



PACIFIC WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June End of Year 2017 Newsletter

It's been a tremendous year at Pacific Way Elementary School. So much has been accomplished this year, and we are proud of the growth of all of our students. There are many wonderful memories, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank each of you for your support throughout the year. We all wish you a wonderful, safe, and fun-filled summer!

School Closing and Opening

The final day of school for this school year is this Thursday, June 29, with students being dismissed at 12:00. We will have our year end assembly at 11:00 in the gym on that day. You are welcome to join us! School will re-open on Tuesday, September 5 at 10:30 am. Classes will be in session for 90 minutes only that day, with dismissal at 12:00. The following day, September 6, we will begin full day classes, going from 8:30 to 2:30. Kindergarten students will follow a "gradual entry" schedule for the first week, with full day classes beginning by Wednesday, September 13. K parents will be contacted by kindergarten teachers regarding the schedule for that first week, prior to school start-up.

Staff Leaving

It is always hard to say good-bye to those who have become such a special part of our school family. Thank you to the following staff for their commitment to serving our students and families over the past year, and we wish you well in your future endeavours. There is always a place waiting for you here!

Farewell to: Miss Gardner (Gr.6/7), Miss Marlatt (support teacher) and Mrs. Hasan (CEA). You have each made special contributions in the lives of our students this year!

New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome Mrs. Melanie Parker as the new Learning Assistance Resource Teacher for September. Mrs. Parker is coming to us from Aberdeen Elementary and is thrilled to be joining our team! Mrs. Finch, our current LART, will be teaching a Grade One/Two class here in September,

There will be a posting for a Grade 5/6 teacher whose class will be in the new portable in September. I will make that announcement in the new school year.

School Schedule for 2017/18

School will continue to go from 8:30 – 2:30 but our bell schedule will change to accommodate the school district's return to a one week spring break. Recess will now be at 10:20 and lunch will go from 12:15-1:15.

Parent/Volunteer Appreciation

Last week, we had an appreciation assembly in the gym, where our students performed numerous dances under the direction of Miss Gardner, and a musical group led by Mr. Sandhu. Our students did an amazing job entertaining the entire school community. Well done! We also took the opportunity to say thank you for the many ways that you as parents have helped our school over the past year, including the following:

- new jerseys
- playground equipment (Twirl)
- sound system (6 new wireless head sets)
- class set of chrome books and charging cart
- woodworking tools
- DJ for Grade 7 farewell
- classroom supplies
- Fun Fair
- hot lunch program
- books for library
- milk program
- fruit and veggie program
- Halloween dance
- lego club
- craft club
- volunteering for field trips
- buses
- helping with skates

This is not an exhaustive list by any stretch of the imagination, and we as staff and students recognize that our school is so enriched as a result of the efforts of our parents and volunteers. Thank you!!!

Summer Reading Program

All students will be bringing home an information flyer about the free Summer Reading Program offered at the public library.

Bright Red Book Bus

The Bright Red Book Bus (BRBB) will be visiting several Kamloops schools and various parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the cool bus and select a book each time they come. Visit Facebook to learn more and see the schedule:

<http://www.facebook.com/brightredbookbus/>

Grade Sevens Moving On

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff here at Pacific Way, I want to express my appreciation for our Grade Seven class of 2017. Last Wednesday, we spent an evening together celebrating this significant milestone. What a special group of people you are. We wish you all the best in this next phase of your educational journey. Know that we are all rooting for you!

Class Placement

As we take the time to organize our classes for September, I just want to remind parents that your requests are taken into consideration, but, ultimately, I can make no promises that your request will be met. Please take a few minutes to read the attached article entitled "Organizing Our School", that we have posted on the website along with this newsletter.



