



PACIFIC WAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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June End of Year 2018 Newsletter

Another year is in the books at Pacific Way Elementary, and what a memorable year it was! I feel so privileged to lead such a remarkable school, and, along with all of the staff here, am very proud of all the growth that our students have shown over the course of the school year. I thank you all for your support throughout the past ten months, and 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 28th, 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 4th at 10:30 am. Classes will be in session for 90 minutes only that day, with dismissal at 12:00. The following day, September 5th, 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 12th. 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.

Farewell to: Mr. Bowden (Gr.5/6); Mrs. Lofgren (intermediate French prep teacher); Mrs. Ruberg (intermediate French prep teacher) who will be taking a one year leave of absence and will return to us in the 2019/20 school year; Mrs. Bullerwell (CEA), Mrs. Cachelin (library assistant) and Mrs. Mounce (CEA). You have each made special contributions in the lives of our students this year, and we thank you for all you have done!

Retirements

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Bigham these past two years. They are both retiring, and it is hard to imagine life without them here at Pacific Way. These two special people have been dedicated teachers in our district for many years, at several different schools. Mrs. Johnson has taught at PacWay for the past twelve years, while Mr. Bigham has been here for the past five years. They will always have a special place in our hearts here, and we wish them the very best in their next adventures!

New Staff

It is my pleasure to welcome Mrs. Lisa Galloway, Mrs. Jessica Greenwood, and Ms. Kristin Bond to our teaching staff in September. Mrs. Galloway will be teaching an intermediate class in the second portable, while Mrs. Greenwood will be partnering with both Mrs. Piva and Mrs. McLaren. Ms. Bond will be our new teacher-librarian, as Mrs. Piva will be moving into the classroom in September. Mrs. Jennifer Collins, who is the teacher in the first portable, will be continuing her maternity leave for the first three months of the school year, so that position will be posted as a term certain role in September, until Mrs. Collin's return in December.

We will also be welcoming back Mrs. Sommiya Hasan as CEA. Mrs. Hasan worked at Pacific Way last year. Ms. Carla Mundle-Guido will be joining our staff as the new library assistant, while Ms. Kathleen Lacroix will be our new part-time after school custodian.

PAC News

Ashley Folk and I (Candice Ewen) would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all the Pacific Way families and volunteers that supported us during our years as PAC chairs. Our term has come to an end and we will no longer be part of the executives for the new school year. Ashley and I have truly loved being a part of Pacific Way and enjoyed seeing our vision come to life over the last few years. We can't thank the fantastic staff, teachers, students, parents, grandparents and guardians enough that put in many hours helping us bring to life so many fun events and programs. Lora Sartori will also be resigning her position as Hot Lunch Supervisor. We all extend our congratulations to the new executives for the new school year.

New Executives for 2018-2019

Tiffany Hedges – Chair; Kristen Loek - Co-Chair; Bona Odian – Secretary; Valoree Bloomfield – Treasurer; Lacey Purnell - Hot lunch Supervisor.

The minutes from our last PAC meeting, which was held on Friday, June 22nd, are now posted on the school website.

School Schedule for 2018/19

School will continue to go from 8:30 – 2:30 and our bell schedule will remain the same as this year. Recess will continue to 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 and songs under the direction of Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Alm, Mrs. Salle, Mrs. Finch, and Mr. Bigham. 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:

- Two new class sets of chrome books and charging cart
- DJ for Grade 7 farewell
- classroom supplies
- Fun Fair
- hot lunch program
- books for library
- fruit and veggie program
- Halloween dance
- volunteering for field trips
- buses
- helping with skates
- new dividing curtain in gym
- new stage light system

This is not an exhaustive list by any stretch of the imagination, and we as staff and students recognize that our school is s 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.

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 2018. Last Thursday, 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.



