



Pacific Way Elementary
2330 Pacific Way, Kamloops B.C. V1S 1Z3
Phone: (250) 851-0632 Fax: (250) 377-2255
<http://pacificway.sd73.bc.ca>

Newsletter

February, 2018

February 12th - Family Day - No School
February 13th - 16th K registration
February 22nd - Non Instructional Day - No School - BC Winter Games
February 23rd - Non Instructional Day - No School - BC Winter Games
March 16th - Second Term Report Cards go home to Parents
March 19th - March 23rd - Spring Break
April 6th - Day of Suwentwecw
March 30th - Good Friday
April 2nd - Easter Monday
April 23rd - Non instructional Day - No school

Our Vision of a Learner

At Pacific Way Elementary, our vision for learners encompasses the qualities of being **positive, accountable, cooperative, and kind. (PACK!).** To unpack that a little further, the following statements can summarize each of these qualities:

Positive - "I find the best in every situation."

Accountable - "I am responsible for my behavior."

Cooperative - "I work well with others toward a common goal."

Kind - "I treat others the way I like to be treated."

In fostering that vision, we are intentionally creating opportunities each day to support, encourage and inspire our learners. One way we do that is by focusing on a particular virtue every 2 weeks, which is incorporated into announcements, lesson plans, assemblies and den group activities. This past Tuesday, we celebrated cooperation and the virtue of kindness by participating in a Winter Carnival together, which was planned by our intermediate French teacher, Mrs. Lofgren, along with Mrs. Morrow, Ms. Wiwchar, and our stellar group of student leaders. The students experienced seven outdoor stations in

their den groups and had a terrific time together! Later this month we will be celebrating Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying) as well as participating in Jump Rope for Heart.

Upcoming Lockdown Drill

In accordance with SD #73 Policy all schools are required to have two lockdown drills per school year. On March 5th, Pacific Way will be conducting our second lockdown drill of the school year. Lockdown procedures take place in the event of an intrusion where students and staff may need to be located to a safe area.

Parking Lot

I want to remind you all of the safety issues regarding our parking lot and loop area in front of the school. In winter time, this area becomes especially busy, with more parents dropping off and picking up students before and after school. You will have noticed that pile-ons have been placed in key areas to keep those spots free from bottlenecks. You can each help make our parking lot safer at these two busy times by doing the following:

- don't leave your vehicle unattended in the loop area
- park on the street if the upper lot is full
- walk to school to pick up or drop off your children, if at all possible
- if walking to school is not an option and depending on your child's age and schedule, consider arriving at 2:45 for pick up
- be patient and considerate of other drivers and very watchful of all children

Thank you for your help with this!

Hoops Update

Congratulations to all six of our teams on a great start to the basketball season. The regular season wraps up in a couple of weeks. Both of our Tier 3 teams (coached by Mr. Egdell and Mrs. Jumaga) have been rapidly improving and having a great time learning the game of basketball. Our two Tier 2 boys teams (coached by Mr. Aujla and Mrs. Morrow) have been super competitive and are poised for playoff action in a couple of weeks. Our Tier 1 girls team (coached by Mrs. Nikkel and Mrs. Macaulay) has really started to gel as a unit and is looking ahead to some more great court battles. Finally, our Tier 1 boys team (coached by Mr. Ollek) is in fine form, and will be competing in a weekend tournament at Brock starting this afternoon. We have been hosting a number of games at our school, and many thanks to Ms. Wiwchar and her team of student scorekeepers, as well as my co-referee, Taylor Kaban, who have provided us with top notch support. Best of luck to all of you in the weeks ahead. Go Coyotes!

Young Artists Contest

Students interested in submitting art for the Young Artists Conference, please submit it to Mrs. Morrow by the end of February. Work must be 2-dimensional. For more information you can go to the link <http://www3.sd73.bc.ca/general/content/young-artists> or see Mrs. Morrow.

Floor Hockey

The Pacific Way intramural floor hockey league is up and running with over 70 students participating. Games have been taking place on Tuesday and Thursdays at lunch with four teams playing each of these days. The regular season games have been action packed and the students are looking forward to upcoming playoff action. Thanks to all of the students and teachers who have made this season so much fun.

Library News

We had a successful week of Unplug and Play, thanks to the many opportunities provided for swimming, skating, lego building, yoga, board games and other activities. It was a great time for families to spend time together on alternatives to electronic pursuits. Two Fridays ago we enjoyed reading the words worn to school, and one lucky person from each class won a \$10 gift card to spend at Chapters Indigo. A humongous thank you to the generous families who donated books for Heap the Honda. Pacific Way collected about 12 boxes of books for less fortunate children in Kamloops. Marvelous! Lastly, to those students involved in Battle of the Books: keep on reading! Teams representing our school will be chosen before Spring Break.

PAC Corner

Our Grand Raffle Draw on May 10, 2018 is fast approaching. Let us try to make our goal of selling 3500 tickets. If you have booklets that need returned, please do so ASAP. If you require more booklets email the PAC @ pacwaypac@gmail.com Next PAC meeting is Friday, March 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

School Board Notes

Posted on our website.

