



Pacific Way Elementary

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Newsletter

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November 6th – Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Behind)
November 8th – Picture Retakes @ 1:00 p.m.
November 8th - PAC Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
November 10th – Remembrance Day Assembly 10:30
November 11th – Remembrance Day – No School
November 26th – Craft Fair - 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
December 5th – Non-Instructional Day – No School for Children
December 7th & 8th – Christmas Concert
December 9th – Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
December 16th – Last Day before Winter Break

October was an extraordinary month here at Pacific Way Elementary. There were many highlights and great learning moments. To name a few, there were Grade One super heroes, Grade Five/Six carpenters, Grade Six/Seven McQueen Lakers, walls coming down, books being consumed, pumpkin patches explored, and volleyball skills being developed. That's not to mention the significant breakthrough moments that take place in classrooms each day. Thank you to each parent who took the time to meet with teachers at our parent/teacher conferences last week. There is tremendous power in teachers and families working together. Thank you as well to all Grade One parents who participated in the "Come Read With Me" program at the school yesterday. Parents who spend time with their children on teaching simple, positive reading strategies that were modelled in this session will see huge benefits in their child's literacy development.

Now that November is nearly upon us, we need to start adjusting to some colder temperatures. We do expect students to spend recess and lunch breaks outside, and a warm coat and cold weather gear are necessary.



Please help your children keep track of their belongings. If you put names in hoodies and jackets we will attempt to return them rather than leaving them in the lost and found.

When the boot racks come out we are expecting everyone to take off their wet shoes or boots at the door. This helps keep our halls both clean and dry. Thanks for your cooperation.

Noon Hour Supervisor

We are in need of a noon hour supervisor starting *immediately*. If you are able to come to the school for 1 hour each day at lunch please call the office at 250-851-0632. There is a \$10.00 per diem paid for this position.

Safe Arrival – NEW!!!

We have a new Student Absence Reporting Number. To report your child's absence please call this toll free number before 8:30 a.m. 1-844-350-2647
Or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com

Library News

Thank you for attending our recent Scholastic Book Fair! We earned over \$3000.00 in Scholastic credits thanks to your generous support. This money will go directly back to our students and staff via new books, resources, and learning materials for our school library and classrooms.

The winners of this year's draw were Claire Turner and Mrs. Salle, who each won \$25.00 worth of Book Fair books!

If you are looking for information about our school library, for example: our class schedule, returning books, new books, or Battle of the Books lists, check out our library home page, which can be found on the left hand side list on our school website.

Our next school-wide event in the library will be Teddy Bear Day on Nov. 16! More information will be send home soon!

Do you have preschoolers at home? Please remember that you are ALWAYS welcome to sign books out from our school library for home reading. Come visit us in the library and open a sign-out account!

Lockdown Drill

Next Friday morning, November 4, we will be practicing a schoolwide lockdown. As per school district policy, each school is require to have at least two lockdown drills per school year. The purpose of the drill is to prepare students and staff for any emergency, such as an intruder alert, whereby every classroom will be locked and students remain quiet until the drill is complete. It would be helpful if you spend a few moments sometime over the next few days discussing this with your child. Please keep in mind, the intent of this drill, just like any other emergency procedure, such as a fire drill, is not to frighten students, but to educate them in the name of preventive safety measures.

Parent Feedback on Report Cards

British Columbia's new school curriculum is making sure students are ready to succeed in our changing world. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their child's progress from Kindergarten to Grade Nine. A community meeting is taking place at the Henry Grube Education Centre on Monday, January 30, from 5 pm to 8 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, go to engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/

Lost and Found Items

Are you missing any clothing items? Please come and check the lost and found bin. It is located by the front door in the main hallway.

Field Trips and our PAC

Hopefully you have noticed that many of the recent fieldtrips have been costing you less. The PAC has graciously set aside some of the fundraising dollars to pay for the cost of the school buses used on field trips.

The PAC has helped to pay for Gymnastics and the Pumpkin Patch. You should see a Bus cost paid by the PAC on the field trip forms that are sent home.

PAC – Homemade Pie Fundraiser: Orders can be made online until November 21st. Order at pacificway.hotlunches.net

Next PAC Meeting: November 8th, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Thank you for supporting the PAC fundraising initiatives.



PAC Family Social and Dance

Thank you to the PAC for all their hard work on the Halloween Family Dance. The evening was a great success. It was nice to see all the costumes and smiles.

Pac Way Spirit Wear

We now have an online order form for school spirit wear, which includes t-shirts, hoodies, shorts, and sweat pants. These are available in a varieties of colours and sizes. Here is the link for the store, which will also be on our school website. (<https://pacificway16.itemorder.com/>) Please note – the deadline for orders is November 17, to ensure that all delivery deadlines are met and that you will have your orders before the Christmas break. Happy shopping!

Volleyball

All volleyball teams are under way. Thank you to the coaches and parent volunteers.

Tier 1 Girls – Ms. Wiwchar, Charlene Anderson, Tara Doern

Tier 1 Boys – Teri Ridley

Tier 2 Boys – Mrs. Morrow

Tier 3 Girls – Mrs. Jumaga

Tier 3 Boys – Teri Ridley

All five teams are off to terrific starts this season. I'm delighted by the team spirit and the skills and effort of our student athletes. Well done!



Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: October 3, 2016

1. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal McKenna and Vice Principal Whitney of Vavenby Elementary: "Why Salmon Make a Good Inquiry-Based Learning Project."
2. The Board received information regarding Ministry funding grant opportunities in the areas of Computational Thinking and Coding Support, Skills Training and Access Grants, and Skills Training Support Agreements.
3. The Board received a report on the District's School Immunization Program.
4. The Board received information regarding a new District Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) District Coordinator position.
5. The Board received a report on the Youth Homelessness Count surveys to be administered in our District.
6. The Board received information regarding the District's preliminary 1701 Enrolment Report.
7. The Board approved the Rotary Club of Kamloops' request to continue with the Family Dinner Program at NorKam Senior Secondary School for the 2016-2017 school year.
8. The Board recognized the School District's receipt of the United Way Quantum Leap Award in recognition of the District doubling its fundraising contributions in 2016.
9. The Board adopted the following revised policies:
 - Policy 200.1 Board Meetings
 - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
 - Policy 506.5 Graduated Adults: Course Fees
 - Policy 912.1 Principals and Vice-Principals: Mobility
 - Policy 912.2 Principals and Vice-Principals: Process for Appointment
 - Policy 1136.1 Travel: Expenses and Insurance

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, October 24, 2016 at the School Board Office, 1383 Ninth Avenue, Kamloops, BC.