



Roadrunner



REPORT

Friday, September 13th, 2024

Principal's Message

Weyt-kp/ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ/Hello parents, guardians, and caregivers,

We have made it to the end of the second week with only some minor hiccoughs, and it seems that students are settling into their new classrooms and making new friends. Thank you for your patience while we were sorting everything out. Teachers and staff spend a great deal of time and attention in placing students in classes. Careful consideration is needed in order to balance positive social connections, academic needs, and behavioural needs, while following Ministry of Education regulations for class size and composition.

I have no doubt that your child/ren's teachers will be reaching out to you soon, if they haven't done so already, to introduce themselves and to share with you their expectations for the year.

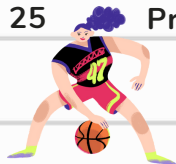
We have a number of new staff members with us this year, and we are all excited for an amazing school year.

What's In This Month's Issue?

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Upcoming Events

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| September 16 | Strong Start Begins | |
| September 17 | Information Meeting for After School Drop-In Basketball | |
| September 18 | PAC Meeting @ 4:30pm | |
| September 19 | Lunch Forms for October are sent home | |
| September 19 | Terry Fox Run Assembly and Run 11am - 12pm | |
| September 23 | Professional Development Day - no school for students | |
| September 24 | October Lunch Forms are due into the office | |
| September 26 | Mug and Muffin 8:00am - 8:40am |  |
| September 27 | Orange Shirt Day |  |
| | Isobel Lake - Anjali, Langford, Underwood, Cattermole, Sleski |  |
| September 30 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - SCHOOL CLOSED | |
| Oct. 1-Nov 8 | Foundation Skills Assessments (FSAs) - Grades 4 and 7 | |
| October 2 | Kindergarten Bus Orientation Sessions - 9am | |
| October 7 | After School Drop-In Recreational Basketball begins (Mondays 2:45-3:30) | |
| October 14 | Thanksgiving Holiday - School is Closed | |
| October 16 | Picture Day | |
| | Lions Vision Screening - K students |  |
| October 21 | After School Drop-In Recreational Basketball | |
| October 21-24 | Volleyball Games begin |  |
| October 25 | Provincial Professional Development Day - no school for students | |





School Supplies



School supplies are provided at the school at a reduced rate, and save you the trouble of going out and buying supplies that might not be the right fit. You will be getting an e-mail [SchoolCash Online](#) on next week indicating that the system is available for you to pay for school supplies. There will be an option for you to click if you would like to access the School and Family Affordability fund to pay for school supplies.

Your child/ren will be coming home with the rest of the forms package (Internet permission, media release, etc.) next week as well.

For those of you who are new to the District, you will, if you haven't already, receive an e-mail from schoolcashonline.com which will prompt you to register for an account. Instructions on how to sign up for an account can be found [here](#). If you need any help, please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs. Ablitt in the office.

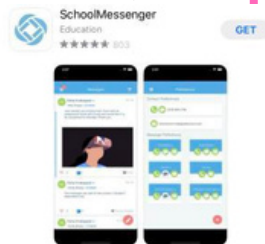
If you have changed your e-mail over the summer, please contact Mrs. Ablitt or Mrs. McGovern in the office ASAP so that she can update our system and allow you to use the online payment options with schoolcashonline.com.



SAFE ARRIVAL



A big thank you to the many of you who are using the SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app or phone number **1-844-350-2647** to report your child/ren's absences. For those of you who are new to the school, it is an app that can be downloaded to your cellphone and is easy to use. SD73 is asking that if you are reporting your child's absence as illness, to please designate the appropriate type of illness that applies to your child. Interior Health needs to keep track of any abnormalities in our attendance data, in the case that there is a health concern that our community needs to know about. If those options don't appear refresh the app



School Staff

We have a number of new staff members gracing our hallways, as well as some veterans who have been here for many years. One notable change that happened fairly recently is that Mr. Nesci was appointed as Vice-Principal of Parkcrest Elementary.