**Pacific Way Elementary School's
2017-2018 School Calendar**

Tuesday, September 5 th	First Day of school for our Grade 1 -7 students (10:30 am - noon)
Wednesday, September 13 th	First Full Day of School for our Kindergarten students
Friday, September 22 rd	School Closure # 1 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, October 9 th	Thanksgiving – School Holiday
Friday, October 6 th	Picture Day
Thursday, October 19 th	Early Dismissal (12:30) – Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 20 th	School Closure # 2 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, November 13 th	Remembrance Day – No School
Monday, December 4 th	School Closure # 3 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, December 15 th	First Term Report Cards go home to Parents
Friday, December 22 nd	Last Day of classes before Christmas (Winter) Break
December 25 th – January 5 th	Christmas (Winter) Break
Monday, January 8 th	First Day of classes after Christmas (Winter) Break
Monday, February 12 th	Family Day – No School
Thursday, February 22 nd	School Closure #4 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, February 23 rd	School Closure #5 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, March 16 th	Second Term Report Cards go home to Parents
Mon. – Fri. Mar. 19 th – Mar. 23 rd	Spring Break – 1 Week
Friday, March 30 th	Good Friday
Monday, April 2 nd	Easter Monday
Monday, April 23 rd	School Closure #6 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, May 18 th	School Closure # 7 – Non-Instructional Day
TBA	Pacific Way's Intermediate Track & Field Meet (all day)
Monday, May 21 st	Victoria Day – School Holiday
Thursday, June 28 th	Last Day of school for students – morning only – noon dismissal Third Term Report Cards go home to parents.
Friday, June 29 th	Administration Day – Last Day for staff

Community News

Titan Academy Basketball Camp 2017

Eligibility	Boys and Girls entering Grades 6-9 in September 2017
Date	August 8-11 (see times below)
Time	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Place	Kam High Gymnasium
Fee	\$150



ALL FEES INCLUDE: 16 hours of instruction, camp t-shirt, refreshments, prizes, and evaluation of your athletic skills.

INSTRUCTORS: Senior high coaches from the South Kamloops Secondary.

HEAD INSTRUCTORS: Del Komarniski, Corey Yamaoka, Drew Milburn

ENTRY DEADLINE: To ensure appropriate coach-athlete ratio, participants will be limited. Do not delay registration.

CAMP AGENDA: The Titan Academy Basketball Camp is dedicated to the instruction of the skills of sport in a fun environment. The camp includes instruction in basketball (skills, strategies, game play). The camp features scrimmages, contests, games.

Registration deadline is July 15, 2016.

Registration and Contact:

Corey Yamaoka at: 250-851-2801 (h) or cyamaoka@sd73.bc.ca (e-mail) for registration form and info.

Kamloops Canoe & Kayak Club (KCKC) Summer Camps Kids Ages 8 to 13

COME ENJOY OODLES OF FUN in the sun on the water; bring your friends or make new friends, and create some *awesome* memories all in a spectacular setting at Shumway Lake!

The KCKC offers **one week** long **Summer Camps** where kids can learn and enjoy the **FUNdamentals** of canoeing and kayaking sports, as well as experience our water trampoline and play engaging games with their friends.

The FUN begins **July 3rd - Sept 1st from 8:30 am to 3 pm.**

Only \$225/wk, \$200 per additional sibling.

During the holiday weeks of July 3rd and August 7th still 5 days of camp for only \$200/wk
For more information or to register please visit us at: www.kamloopscanoeandkayakclub.ca

Paddle your way to FUN with the KCKC !

Camps fill up fast, so don't wait, register today!



BIG Little Science Centre 2017 Summer Camps **Week long camps; 9:00am to 3:00pm daily**

Camp 1: Junior Science Camp

July 10 – July 14

Junior Camp is for children who have finished Kindergarten and up, and provides hands-on science activities mixed with games, experiments, crafts and art. Get wet while making bubbles and discovering how sticky water is, make rockets, do chemistry, examine the micro world around us, make and eat pizza, dig for dinosaurs and much more! Active science learning allows a child's brain to discover the world around them while their body is busy: fun STEM science at its best.

Camp 2: Arduino Camp

July 17 – July 21

The Arduino Camp is being offered for the first time. Dr O'Neil of Thompson Rivers University will be introducing the Arduino Coding system to campers; allowing campers to design and make their own machines, and make the machines run according to their own directions. Extra activities introducing circuits, batteries and static electricity will be included. Along with the indoor activities, our Zorbs and water slides will get a work out. **This camp is for senior students who are ages 12 and up; in grades 7 and up.** A unique opportunity for Kamloops.

