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Newsletter

October 2017

October 6th - Picture Day
October 9th - Thanksgiving Day - No School
October 17-19 - Scholastic Book Fair
October 19th - Early Dismissal 12:30 pm
October 20th - Non -Instructional Day - No School
October 26th - Family Hallowe'en Dance - 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm
November 13th - Remembrance Day - No School
December 4th - Non-Instructional Day - No School
December 15th - Term 1 Report Cards Go Home

Greetings

What a great start we have had! There is a poem outside Mrs. Gundel's class in the primary hallway that really speaks to our school community:

We are a box of crayons - each one of us unique - but when we come together - the picture is complete!

At Pacific Way, we embrace P.A.C.K. qualities - P for Positive ("I find the best in every situation") - A for Accountable ("I am responsible for my behavior") - C for Cooperative ("I work well with others toward a common goal") - K for Kind ("I treat other's the way I like to be treated"). We work together as a team to build a strong community! Over the past two weeks, we have focused on the virtue of **perseverance**. Instilling the idea that working hard, having goals, sticking with it, and overcoming obstacles is a huge part of learning and growth and gaining confidence. As we build a culture of thinking, creating learning spaces where thinking is valued, visible and actively promoted, we want to be very aware of the language we use when working with our students. Whatever we notice and name when giving feedback to our learners, we are reinforcing. So as we promote perseverance, which we want to see more of in our students, we are looking for opportunities to identify examples of that. I invite you to join us in promoting the virtues throughout the year, simply by noticing and naming them with your children at home as well. Starting next week, we will be focusing on the virtue of **helpfulness** (Oct.10-19), followed by **consideration** (Oct.23-Nov.3).

Welcome to our new CEA, Mrs. Christine Cleveland and our new Gr. 6/7 French prep teacher Mrs. Breanna Lofgren. We are delighted to have you join our team!

Punctuality - Just a friendly reminder that our doors open for students at 8:25 each morning. The expectation is that students will be in their classrooms ready to learn before the 8:30 bell. Being on time

is essential to getting the day off to a good start. If for any reason your child does arrive late, please remember that our morning announcements happen at 8:30, and during that time all students and adults are requested to stop, wait and listen carefully, until the announcements are complete. I really appreciate everyone's cooperation with this. It just sets a great tone for the day.

Fall Weather - Remember that the weather is starting to change to cooler weather. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather as we encourage students to go out for **all** breaks.

Morning Supervision - Some students are being dropped off very early in the morning before classes begin. Please remember that there is NO supervision and that they are not allowed into the building until 8:25 when the first bell rings.

Student Supplies - Please remember to send your child's school supply, agenda, and Young People Concert fees to the office as soon as possible if you have not done so.

They are now due. Thank you.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal

Are you booked for an appointment? Parent / Teacher Interviews are scheduled for **Thursday, October 19th. Please see your child's teacher to make an appointment.**
(some teachers are also scheduling appointments for after school on **Wednesday, October 18th**)

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on Oct.19th to facilitate the interviews.

Peanut Free: please know we have a number of students at our school that are severely allergic to peanuts and nut products. Be aware of this when sending snacks or lunches that contain this product. This is especially critical in the rooms identified by signs that say Peanut Free Room.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Provincial Teachers' Professional Development Day: - Oct. 20th - there will be no school for students on this day.

Library News: Welcome back to school. Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair is on Oct. 17, 18, 19 open at recess, lunch and after school. Debit, credit, cash and cheque accepted! Please do NOT send your child to school with baggies of loose change - we are not able to take the time that is required to help them count it out!
Thanks, Mrs. Piva & Mrs. Cachelin

We are always looking for library volunteers to help shelve books and keep things organized throughout the year. We would also appreciate parent helpers at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Please come and visit me in the library or send me an email if you can help in any way: apiva@sd73.bc.ca

Safe Arrival: Just a Reminder

Parents please remember to call into our safe arrival number **1-844-350-2647** or **download the Safe Arrival App.** before 8:30 in the morning when your child is going to be away from school or late for any reason otherwise you will receive a call from our automated system. Also, to ensure your child's safety, please make sure to sign the In/Out binder located at the office window when your child is arriving late or leaving early. Thank you.

Volleyball News

Volleyball starts the week of October 17th with boys playing on Tuesdays, Tier 3 on Wednesday, and girls on Thursday. We have a boys Tier 1 team coached by Shelley Wiwchar, a Tier 2 boys team coached by Teri Ridley, a Tier 3 grade 5/6 girls team coached by Cynthia Morrow, and a Tier 1 girls team coached by Wai Ma from Sahali Secondary. Looking forward to a great season. Consent forms will be coming home next week once we have the official schedule.

Cross Country Run Club: Pacific Way's Cross Country Run Club is off to a successful running season!

Congratulations to our students who have competed in the club runs. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson & Ms. Wiwchar for organizing our team.



