



Pacific Way Elementary
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Newsletter

April 2017

May 8th - Young People's Concert - 9:45 a.m.
May 10th - School Track Meet at TCC
May 11th - Zone 1 - 1000/1200 M Track Meet
May 11th - Pacific Way Carnival (5-7:30)
May 12th - Parent Teacher Interviews - Students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
May 15th - Non Instructional Day - No School
May 22nd - Victoria Day - No School
May 23rd - Zone 1 Track Meet
May 24th - Class Photos
May 25th - District 1000/1200 M Track Meet
May 26th - District Track & Field Meet
May 29th - Kindergarten Orientation
May 29th to June 2nd - Bike to School Week

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Spring is upon us! A big thank you to all our noon-hour supervisors for all their hard work with our children.



It's been a very eventful month, with many dynamic learning events and initiatives taking place at our school. Students in Grade 5, 6, and 7 have been taking on the challenge of addressing global issues, such as child labour, poverty, gender inequality, education and terrorism, and raising awareness in our school community. Even some of our primary students have gotten into the act, promoting the support of our local SPCA. It is heartwarming to see the way our students have opened their hearts and minds towards the larger community and are wanting to make a difference. Bravo!

Student Dress Guidelines - Students and their parents are expected to support a learning environment where attire is appropriate and not distracting or offensive to others. Articles of clothing that promote alcohol, drugs, inappropriate languages or images, or discrimination of any form, are unacceptable. Clothing that is too revealing is

also unacceptable. For example undergarments should not be visible, and shirts should touch pants/shorts/skirts so that the stomach is not visible. Please remember students are dressing for their "work" day not the beach. Students who wear clothing that is deemed inappropriate will be asked to change. Please ensure your child is dressed for school appropriately.

Wood ticks - It's that time of year and we ask that parents check their children for ticks. We have already found some ticks on students this year. Make daily examinations for ticks, paying particular attention to the base of the skull, and the scalp. Clothes should be closely examined for ticks, and especially near the collar.

Safe Arrival - Pacific Way Elementary has a safe arrival program in place to ensure the safety and well being of our students. In the event that your child is going to be late or absent, please call the Student Absence Reporting Line at 1-844-350-2647 or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com before 8:30 a.m to report your child's absence otherwise you will receive an automated phone call. For your convenience, you can also download the Safe Arrival App onto your phone.

Library - Congratulations to our Battle of the Books teams! All of our teams placed 2nd at the Zone competition and did very well at the District finals. In each division, our gr. 3/4 team placed 6th, our gr. 5 team placed 3rd, and our gr. 6/7 team placed 6th overall.

Gr. 3/4 Team

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| Kensie Larsen | Sophia Egdell |
| Adison Cartier | Rasiq Dewan |

Gr. 5 Team

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| Danica Renwick | Andrew Humphrey |
| Mekenna Boice | Dhruvi Kataria |

Gr. 6/7 Team

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| Sydney Reed | Ava Casorso |
| Rylend Spruyt | Paul Richter |

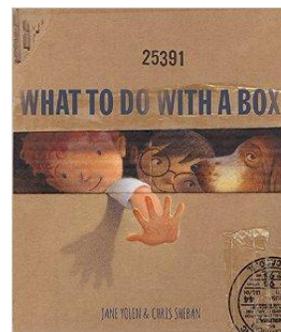
It is always exciting to host authors and illustrators at Pacific Way! This spring we have several visitors:

On April 27th, we hosted BC author Willie Sellars and illustrator Kevin Easthope, well-known for their book, "Dipnetting with Dad." On May 16th, we will host Canadian author and illustrator Genevieve Cote. Her books include "Me & You" and "Spark."

Lastly, look for special upcoming events in the library like our second Scholastic Book Fair in late May! Look for the date in May's newsletter.



**Pacific Way
Elementary School's
Most Magnificent Thing
School Project!**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, this is the first year Pacific Way Elementary School will be implementing the new curriculum in B.C. While there are many new aspects of this curriculum, in this first year schools are 'starting small' and focusing on one or two areas. Here at Pacific Way a key focus for this year has been on **Project-Based Learning** and on **Critical Thinking**, one of the core competencies of the new curriculum. Critical thinking skills -- the need to think deeper and differently about a subject -- are important qualities to instill in children to help them navigate through their learning and their lives. Critical thinking skills will help students learn to interpret and understand information, rather than simply memorizing it.

The three phases of critical thinking are:

- **Analyze** - *reflect on and evaluate thinking, products and actions*
- **Question** - *explore materials and actions*
- **Develop** - *design and experiment with different ways of doing things*

Beginning on **Friday, May 12, 2017**, we will launch our critical thinking focus with a school project called **Pacific Way's Most Magnificent Thing**. Students will be designing 'magnificent things' out of empty boxes, practicing the stages of critical thinking along the way.