Camp 3: Field Science Camp

July 24 – July 28

Field Science Camp is another first for Kamloops, this is a true hands-on nature camp. Discover animals small and large, investigate ecosystems, run surveys, handle reptiles, use microscopes, examine plants and insects. A wonderful overview of our world, campers will be field biologists working inside and outdoors. The Kamloops Master Gardeners will be supporting this camp and providing a close up look at honey bees and other pollinators, and will help everyone to make a Mason Bee House for themselves. **For students in grades 5 and up (ages 10 & older).**

Camp 4: Junior Science Camp

August 14 - August 18

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Camp 5: Robotics Camp

August 21 - August 25

Robotics Camp is a favourite camp for children who like to design, build, and program their own robots. Using the Mindstorms LEGO robotics systems, campers aged 10 and up, will create their own works of art/science and put them through their paces. Learn how to go fast, be strong, use sensors, and run mazes; and much more. Extra coding opportunities and games will be included to help campers to create the ultimate robots! Plus, water slides and Zorbs and more.

All Camps: \$180 per week per child. Science centre members pay \$170 per camp.
Registration forms are online: blscs.org.

For more information please contact Susan Hammond: susan@blscs.org, or call 250-554-2572.

Location: 655 Holt Street, Kamloops, BC, V2B 5G2

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MIND OVER METAL

Camp Location: Thompson Rivers University School of Trades and Technology-Room TT 272, 805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

This 5-day introduction to welding covers safety, information about welding processes, and allows the students to weld their very own projects!

Camp Schedule:

- Monday, July 17 - 8:30AM - 2PM
- Tuesday, July 18 - 8:30AM - 2PM
- Wednesday, July 19 - 8:30AM - 2PM
- Thursday, July 20 - 8:30AM - 2PM
- Friday, July 21 - 8:30AM - 2PM

Camp is free of charge and generously funded by the CWA Foundation. Breakfast and lunch provided. Parent/child BBQ to be held on Friday July 21st at 12PM.

Registration: To register for this free camp, visit: <http://www.tru.ca/trades.html> and send your completed registration in to dgeiger@tru.ca by JUNE 23, 2017

"The thing I really enjoy about welding is the diversity, Just because you begin your career as a welder, doesn't mean you're going to retire a welder. The opportunities are endless and welding is everywhere – all you have to do is look around you."

Miley Jones, Welding Student | Summer Camp Student

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Board Notes

From the Public Board Meeting of: June 19, 2017

1. The Board approved the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- Policy Committee Highlights
- Finance and Planning Committee Highlights
- Education Committee of the Whole Highlights
- Parks & Recreation Committee Report Highlights
- Anaphylactic Student Incidents Report
- Notices of Motion for:
 - Policy 200.3 Board Meetings: Rules of Order
 - Policy 606.2 Alcohol and Other Drugs-Student Athletes
 - Policy 706.2 Education Choice: Enrolment-Schools of Choice, French Immersion, and Academies

(Details for the above items can be found in the agenda for the public meeting).

2. The Board gave thanks to District Principal of Aboriginal Education, Cheryl Sebastian, for her years of service with the District. Ms. Sebastien is retiring at the end of this school year.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation by District Fine Arts' Coordinator Don Bennett who presented fourteen finalists from the Elementary Young Artists' Conference. The students' works will be displayed in the school district office for the next year.
4. The Board enjoyed a presentation on the RCMP Youth Academy from District Principal Sheryl Lindquist. Also in attendance was one of this year's cadets, Ryan Nachbaur-Schmidt, who was presented with the program's Top Cadet Award.
5. The Board approved two Out-of-Province Field Trip Requests for:
 - a. Valleyview Secondary School Football Team to travel to Washington State in September 2017;
 - b. Westsyde Secondary School students to travel to Quebec for a one-week bilingual exchange in October 2017.
6. The Board received a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Report for 2016-2017 from Director Smillie.
7. The Board approved Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Film Studies 10-12.
8. The Board approved a change to next year's school year calendar to accommodate the BC Winter Games and the Games' use of district facilities. The non-instructional day will move from January 19, 2018 to February 22, 2018. As well, the Board approved moving one non-instructional day from April 1, 2019 to April 8, 2019 to provide for a better balance between Spring Break and the Easter weekend.

The next Regular Public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 26, 2017 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.