Terry Fox Run On September 29th we joined schools throughout Canada and celebrated the 37th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. Our run wrapped up a week of collecting "Toonies for Terry" and talking about the significance of the Annual Run in his name. A big thank you to Ms. Wiwchar for organizing the run as well as to all who volunteered. Thanks to the September leadership team (Abdullah Al-Khattab, Garrett Johnson, Olive DeRose, Halle Tiessen, Paige Butler, Calla Minion) for their organization.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who were on the route to ensure kids were safe: Also, thank you to PAC for handing out juice to thirsty runners.

PAC Corner

Our next PAC meeting is yet to be announced. Please join us to hear what's new and exciting with PAC this fall. Halloween is October 26th 5:45 pm to 7:30 pm. Don't forget to pre-order your pizza dinner online pacificwayhotlunches.net.

Our new **PAC Executive for the 2017/2018** School Year:

Co - Chairs: Ashley Folk and Candice Ewen

Treasurer: Valoree Bloomfield

Secretary: Bona Odian

Community News



Attention all girls and women! The Mt Paul District of Girl Guides of Canada has programs available for every age level, and we invite you to join us. Being in Girl Guides is a wonderful way to make friends, try new challenges, make a difference in the world, and to have loads of fun! There are programs for:

Sparks – K and Grade 1

Brownies – Grades 2 and 3
Guides – Grades 4-6
Pathfinders – Grades 7-9
Rangers – Grades 10-12
TREX – Age 12 + adventure activities only

We also need enthusiastic women who want to share some of their time and energy with girls in our community by becoming Guiders. There is mentoring, support, and training available, as well as the opportunity to meet a lot of other great women.

If you are interested in joining, please visit www.girlguidesofcanada.ca to register online, or call 1-800-565-8111, or email mtpaulgirlguides@gmail.com for more information.



Our Junior Development program (JD program) is aimed at athletes 9-12 years of age.

We meet Tuesdays and Thursday from 4:30-6pm at Hillside Stadium (XC) and TCC (Indoor Season)

Currently the XC (Cross Country) season is in session and will run until the end of October.

Indoor season will begin at the beginning of November on our brand new indoor track!!

Indoor Season consists of all Track Events

Sprinting	Discus
Relays	Shot Put
Hurdles	Javelin
Middle Distance	
High Jump	
Long Jump	
Triple Jump	

Please visit our website at kamtrack.ca for all details. FaceBook:Kamloops Track and Field Club

ATTENTION ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS - Kamloops Hoops is offering fall bball groups for grades 2-5 & 5-7!! Check out KamloopsHoops.com for full details and online registration.



Fire Prevention Week 2017 is October 8 to 14, 2017

Fires are real, not just events in the news or movies. Fire is fast, extremely hot and spreads rapidly. It creates thick black toxic smoke that is even more deadly than flames! When fire strikes, seconds are important! There is no time to stop and think. Everyone needs to know what to do! Smoke alarms provide the early warning of the problem and a home fire escape plan will provide time to escape safely. Although we hope you never have to use it, planning and practising your home escape plan may one day save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

The 2017 Fire Prevention Week Campaign is “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!”. This year’s theme focuses on the importance of having a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room in case there is a fire.

Here are some tips and recommendations for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave — this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

The fire service has again partnered with local schools to teach children and their families the importance of developing and practicing a home fire drill. Children will learn these skills by completing an interactive fire safety worksheet – “Fire Safety Starts with You!” – provided by your local fire department. Those children successfully completing the activity booklet and the entry form and returning the entry form are eligible to enter to win one of six iPads.

Remember, fire safety starts with you!



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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 25, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Early closure dates – Amendment 2
- o Notice of Motion – Policy 542.1 Violence Threat Risk Assessment

Details of the consent agenda can be found on the public agenda.

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard about the success of the 2017 Special Olympics BC Summer Games, which were hosted in Kamloops in early July. Special Olympics President and CEO Dan Howe told trustees that 1,570 athletes and coaches competed in the 11 sports offered. Many of the District's facilities were used to stage events or host athletes. "All of this would not have been possible if we didn't have (the District's) tremendous support," said Howe.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

CEA STAFFING REQUEST – To meet the needs of increased enrolment as well as an increase in the numbers of students with special education designation, the Board was asked to approve an additional 12.0 FTEs to the Certified Education Assistant budget. Trustees approved the request unanimously.

RURAL TEACHERS TEACHING ON CALL – The Board was told about an initiative that will see teachers teaching on call hired to specific full-time assignments in the communities of Barriere and Chase. The hiring of term-certain TTOC positions in these communities will address on-going and historic problems filling short-term and temporary vacancies. This will be a one-year "experiment" that could be implemented in other rural communities in the future.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wade told trustees about the launch of the Maker Program in the district. Every elementary school this year will get a "maker kit" filled with tools and materials. The kits are designed to teach problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration and creativity.

The next public board meeting will take place October 2nd in Barriere at 7 p.m.



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