We need your help in collecting supplies for this project.

- 1) Please donate **craft supplies** to any of the *Magnificent Thing* boxes around the school or to your child's teacher. Spools, cardboard tubes, small wood pieces, sequins, pom poms, ribbon....the possibilities are endless!

2) Most importantly, **empty BOXES!** These can be ANY shape or size - shoebox, cereal box, jewelry box, tissue box etc! Send your child with **at least one empty box with their name on it.** Students are responsible for bringing their own boxes, and they must be at school by **Thursday, May 11th.**



Thank you for your support!
The Pacific Way Elementary Staff

Flag Football - Students are enjoying the games that they have played so far and are learning the game quickly. Thank you to Mr. Sandhu for coaching the team. Our Coyotes are playing an exciting brand of football this season! Next update will be in May's newsletter.

Spring Carnival - The annual Spring Carnival is scheduled for: Thursday, May 11th, 2017 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Wrist band and dinner packages are on sale at <https://pacificway.hotlunches.net> ***Please remember to send your class basket raffle item as soon as possible. Lots of volunteer slots are available. Please sign up for your individual classroom games with your teacher.***



School Plan - Thank you to all of you who responded to the google form survey that was sent out prior to spring break. Your feedback is greatly appreciated! Our #1 goal for the upcoming school year is developing higher order thinking skills in our learners. To that end, we will be using strategies that will help to enhance creative and critical thinking skills (see "The Most Magnificent Thing" letter or previous page!) We will also continue to emphasize social responsibility, planning and implementing initiatives that promote Positive, Accountable, Cooperative and Kind learners. A comprehensive school learning plan document will be available on our school website by this June.

Relay Fest - Hillside Parloff - Our track and field season has started with a bang, with Pacific Way athletes already having competed at the indoor relay fest at TCC and the Hillside Parloff this past week. Congratulations in particular to our Grade Six girls team, who came in first at the parloff this week, and second at the relay fest. Special thanks to Ms. Wiwchar for coaching and organizing our teams.

Swim Meet - Congratulations to our PacWay swim team, who recently competed in the district swim meet at the Canada Games Pool. We had 30 students participating, and everyone had a terrific time. Congratulations to Emma Doern, who came away with two

first place ribbons, as well as a third. Special thanks to Mrs. Doern for organizing and inspiring our swimmers.

Pac Corner - The next PAC Meeting will be in June. Date to be announced.

Thank you to our PAC and all of you who contributed your time and efforts in all of our fundraising events this year. This weekend our new playground equipment is being installed. Very exciting! The PAC has also purchased six new cordless headsets for our sound system in the gym. This is a huge step forward for us in terms of upgrading our ability to bring high quality sound to our concerts and assemblies. THANK YOU!

Planning for September - As we plan for the upcoming year, it is important that we know, as best we can, which students will be joining us in September, and who will be leaving us. Please inform your child's teacher and the office if you have plans to move. If there is any information you have that might help us in determining your child's placement in September, I would encourage you to put it in writing in a letter to me and leave at the office. I cannot guarantee requests will be honoured, but they will be given consideration as we look at the learning needs in each classroom.

Grade 7 Year-end Celebration - A letter went home with Grade 7 students last Friday regarding the grade 7 farewell dinner and dance taking place at the Coast Hotel on the evening of June 21st. Just a friendly reminder to send fees for the celebration to the office as soon as possible.



From the Public Board Meeting of: March 13, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda which contained the following reports/information:
 - Policy Committee Highlights;
 - Day of Suwentwecw 2017.
2. The Board enjoyed a multi-school presentation from Sa-Hali Secondary Teachers, Andres Ruberg and Jennifer Cacaci, along with two students from their school and one student from Pacific Way Elementary, on their collaborative project Superhero Project/Toy Design.
3. The Board was provided with the Family of Schools' Presentation Schedule for 2017.
4. The Board passed a *motion* on the school calendar that:
 - approved a three-year calendar with an annual one-week spring break for all district schools with the exception of Sun Peaks; and,
 - approved a three-year, four-day week calendar, with an annual one-week spring break for Sun Peaks Elementary; and,

- directed senior administration to negotiate with the Kamloops Thompson Teachers' Association and CUPE Local 3500 to establish contract language that allows for a two-week spring break with no loss of instructional days from the approved calendars.
5. Secretary-Treasurer Stretch provided the Board with a schedule of 2017 budget meetings.
 6. The Board received a report from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch on the highlights from the SD73 Business Company Annual General Meeting.
 7. The Board adopted revised Policy 200.1 Board Meetings, as policy for School District No. 73 (Kamloops/Thompson).

