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Newsletter

May 31 2018

June 1st- 9:00am - 2pm - Young Entrepreneur Show (Tomorrow!)
June 11-13 Grade 6's & 7's to Sunnybrae
June 21st - Parent Appreciation 1:45 pm
June 21st - Grade 7 Farewell Dinner & Dance
June 22nd - Pacific Way Fun Day
June 22nd - PAC AGM @ 1:15 (Staff Room)
June 25th - Primary Classes to McGowan Park Water Park
June 26, 2018 - Talent Show
June 26th - Kindergarten pm celebration
June 28th - Last Day of School - 12:00 dismissal (Year-end assembly @ 11 am) - Report cards sent home
September 4th - First Day Back for 2018/2019 school year grades 1-7 - **10:30 - 12:00 noon**

Everyone, Everyday, P.A.C.K.!

As we now embark on the final month of this ten month journey, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for our Pacific Way learning community. This is a great place to learn and a great place to teach! Recently, I had the opportunity to share a piece of our school learning plan with a group of school board leaders and trustees and parents. In sharing our story this year, the BIG IDEA that really drives us as teachers and support staff is the question, **“Who are our students becoming as thinkers and learners as a result of their time with us?”** We are inspired to continue to develop our skills and knowledge so that we are constantly pushing our thinking, and the thinking of our students, to new levels. This is what drives us in our goal to become a **Culture of Thinking**. Our school learning plan, which will soon be updated on our website, embraces this goal, as well as the goal of growing our students in **social responsibility**, in which we are committed as a staff to create initiatives that will make our school community **a safe, strong and dynamic culture and build strength and capacity in our students to grow in character as individuals**. We don't want these to be empty words, but rather a force that drives us and gives us purpose in every decision, initiative, and interaction.

Plans for September

Our school continues to grow in numbers, and, as a result, a second portable classroom is being installed in our outdoor basketball court this summer. There will also be some changes in our teaching staff moving forward. I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Renae Gartrell will be joining us as our new teacher-librarian in September, and Mrs. Jessica Greenwood will be teaching in a job-share capacity with

Mrs. McLaren and Mrs. Piva. Mrs. Piva will be moving into a classroom teaching position. Both Mrs. Gartrell and Mrs. Greenwood are delighted to be coming to Pacific Way. I will be announcing other additions and changes to our staff in June.

Thank you!

As an expression of appreciation for all of the support we have received from our PAC and parent volunteers over the course of the school year, we invite you to come to the gym for a special celebration on the afternoon of Thursday, June 21st, at 1:45 pm. Our students want to say thank you, and entertain you!

New Safe Arrival System

A final reminder that SD73 is converting to new Safe Arrival program owned by SchoolMessenger. This software has its own **Student Absence Reporting System** that we will be transitioning over **tomorrow (Friday, June 1)**.

- Be sure to **download the SchoolMessenger app and create your account**. It should look just like the screenshot below.



(Available for both iPhone and Android)

- You can also create an account at the following website:
go.schoolmessenger.ca

The absence reporting number will not change 1-844-350-2647.

For questions or further information, please contact the school.

Next Year's Bell Schedule and Non-Instructional Days

As School District #73 continues with a one week spring break, our daily schedule will remain the same as this year. Classes will continue to start at 8:30 with a 2:30 dismissal time, with a one hour lunch. Recess will be at 10:20, while noon hour will go from 12:15-1:15.

Non-instructional days will be:

Friday, September 21, 2018

Friday, October 19, 2018

Monday, December 3, 2018

Friday, February 8, 2019

Monday, April 8, 2019

Friday, May 17, 2019

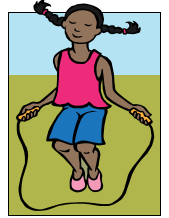


Dogs at School

Please do not bring your dog(s) onto school property. Pacific Way, like all other schools, does have a sign on the street entrance reminding folks of that. We do have students here who are either allergic to or afraid of dogs. Thank you for your consideration!