Classroom Teachers

	<u>Grade</u>
Mrs. Anjali	Gr. 6/7
Ms. Langford	Gr. 6/7
Mrs. Underwood	Gr. 6/7
Mrs. Cattermole	Gr. 5/6
Ms. Selski	Gr. 5
Mrs. Gulbransen/Mrs. Plummer	Gr. 4/5
Mrs. Telford	Gr. 4
Ms. Paddon	Gr. 3
Mrs. Cowan	Gr. 3
Mrs. Semenoff	Gr. 2/3
Mrs. Hansen	Gr. 2/3
Ms. Anderson	Gr. 2
TBA	Gr. 1
Mrs. Hunter	Gr. 1
Mrs. Barrow	Kindergarten
Mrs. Danyluck	Kindergarten
Mrs. Schull	Kindergarten

Custodians

Mrs. Heer	Daytime
Mr. Louvros	Evening
Mrs. Serown	Evening

Non-Enrolling Teachers

Ms. Carmichael	Int. PE/Health
Mrs. Bymoen (aka Kolkman)	Prim. Health
Mrs. MacPherson	LART
Ms. Pereversoff	LART
Mr. Rhynolds	Teacher Librarian
Mrs. Williams	Prim. PE/Socials

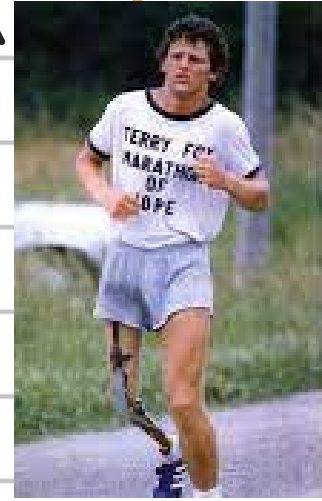
Support Staff

	<u>Role</u>
Mrs. Ablitt	Secretary (W-Fr)
Ms. Bennett	AEW
Ms. Brandt	Library Assitant
Mrs. Cantin	Strong Start
Ms. Eddy	CEA
Mrs. Erickson	CEA
Ms. Hanzon	CEA
Ms. Jules	AEW
Mrs. McGivern	Secretary (M-T)
Mrs. Onuluk	CEA
Ms. Reed	CEA
Ms. Strohman	Childcare
Ms. Thomas	CEA

Terry Fox Run 2024

AE Perry Elementary is participating in the Terry Fox School Run on **Thursday September 19, from 11am to 12pm!** If you would like to come out and help supervise the run, please contact your child's teacher

We are so proud to be a part of this Canadian tradition in the fight against cancer. We will be collecting Toonies for Terry the week of **September 16-20**. Every toonie your child brings in will give them a chance to enter their name in a draw for the chance to throw a pie in the Principal's face if we reach our fundraising goal of \$2 for each student (\$726 in total). For every \$100 above our goal, I will draw an additional name.



Toonie for
Terry

Breakfast Program

We will be hosting a breakfast program once again from **7:45am to 8:15am** for those families who need it. Please fill out [this form](#) to let us know if this is a service in which you would like to participate. We do our best to accommodate as many families as possible, and keep a waitlist.



STARFISH BACKPACKS

Many students across the province rely on school breakfast and lunch programs to fill their tummies on school days. When it comes to the weekend, they don't have the food they need. Starfish Pack was designed to help change that.

The Kamloops Food Bank is excited to provide its Starfish Backpack program once again this year. This program offers groceries to families on a weekly basis. Each bag contains 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, and some snacks. The backpacks are delivered to the school on Friday mornings, and students bring them home for the weekend. If this is a program that you will need this year, please sign up by filling out [this form here](#) so that we can do our best to make sure that we have enough food for anyone who needs it.

Read more

<https://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>



STARFISH
PACK

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. **Cold and Flu Season** has already arrived, and the most effective way to keep everyone at school healthy and safe is to not send your child/ren to school if he/she/they are sick or feeling unwell. Here are some guidelines to follow when deciding when your child/ren should stay home:



- a fever, and keep them home for 24 hours after the fever has gone away without medication
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for 24 hours after the last episode
- a severe sore throat
- a rash with no known cause
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms such as a runny nose and headache
- redness, swelling, or discharge of the eyes, ears, or skin, unless treated
- acting unwell and has little energy to join in school activities



2. **The Staff Parking lot and the drop-off Zone** is an area that seems to always need mentioning for new and experienced parents alike. **A reminder that the parking lot is for staff only and should not be accessed by parents/guardians/caregivers during drop-off and pick-up times.** Please share this with any adults/caregivers that may be driving your child/ren to or from school.

