



AE PERRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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November 2016

PRINCIPALS CORNER

Happy November! Thank you for your support during Halloween. The students arrived ready for learning and a great day was had by everyone.

We have had many visitors to our school in the last month, helping our staff look at the tasks we are asking kids to do. Our goal is to make learning relevant and engage our students in meaningful learning. As a staff we are focusing on Project Based Learning. We are actively working with other educators in the district to incorporate PBL in our classrooms. Please feel free to talk to anyone of our teachers about PBL and its connections to the re-designed curriculum we are implementing this year.

SAFE ARRIVAL

On Monday, October 31st we launched the New Safe Arrival program. You will need to report all absences and lates to the phone number, or website on the card or through the downloaded free app. If your children arrive late, the system **will** phone you. Please listen to and respond to the prompts to help expedite the process. Please make sure the school has your updated information on file.



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for quality
public education."

School District No. 73
(Kamloops/Thompson)

Student Absence Reporting

To report your child's absence
please call this toll free number
before 8:30am

1-844-350-2647

or visit ktsd.schoolconnects.com



Safe ARRIVAL

UPCOMING CHANGES TO SAFE ARRIVAL!

AE Perry is joining the School District's new Safe Arrival System. Starting **Monday, Nov 7th** parents will no longer leave messages on the school phone. The new system will handle the majority of parent contact (including phone calls) when a student will be absent from school, both for unexpected and expected absences. The new system allows parents to interact directly with the system in the following ways:

- **by phone** when the system calls you, or when you want to initiate a call to notify that your child will be absent
- **by internet** through a login controlled webpage interface
- **by a smartphone app** (iOS and Android version: both available for free)

Starting Monday, all parents are asked to please report student's absences and lates before 8:30am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known). To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- access the following website:
 - o <http://ktsd.schoolconnects.com/or>
- download the Synervoice Technologies Inc app by searching for SafeArrivalSchool Connects

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. **Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.**

A registration email will be sent to parents in advance. These emails are not spam and will contain specific parent login information for the system, as well as, instructions on how to log in as a parent to report your child's absences.

If you do not connect with the system by 8:30 on the day of your child's absence from school, and when the teacher has completed attendance for his/her class, then a report will be dispatched for all students absent without a reason. The system will then proceed to call home and cell phone numbers until you are reached. Each number will be called up to 5 times. It is important that your home and cell

phone numbers, along with email addresses are kept current.

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV. 11th

Every November we show our appreciation to those who sacrificed their lives in fighting for our freedom by celebrating Remembrance Day. By wearing a poppy and attending a ceremony, it's our way to show that we are thankful to those who served Canada during the wars. For the thousands of Canadians who are Peace Keepers throughout the world we also use Remembrance Day as a day to honour them.



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

There is no school for students on Nov 11th. However, on November 10 at 10:45am we will have our Assembly. If you would like to join us at this assembly please feel free to do so.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note. Photo retakes will be **on November 15th**. Class photos will be taken in the spring. You will receive the proof photos; you will choose which pose you want and then order the number of photos you want. Any question or concern should be directed to Lifetouch @ 1-866-457-8212.

Picking up Children after School

Please remember to come through the front door when picking up kids. It is important for us to know who is in the building at all times. Letting other adults in through other doors is defeating the purpose of them being locked. They are locked for your children's safety and we can't stress enough the importance of using the main entrance to the school. We are also asking that you make a meeting spot with your child outside. This will help with congestion in the hallways afterschool. Thank you for your support.

PARKING/PICK-UP

Please pick up and drop off your child on Lethbridge Ave. The parking lot off Sherbrooke is for special needs bussing, deliveries and staff parking.

SCHOOL FEES

Pupil Supply Fees are now due. If they have not been paid, please see Mrs. Brady for a payment schedule.

MEALS PROGRAM

Just a reminder to parents, that meal forms need to be filled out each and every month, even if your child was on it the month before. The payment should be included with the form if it is not please contact Mrs. Brady. Please hand in the forms on the date specified, as the catering company needs the correct numbers to order the food. Please include your child's teacher name on the form. **IT IS CRUCIAL TO HAVE THE FORMS BACK ON THE DUE DATE AS THE CATERING COMPANY HAS INFORMED THE SCHOOL THAT IT WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY ORDERS AFTER THAT DUE DATE. You will need to send your child with a lunch for the first week of the program as we won't be able to put them on the meals program until after the 1st week.**

LOCKDOWN DRILL

These drills are very similar to our Fire Drills in that they are in place to keep your children safe. Lockdown drills are important to ensure that all staff and students are aware of what to do in case of an intruder. These drills will be happening and both students and staff will be notified prior to them taking place.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING REMINDER

Though still quite warm, we are approaching days when the weather can turn cold. Please ensure your child has warm clothing for outdoor play.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS



Please make arrangements in the morning before your child leaves home if they are to be going somewhere after school.

Also, please ensure your child is in possession of any relevant personal phone numbers they may need in the event he / she wants to contact you at home, work, etc. A great place to store these is in your child's agenda.

PAC NEWS

AE Perry PAC is hosting its 2nd annual Christmas Craft Fair. We are looking for parents who have a Home Based Business or who are Crafters to bring their wares for sale. To rent a table it will be \$20.00. We will run the fair, Saturday Dec. 10th from 10am

to 2pm, with set up starting at 8:30am. If you have any questions please call Mandy Johnson @ 250-819-4982 to book a table or if you have any questions.

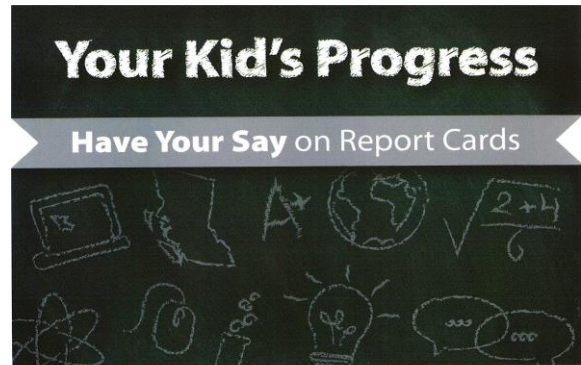
Please join us at our next PAC meeting Nov. 16th @ 6:30 in the Library.

**From the Board Meeting
of: October 24,
2016**

1. The Board recognized Teacher Katie McCormack who received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award from the BC Association of Math Teachers.
2. The Board received an update from Danalee Baker on the progress of this year's United Way Campaign. School District No. 73 was recognized and presented the Quantum Leap Award for the outstanding contributions employees of the District made to the campaign last year.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Teacher Theresa Hafeli and Student Katlyn Sangha on the Google Classroom project.
4. The Board received a report on the final results of the 1701 Echo Report received from the Ministry of Education.
5. The Board received an updated report on Class Size and Composition.
6. The Board received an update on the District's School Enhancement Program submission and the funding that will be received from the Ministry of Education for the flooring project at

Brocklehurst Middle
School.

The next regular Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Chase Secondary School, 420 Cottonwood Street, Chase, BC.



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 9. Everyone welcome.

ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING TO LEARN MORE

Details:

HENRY GRUBE EDUCATION CENTRE
245 Kitchener Crescent, Kamloops BC
Monday, January 30th, 2017
5 pm - 8 pm

For more information please visit:
engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/