**Pacific Way Elementary School's
2018-2019 School Calendar**

Tuesday, September 4	First Day of school for our Grade 1 -7 students (10:30 am - noon)
Wednesday, September 12	First Full Day of School for our Kindergarten students
Friday, September 21	School Closure # 1 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, October 8	Thanksgiving – School Holiday
Wednesday, October 10th	Picture Day
Thursday, October 18	Early Dismissal (12:30) – Parent Teacher Conferences
Friday, October 19	School Closure # 2 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, November 12	Remembrance Day – No School
Monday, December 3	School Closure # 3 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, December 21	First Term Report Cards go home to Parents
Friday, December 21	Last Day of classes before Christmas (Winter) Break
December 24 – January 4	Christmas (Winter) Break
Monday, January 7	First Day of classes after Christmas (Winter) Break
Friday, February 8	School Closure #4 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, February 18	Family Day – No school
Friday, March 1	School Closure #5 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, March 15 th	Second Term Report Cards go home to Parents
Mon. – Fri. Mar. 18 – Mar. 22	Spring Break 1 Week
Monday, April 1	School Closure # 6 – Non-Instructional Day
Friday, April 19	Good Friday
Monday, April 22	Easter Monday
Friday, May 17	School Closure # 7 – Non-Instructional Day
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day – School Holiday
Thursday, June 27	Last Day of school for students – morning only – noon dismissal Third Term Report Cards go home to parents.
Friday, June 28	Administration Day – Last Day for staff



**Pacific Way Elementary
Parent Advisory Council
Minutes
June 22, 2018
Annual General Meeting**

Attendance:

Candice Ewen (Co-Chair), Valoree Bloomfield (Treasurer) Bona Odian (Recording Secretary), Anthony Rempel, Lacey Purnell, Chaylene Peterson, Kristin Loeck, Lori Brennan, Tiffany Hedges, Viva Wolf, Tara Doern and Lora Satori.

Call to Order

- Meeting called to Order at 1:17 pm.

Approval of past Minutes

- **Motion to approve May Minutes (C. Ewen and V. Bloomfield)**

Chairperson's Report – Candice Ewen

- Thanks to all volunteers and parents for a great year.
- We had 262 families take part in hot lunch program this year.
- PAC provided teachers will a small budget for class supplies.
- We purchased 24 chrome books for the school.
- PAC sponsored children for Young Authors.
- Many fundraisers were organized including: hot lunch, Shuswap Pies, Paint Nites, and the Grand Raffle.

Treasurer's Report – Valoree Bloomfield

- \$60,000 in our PAC Bank Account & Gaming Account

Principal's Report – Anthony Rempel

- We have 15 classes this year and only 4 spaces available for September 2018.
- One additional teacher has been requested for September.
- Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Bigham are retiring.
- Staff leaving Pacific Way include: Mr. Bowden, Mrs. Lofgren, Mrs. Ruberg, Mrs. Mounce, Mrs. Bullerwell and Mrs. Cachelin.
- Mrs. Piva is taking Mrs. Johnson's classroom (4 days per week).
- Our new Teacher/Librarian will be Mrs. Bond.
- Mrs. Greenwood will job share with Mrs. Piva and Mrs. McLaren.
- A second portable will be installed in the basketball court this summer which will be an intermediate classroom leaving one classroom inside the school to be used as a multi-purpose room.
- Class placement meetings took place in June, two placements were completed one allowing for 15 classrooms and one allowing for 16 classrooms.
- Maintenance will be installing additional toilets in the boy's washroom this summer.

Committee Reports

- **Hot Lunch** – the first fall hot lunch will be at the end of Sept 2018.
- **Fruit & Veggie** – Valoree and Lacey managed a very successful year.
- **Father's Day Chocolates** – was also a great success!
- **Fundraising** – Great Little Coupon Books will be available in September.

New Business

- We are researching the use of Cross guards for the safety of the students and will discuss further in September.
- September Den Group activity – the PAC will provide \$300 to Mr. Bigham who has offered to cut out 360 butterflies for us over the summer utilizing wood from construction sites.
- The PAC will provide \$8000 for field trip buses.
- Each teacher will receive \$150 for their classroom.
- We will provide bottled water for the Terry Fox run.
- Dates for the 2018/2019 season:
 - September 20 – Movie Night in the gymnasium
 - October 20 – Halloween Dance
 - November 30th – Movie Night
 - November 24th – Craft Fair
 - February 14th – Movie Night
 - May 2nd – Spring Event
 - May 10 – Mother's Day Event

Pacific Way PAC Executives for 2018/2019:

Co-Chairs: Tiffany Hedges & Kristin Loeck
Treasurer – Valoree Bloomfield
Secretary – Bona Odian
Executive Volunteer – Lacey Purnell

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm thank you to Candice and Ashley for their dedication to our Pacific Way Elementary Parents Advisory Council!

