
- We Own it
- We Respect
- We CHampion others

Warm regards,
Jennifer Boyle

Important Events

- Sept 02 Welcome Back to School
- Sept 11 Welcome Back BBQ 5-7 pm
- Sept 12 Terry Fox Run -Toonies
- Sept 15 Fruit and Veggie Day
- Sept 17 Teachers, Tlms & Parents
- Sept 17 Cross Country Run Mac Park
- Sept 18 Photo Day
- Sept 22 Non-Instructional Day
- Sept 24 Cross Country Run Eagle Point
- Sept 25 K School Bus Safety
- Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day Gathering
- Sept 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation (No School)



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Summit Welcome Back BBQ Dude Perfect Event

Date: Thursday, September 11th

Time 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Summit Elementary



SCORCHER'S PERFECT CHALLENGES



**Come by to play a bunch of
fun games, enjoy a cash
BBQ with Cotton Candy.
Bring your family !**



Scan this to
RSVP or Volunteer!

Based on Dude Perfectt



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A big welcome to Summit...

TAYA CONSALVO

Our new Intermediate Teacher



KIM ST. ONGE

Our new Intermediate Teacher



DARYLL LABOUCAN

Our new Indigenous Education Worker



JACKIE CARTWRIGHT

Our new Certified Educational Assistant





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A big welcome...

JEFF MURPHY

Our new Day Custodian



AUDRY O'DONOVAN

Our new Certified Educational Assistant



*A special welcome to all
of our new families and
students*



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Welcome to our Student Teachers

CRYSTAL BECKER

Student teacher in Mrs. Petchnick's class



JENNA KANE

Student teacher in Mrs. Murdoch's class



SARAH BONNER

Student teacher in Mrs. Royce's class



MARK BAILEY

Student teacher in Mrs. Ellis' class





Reminders

SAFETY FIRST

When you're walking to and from school, it's important to use the designated crosswalks. These are the safest places to cross the street. Remember to always stop and look both ways before you step off the curb. Make sure there are no cars coming and that the road is clear. Safety first!



OFFICE REMINDER

Please return our Summit forms package as soon as possible. Ensure that your child signs in and out at the office if they arrive late or need to leave early. We encourage you to help your child arrive on time each day, as this supports a consistent routine and minimizes disruptions for everyone.

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICE GUIDELINES

Please take a moment to review the Personal Digital Devices and Guidelines by [clicking here](#). During instructional time (all school hours and learning environments, including field trips and while on the bus) student use of a personal digital device is not permitted. This includes cell phones, smart watches, laptops, and any other device that can access the Internet. Students are encouraged not to bring personal electronic devices to school.

INSIDE SHOES AND WATER BOTTLE

As the weather continues to change, please make sure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor activities. It's also important for students to have a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day. To help keep our classrooms clean and dry, we ask that all students bring a pair of indoor shoes that stay inside only. This will help us maintain a cleaner and safer environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation!



Reminders

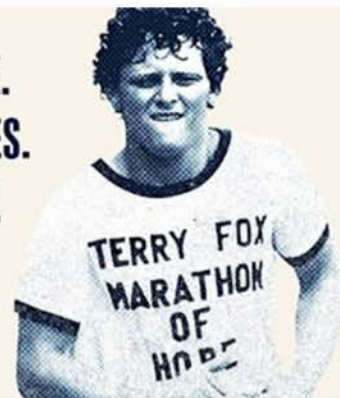
TERRY FOX RUN

The official date for our Terry Fox Run is Wednesday, September 12th. The pathway for the run goes off school property and into our community, so please sign the annual walking field trip permission form if you haven't already done so. Children are invited to bring a Toonie for Terry as we fundraise for cancer research.

PARKING AND ROUNDABOUT

Please note that our school roundabout is reserved exclusively for daycare buses and school district vehicles. For the safety of our students, who often cross the roundabout during drop-off and pick-up times, we ask that parents avoid using this area for student drop-off. Additionally, the school parking lot is designated for staff only. Your cooperation helps ensure a safer environment for all our students. Please do not park in front of the entrance way. Thanks!

**NO MATTER THE DISTANCE.
NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES.
NO MATTER THE JOURNEY.
NO MATTER THE ODDS.
NO MATTER WHAT.**



[Click here to donate or share our online donation link. We are hoping to raise over \\$600 for cancer research.](#)

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Orange Shirt Day is on September 29th, a day to remember and honor the experiences of Indigenous children who attended residential schools. To show support, please wear an orange shirt. Our school will hold a special gathering on September 29th to commemorate this important day. Stay tuned for more details!





Parent Info



Scan to see our parent info

We ♥ our
Volunteers



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

ALL school volunteers must have a recent record check on file with the school. This includes field trip supervisors/chaperones. The checks expire after three years, but they are at no cost to you. There are two ways to get your CRC done, and you don't need permission from the school to get yours started:

1. If you have a BC SERVICES ID, please use this link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>

and then this access code, which is unique to Summit Elementary: 2TE55PW5MD

(This code cannot be put on a website for public use) This process is relatively straightforward.

2. If you DON'T have a BC SERVICES ID, there is a paperwork process that requires you to come to the office. Either Mrs. Passmore or I will have to verify two pieces of ID according to these guidelines. We then scan and submit the forms to the RCMP. This process takes much longer. In either case, the RCMP sends the results directly to the school where we keep them on file. We will email you when the check has cleared and has been entered into our database.