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 3, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 3, 2017

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Alain Blais from Lloyd George Elementary School on sensory regulation and mindfulness activities in their school.
2. Trustee Cowden presented a 25-year long-term service award to Cecile McVittie from Sa-Hali Secondary School.
3. Trustee Karpuk presented a 25-year long-term service award to Lori Plastina from Kay Bingham Elementary School.
4. District Vice-Principal Collins provided a presentation to the Board on the Youth Trade Capital Equipment Program.
5. The Board received a report from Assistant Superintendent Schoen for the addition of grade 7 at Sun Peaks Elementary School.
6. The Board received a report on the Annual Five-Year Capital Plan from Secretary-Treasurer Stretch.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

From the Public Board Meeting of: April 24, 2017

1. The Board approved the following items in the Consent Agenda:
 - District Parent Advisory Committee Highlights
 - BC Special Olympics Summer Games Update
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on Social / Emotion Learning by AE Perry Elementary School Principal Deanna Brady.
3. The Board enjoyed a second presentation on Canadian Parents for French and Concours d'art oratoire by Angela Pinette. The Board was pleased to hear a student from core French give an excerpt of a speech that was part of a French speech competition.
4. The Board approved the 2017–2018 Secondary School Fees.
5. The Board received a report on the Learning Resources Grant from Director Carson.

6. Director Cuzzola provided the Board with a presentation on NGN Provisional Funding.
7. The Board approved Capital Budget Bylaw No. 2017/18-CPSD73-01.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 8, 2017 at Sun Peaks.

April is Autism Awareness Month

We invite you and your families to
Participate in the annual Chris Rose
Therapy Centre for Autism
Walk for Autism

Autism affects around 1 in 68 children. It is
characterized, in varying degrees, by
difficulties in social interaction,
communication @ repetitive behaviours.

Walk for Autism
Saturday, May 6, 2017

10 am Registration – 10:45 a.m. Warm-up – 11 a.m. Walk
For more information or pledge forms,
please visit: www.chrisrosecentre.org
Hope to see you there!

Community News

Kamloops Minor Fastball - is now accepting registration for the 2017 Outdoor Season. Fastball is a fast-paced sport played with a softball (larger than a baseball) and underhand windmill pitching. The outdoor season runs from mid-April to June and is for girls and boys of all skill levels between the ages 5-19 Please visit kamloopsminorfastball.com to register.

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Soccer Camps 2017

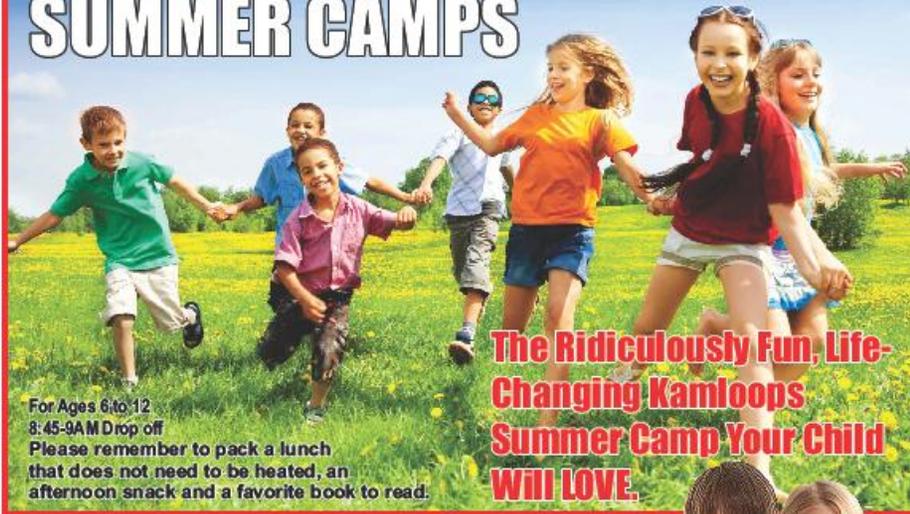
Kamloops:
1 location
(see website for details)

For more info, call:
1-800-427-0536
or register at:
royalsoccer.com

- ☛ July and August weeks
- ☛ Boys & girls aged 5 to 13
- ☛ Camp soccer ball, t-shirt, medal
- ☛ Full days, mornings or afternoons
- ☛ Free early drop off/late pickup

Register by
JUNE 1
for earlybird discounts.

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8:45-9AM Drop off
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that does not need to be heated, an
afternoon snack and a favorite book to read.

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Changing Kamloops
Summer Camp Your Child
Will LOVE.**

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To register pick the week that is best for you.
There is limited space available.

Dates:

July 10th - 14th

August 14th - 18th

July 17th - 21st

August 21st - 25th

Rates: \$249

Early Bird Rate (Before March 30th) \$179

Early Bird Rate (Before April 30th) \$199

Regular Price (Before June 15th) \$219

Siblings \$25 OFF discount on per week only. Does not include single day camps.

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