Next Meeting

- September 13, 2018 at 8:45

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Community News

The SD73 International Student Program is in need of more Homestay families all around our city, and *particularly in South Kamloops/Valleyview/Juniper Ridge*. We have students from all over the world that study here for 3, 5, and 10 month terms. We compensate families at a rate of \$825 monthly and you can host multiple students if you so desire. If you are interested, please visit: <http://www.ispcanada.ca/home-stay.html>

If you have any other questions, please email Don Poelzer, District Principal of International Education: dpoelzer@sd73.bc.ca

Thank you very much...

SUMMER CAMP

Kamloops Track & Field Club is sponsoring a summer camp located at

- Hillside Stadium from July 9 – 13.
- Times are 8:00 am to 12:00 noon each day.
- This camp will be available for children ages 9 - 12 only.
- Registration will be done online through

http://www.trackiereg.com/2018KAMLsummer_camp or call

[250-319-6321](tel:250-319-6321)

- Fees are \$100 per registration plus \$15.75 for non-members of BC

Athletics (registered BC Athletics members are already covered).

Creative Confidence Summer Camp

Online link to program information and registration: <http://www.passionigniter.ca/youthleadershipkamloops>

Coming to Kamloops this July is the Creative Confidence Summer Camp for ages 8-11 and 12-15yrs. This Creative Confidence Camp is all about your kiddo discovering their creative side (we all have one!). We will be introducing musical instruments to try, drama, art, mindfulness and writing! Thank you to Lee's Music for making this unique program a possibility. Let's get your child's CREATIVE on so they can grow their CONFIDENCE.

This mini-camp offers your child the opportunity to explore their creativity while:

- + Developing their sense-of self (who I am, what makes me unique)
- + Practicing confidence in communication
- + Developing understanding as to what friendship means to them
- + Learning tools for listening to inner-voice (intuition)
- + Connecting with their passion and ways to explore it

- + Learning Social Media awareness....what and why are they sharing?
- + Contributing to the community

KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

Each camp is a conversation opportunity to be continued at home. You will be provided with a "Conversation Catalyst Sheet" so everyone in the family can benefit from the ROCK YOU LIFE LifeTool Teachings.

LIMITED SPACE

There are only 25 seats to ensure each child has the attention and opportunity to stretch their sense of self and grow their unique confidence.

QUESTIONS? Call [250.215.4313](tel:250.215.4313) or email trisha @ [passionigniter.ca](mailto:trisha@passionigniter.ca)

Bright Red Book Bus



July 2018

School Schedule

Monday:	Kay Bingham	10:00 – 12:00
	Arthur Stevenson	1:00 – 3:00
Tuesday:	Dallas	10:00 – 12:00
	Marion Schilling	1:00 – 3:00
Wednesday:	Arthur Hatton	10:00 – 12:00
	Bert Edwards	1:00 – 3:00
Thursday:	Beattie	10:00 – 12:00
	McGowan Park	1:00 – 3:00
Friday:	AE Perry	10:00 – 12:00

Park Schedule

(1:00 - 3:00)

July	1st	Riverside Park Canada Day Celebration
July	6th	Prince Charles Park
July	13th	Full Circle Youth Centre <i>(1104 Kamloops Way)</i>
July	20th	McDonald Park
July	27th	Brocklehurst Park

**A summer reading adventure!
Free books, snacks, activities**

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KAMLOOPS COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

Try something new this year! Be part of a team and a community. Learn to play football in a fun and safe environment!

- Ages 7-9: Atom
1st Year Atoms FREE
- Ages 10-11: Peewee
- Ages 12-13: Junior Bantam



Register now at www.kcfs.ca