3. **Dressing for the weather** can be tricky for the first few months of school, as the mornings are a bit chilly, while the afternoons can be downright balmy. As the air temperature drops and the amount of precipitation increases, it becomes increasingly more important for your child/ren to come to school dressed for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us for recess and lunch hour. We will be sending students outside in inclement weather, so it is crucial that they are prepared with outside shoes/boots, a jacket, and, before you know it, mitts and a tuque. When it is raining, we ask everyone, staff, students and parents, to take their shoes/boots off at the door. It just takes one pair of wet shoes/boots to make the hallways slippery and dangerous. Also, no one likes to step in water in sock feet on their way to putting on his/her/their indoor shoes. ***Please make sure to send a pair of indoor shoes to school with your child, if you haven't already done so.***



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This year we will wear orange on **Friday September 27th** to recognize the 150 000 Indigenous students who endured the residential schooling system and its trauma that continues to be felt today. Phyllis Webstad wore an orange shirt to school one day and it was taken from her. No one would listen to her when she said that she wanted it back. We encourage you learn more about her story [here](#).

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation has been deemed a federal statutory holiday to allow for all Canadians to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and honour the Survivors of the residential school system.



The school will be closed on Monday, September 30th in observance of the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**.

<https://aeperry.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>

Read more

AFTER-SCHOOL DROP-IN BASKETBALL

We are so lucky to have a Westsyde Secondary student, Jacob Plummer, volunteer to play basketball with students in Grades 5-7 on Mondays from 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Information session and permission slips will be handed out this Monday, September 23rd. Practices will begin on Monday October 7th.

Students will not be permitted to phone home for permission to participate, so planning must be done at home. Students must have a signed permission for in order to participate



Administrative Procedures to Review

Each year I am asked to share a couple of Administrative Procedures with my parent community, as they pertain to conduct on behalf of students and our community. Attached to this newsletter are the following APs for your review:

- [AP 350 – Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [AP 146 – Social Networking \(Employees and Parents\)](#)

In regards to AP 350, each school has been asked to use the new provincial guidelines to create a school policy to address the use of student personal digital devices. I am looking for your feedback on our new school policy. Please take a look at the policy [here](#), and let me know if there is anything you would like to see changed or added.



VOLLEYBALL COACHES AND REFEREES NEEDED

Volleyball season is coming up and the number of teams we can roster is dependant on how many coaches have, which means we will need some of you fantastic parents to help out with some coaching responsibilities.

We will also need some help with refereeing games, so if you know of a High School student that might be interested in earning some pocket money, please let us know.

If you are able to help out with coaching or refereeing, please contact Mrs. Underwood ASAP!!
Email: dunderwood@sd73.bc.ca



PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION

Empowering Parents: Navigating the IEP Process for your Child's Success

Presented by Deanna Brady, District Principal of Inclusive Education and Lise Hyam, District Coordinator of Inclusive Education

In this session, parents and caregivers will gain the knowledge, tools, and confidence needed to actively participate in the Individual Education Plan (IEP) process, ensuring their child's educational needs are met.

The key points this session will cover, include:

- Introduction to the IEP Process
- Parental Involvement
- Understanding IEP Content
- Resolving Disputes
- Building a Collaborative Relationship with the School

This workshop will be held via Zoom on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please register in advance [here](#). Following your registration, you will receive the link to the meeting.

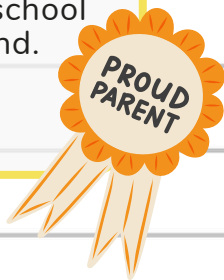
Read more

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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (P.A.C)

You may be asking, "What is a Parent Advisory Council (aka PAC)?" It is a group for parents from the school community to gather to discuss matters affecting our school and the education of our students. Often times fundraising initiatives and community building events are discussed and planned.

Our Parent Advisory Council is having their first meeting this upcoming **Tuesday, September 17th at 4:30pm** in our school library. All parents are welcome to attend.



Diversity and Culture Calendar

September

- 1-30 FASD Awareness Month
- 1-30 Duchenne Awareness Month
- 15 Terry Fox Run
- 22 Howling Coyote Golf Tournament
- 22-28 Gender Equity Week
- 23 International Day of Sign Languages
- 24 World River Day
- 30 Orange Shirt Day
- 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation



CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Any adult wanting to volunteer in his/her/their child/ren's class, drive students to/from athletic events, supervise on field trips, or be alone with children other than their own for any reason, will need to complete a criminal records check.

This can be done easily online at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck>. Use the code **6EWCGPQXWN**. It is free of charge.

Because it can take up to a couple of weeks for these checks to come back to us, if volunteering is something that you are interested in this year, I would recommend starting the process ASAP.

If you completed one last year, I don't believe that the system will allow you to complete another one quite yet. Please phone the office if you get some sort of error message in order to confirm that we have a Criminal Records Check for you on file.