Library: Thank you to all students, parents, and staff for supporting our Spring Book Fair. It was very successful, and will enable us to purchase new books and learning resources for our school and library! Last day for signing out books is Friday, June 8th. All books are due back June 13th.

Please do your best to search for missing books or contact the library office to arrangement payment for lost or damaged books. If you find a book that you had already paid for, the library will reimburse you.



If your child was on a Battle of the Books team this year, or tried out for the team, we are having a small celebration at lunch on Thursday, May 31st!

Grade 7 Farewell Dinner and Dance: June 21st is fast approaching if you have not paid the \$40.00 fee to the office, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Track and Field: The season has come to a close with many students representing Pacific Way both at the Zone track meet and at the District Track meet. All students did an amazing job representing their school with top notch performances, effort, and attitude. Special recognition goes to our three aggregate winners from our school who had the highest combined scores for their three individual events. These will be announced at our year end assembly.

Flag Football: Congratulations to all of the members of the Pacific Way Elementary Flag Football team. The team had an incredible season with four wins and one loss. Great sportsmanship and skill development were displayed by all players. The season ended with the team attending the Flag Football Jamboree at MacArthur Park where athletes enjoyed playing three games against other schools. Well done, team!

Noon Hour Supervision: We are looking for another noon hour supervisor. It pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Rempel.

PAC News: The PAC would like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the Carnival a huge success. The Carnival made over \$5000 this year which helps our school purchase some amazing learning opportunities and tools. Thanks to all that attended. The Grand Raffle this year raised \$13,000 for our school. Congratulations to the winners. 1st prize Glenn Bowden, 2nd Prize Swati Bubbar, 3rd prize Jen Nicholas, and 4th prize Nicole Tolsma. Final PAC Meeting of the year will be held in the Staff Room on June 22nd at 1:15. This will be our Annual General Meeting.



SAVE THE DATE

When: Friday June 1st, 2018 from 9:00am - 2pm

Where: Pacific Way Elementary Gymnasium

What: Young Entrepreneur Show - Power Play sponsored by Credit Union

Why: To support students who've been working for the last 2 months on a business plan and have manufacturing a product for the public.

Who: Mrs. Alm's and Mrs. Salle's Classes

51 Grade 4 and 5 students have explored the necessary steps needed to create a business. They have learned to survey the public, how to price point their product, and create a formal business plan. Please come out and support them on June 1st, where you will be able to purchase various products from notebooks, slime, bath bombs, plants and bouncy balls etc.

All products range from \$1.00 - \$8.00



Fun Summer Reading!

Research shows that children who read over the summer maintain or improve their reading skills. Summer reading helps children feel confident and ready for September!

Parents and children might wish to try these ways to make reading fun:

2018 BC Summer Reading Club

Children are encouraged to join the BC Summer Reading Club at their local **TNRD Library**. This year's theme is **Motion Commotion!** It runs July 2 to August 19. Children try to read every day and record their reading in a booklet. When they visit the library, they can receive stickers for books read and enter draws for prizes. Registration begins in June. For more information, see page 6 of the [Thompson-Nicola Regional Library Programs & Activities Guide](#).

Bright Red Book Bus



The **Bright Red Book Bus (BRBB)** will be visiting Kamloops schools and parks in July and August. Children are invited to tour the bus and choose a book each time they come. There are many great new titles! They may keep these books or return them another week. Come to hear a story or read with your child. Children can even get their TNRD Library Motion Commotion! stickers. Visit the bus on [Facebook](#) to see the schedule.

Online books

Online books work well when children are on the move, and they can be engaging. Here are some resources that share books for free:

[Unite for Literacy](#) is an eBook library for early readers. These books are about real-life experiences and have photograph illustrations. All books are in English, but they can be listened to in many other languages, including French. Registration is not required.

[Oxford Owl](#) is an eBook library for ages 3-11. Titles come from Oxford's popular Biff, Chip, and Kipper Stories and Project X, and they include an audio option. Registration is required but free.

[Wonderopolis](#) has short, interesting articles about all sorts of scientific wonders older children may have. Each wonder has a brief, engaging video to introduce the topic. Registration is not required.

Happy Summer Reading!