Community News

Kamloops Basketball Academy Presents Spring Training 2018 with TRU Head Coach Scott Reeves
Grade 6 - 12 Girls Mon & Wed 6:00 - 7:30 @TCC - April 9th - June 4th.
Grade 3 - 4 Boys & Girls Wed 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. @ TCC - April 11th - May 30th. For
Registration Info Email sreeves@tru.ca.

CASTING CALL



We are looking for child actors, ages 6-9, for a Fun Factor birthday party commercial. No experience required. Come and celebrate the best fake birthday party you've ever had.

THIS IS AN UNPAID PERFORMANCE BUT CHILDREN WILL GET CAKE, REFRESHMENTS & BE GIVEN UNLIMITED CREDITS TO PLAY AT THE SHOOT.

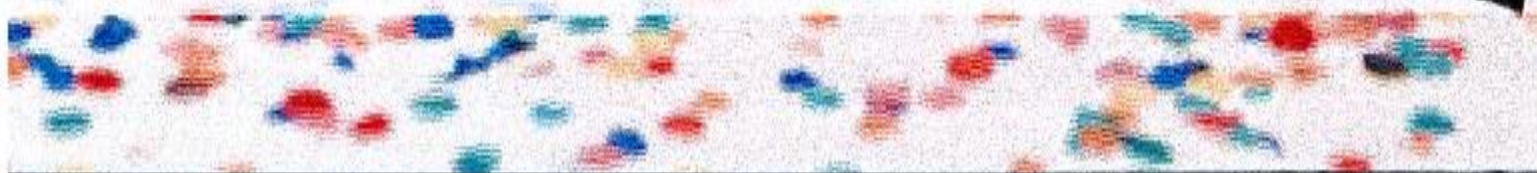
If you would like your child to participate please send a picture of your child, their name & your contact details to: talent@mastermindstudios.ca

Subject line: Fun Factor Commercial Submission.

Deadline: (Family Day) Monday, Feb 12th, 2018

Shoot date: Saturday, February 17th, 9am-10am .

A parent must be present and a video shoot waiver must be signed.





21st Annual Burn Awareness Week

February 4 to February 10, 2018

www.burnfund.org

Sponsored by the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund

Poster Contest

Rules and Prize Information

RULES:

- Posters **must be drawn on an 8 ½ by 11 inch letter-sized paper, 1 entry per student.**
- Poster artwork may be drawn on any Burn Awareness Week program fire safety subject.
- The contest is open to any student residing in British Columbia – from Kindergarten through to Grade 7. Students can participate on their own without the participation of their school.
- **Posters must include the child's name, grade, school & address on the back of the poster.**
- Winning posters are based on age-appropriate skill, and will be judged on message and content.

Judges decisions are final. Judges include Directors of the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund; Health Care Professionals from the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn, Plastic & Trauma Unit at Vancouver General Hospital; BC Children's Hospital; Burn Awareness Week sponsors; and selected media outlets.

PRIZES:

Prizes are awarded to fifty students in five areas throughout the province of British Columbia. The areas include: Lower Mainland (three prizes), Vancouver Island, Kootenay, Northern BC and the Okanagan. One of the seven Regional Prize Winners will be chosen as the Grand Prize Winner. All posters will be displayed on the Burn Fund's website, www.burnfund.org, for one year.

Grand Prize Winner will receive \$1,000 for their elementary school or BC Ministry of Education sanctioned distance education facility, a pizza party for their class and a Dalmatian toy for themselves. The winner's poster will be used in promotional material where appropriate. The winner will receive a Burn Fund recognition plaque, pizza party for their class, and a Dalmatian toy to recognize their contribution to Burn Awareness.

Regional Prize Winners will receive \$500 for their elementary school or BC Ministry of Education sanctioned distance education facility, a pizza party for their class, a Dalmatian toy, and a framed certificate.

Honorable Mention Winners will receive \$50 for their elementary school or BC Ministry of Education sanctioned distance education facility, and a Dalmatian toy for themselves.

All Entrants will receive a participation prize which will be sent to their school and handed out by teachers of participating classes.

All entries must be postmarked by no later than February 10, 2018

Mail to: BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund
3891 Main Street, Vancouver, BC, V5V 3P1

Winners will be notified by phone after March 9, 2018. Prizes will be awarded by April 30, 2018.





Round-up

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm Place: Henry Grube Centre

Doors open at 5:15 pm

- If you have a child who is ready for kindergarten, this is an opportunity to learn about Kindergarten and Child Care options
- Talk to health care professionals, meet early childhood professionals and learn about resources available in our community
- Presentations: SD #73 Early Learning Coordinator and Aboriginal Resource Teacher and Early Childhood Educator
- Visit the Resource Tables before the session or during breaks

MAKE Children First
KAMLOOPS

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

STARTING KINDERGARTEN AT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

Registration for Kindergarten will take place from FEBRUARY 13 TO 16, from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten in this period.



To register for September 2018, a student must be five years old by December 31, 2018. Bring your child's original birth certificate, BC Service Card and proof of address to your neighbourhood's catchment area school.

Information on catchment areas is available on our website at www.sd73.bc.ca.



Where do
you want
to go? | We'll
get you
there!