FRUITS AND VEGGIES PROGRAM



The BC School Fruit and Vegetable Nutritional Program is a province-wide healthy living initiative brought to our school by the BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation - a non-profit organization, dedicated to working to bring BC agriculture and food education to students throughout the province. One of the goals is to encourage healthy eating by providing fresh BC fruits, vegetables, dairy and nutritious products to our students during class time. Our students will receive these healthy snacks 11 times over the school year (there is no charge to parents) If you do not want your child to participate please let us know



MEDICAL ALERT PLANNING FORMS & ANAPHYLAXIS

The school is not permitted to administer medication to students. If your child requires medication to be administered by the office, please complete the necessary medical forms. You can access and fill out the form by clicking the links below.

[Request for Administration of Medication at School](#)

[Anaphylactic Student Emergency Procedure Plan](#)

[Medical Alert Planning Form](#)





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photo
day is
coming

BRING A SMILE!

MOUNTAIN WEST
STUDIOS



PHOTO DAY SEPT 18TH 2025

Photo Day is coming up on September 18th! Be sure to come dressed for the occasion and don't forget to bring your best smiles. We look forward to capturing great photos of all our students!

VOLUNTEER COACHES

Summit Elementary is seeking volunteers to coach team sports, including volleyball, basketball, and cross-country running. If you have a passion for sports and want to help support our students, we would love to hear from you! Whether you're interested in coaching or assisting in any capacity, please contact dlam@sd73.bc.ca for more information. All volunteer coaches are required to complete a criminal record check and review the necessary concussion protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our athletes. Join us in fostering a positive and active environment for our students!



CALL OUT FOR SUPERVISORS

Are you interested in coming to the school over the lunchtimes to provide extra supervision? It's a great way to get involved with the school community, get to know your child's school and staff, and give back. There is a small honorarium, and a criminal record check is required (See the link in this newsletter to complete that). If you are interested, please email me at jboyle@sd73.bc.ca to let me know.





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From our PAC

PAC IS RECRUITING

We need you to join our PAC Executive! PAC is recruiting! We are looking for talented individuals to join our Executive Team. Positions we are looking to fill are . Please contact PAC at summitpacexec@gmail.com for more info.



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Stay up to date on what is going on around the school, connect with community, ask questions and get involved! Don't forget to answer the questions about your child and class.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/xnwuhU bAH9scSmHF/>

PAC MEETING

PAC Annual General Meeting and executive nominations will be held this year in the middle of October. Date to be announced. We need more parents for our PAC to run this year. All parents are members of the PAC and are welcome

WELCOME BACK BBQ

PAC will have an information booth at the Welcome Back BBQ Thursday September 11th, 5:00pm-7:00pm There will be hot dogs and a full concession. This is a cash only event and all food is first come first serve. Come meet our school community and enjoy a fun social evening outside the school playing games.

MUNCHALUNCH ACCOUNTS

Everyone will need to update your munchalunch accounts, following class placement, so that you can order PAC hot lunches (occur twice a month), participate in fundraisers and attend pre-pay events.

If you don't have a munchalunch account, please register here by selecting Kamloops and then Summit Elementary. [Munchalunch](#)



Parent Engagement Session

Parent Engagement Session: Partnering for Success

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..

Presented by Deanna Brady, District Principal of Inclusive Education, and Lise Hyam, District Coordinator of Inclusive Education.

Are you looking for ways to better understand how schools in BC support students with diverse needs?

Join us for the first SD73 Parent Engagement Session of the 2025-2026 school year to learn how to better understand the education system and your role as a parent. This practical, parent-friendly session is designed to help you feel informed and confident in partnering with your child's school.

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.



Notice to Parents and Students: Student Safety

Dear Parents and Students,

Student safety is a top priority in the Kamloops-Thompson School District. To keep students and staff safe, we have engaged in intensive safety training with our community partners—the RCMP, Secwépemc Child & Family Service, Lii Michif Otipemisiwak Family and Community Services, and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. As a result of our collective efforts, we have developed a district plan for responding to all situations where we believe students may be posing a threat to themselves or others.

District policy requires principals to activate a multidisciplinary “threat assessment” protocol whenever we have information that indicates students have made significant, high-level threats to harm themselves or others. Please review [Behavioural and Digital Threat Assessment](#) procedure on the school district website at sd73.bc.ca (under Admirative Procedures).

What is a threat?

A threat is an expression of intent to do harm or act out violently against someone or something. Threats may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the Internet, or made by gesture. Threats must be taken seriously, investigated, and responded to.

Duty to report:

To keep school communities safe and caring, each of us—staff, parents, guardians, caregivers, students, and community members—must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal.

What is a Site-Specific Threat Assessment Team?

The school has a site-specific threat assessment team that includes school administrators, counsellors, teachers, and a police officer.

The threat assessment process is designed to promote:

- the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and others
- a full understanding of the context of the threat
- a greater understanding of the factors underlying the behaviours of the threat maker
- proactive development of an intervention plan that addresses the emotional and physical safety of the threat maker
- increased emotional and physical safety of all

A student threat assessment will be initiated for behaviours including, but not limited to:

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- online threats to harm/kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- gang-related intimidation and violence
- verbal/written threats to harm/kill self or others (clear, direct, plausible)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation and violence



What parents and students need to know:

- any threat must be reported to the school principal
- investigations may involve a school or district counsellor, the police, and/or other community agencies
- investigations may involve locker or personal property searches
- interviews will be held with the threat maker and other students or adults who may have information about the threat
- parents of students who are directly involved with a threat will be notified and, depending on the circumstances, may attend the interview to provide support
- threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action and/or change in school placement
- an intervention plan may be developed for the student making the threat and a support plan developed for any individuals targeted by threats

Collection Notice

The District is subject to personal information privacy laws and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including limiting collection of information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that information is collected from online open-source sites. The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McKay".

Mike McKay
Superintendent of Schools