

October 2017

PAC NEWS

- Please return any coupon books or orders ASAP to the office.
- English Bay Cookie Dough fundraiser will run from Oct 17th until Nov 1st!



Reminder that our doors open at the 8:25 am bell for students to enter to begin their day. We kindly ask students to wait outside until the 8:25 am morning bell.

TERRY FOX RUN

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Terry Fox Run. We raised approximately \$405.13 and those monies have been forwarded to the Terry Fox Foundation. *Good job BEST students!!*



SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE

Reminder school supply fees were due and payable September 29th. If for any reason you are not able to pay at this time, please contact the office to arrange a payment plan.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct 2.....F.S.A. Begins for Grade 4
 Oct 4.....PAC Meeting 6pm
 Oct 12.....Rivers Day
 Oct 16.....Cst. Winkels here for WITS & Cybersafe
 Oct 18.....Early Closure 12:30 pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30 – 7:00 pm
 Oct 18.....Kamloops Blazers / RCMP EDGE
Program with Grade 6 students
 Oct 19.....Lockdown Drill
 Oct 20.....District Non-Instructional Day
(no school for students)

Oct 23.....Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)
 Oct 23.....Kamloops Blazers visit classrooms
 Oct 23.....Norman Foote Musical rehearsal
 Oct 24.....Student Photo Retake Day
 Oct 28.....Original school photo orders due
 Oct 31.....Happy Halloween

SCHOOL RETAKE PHOTOS



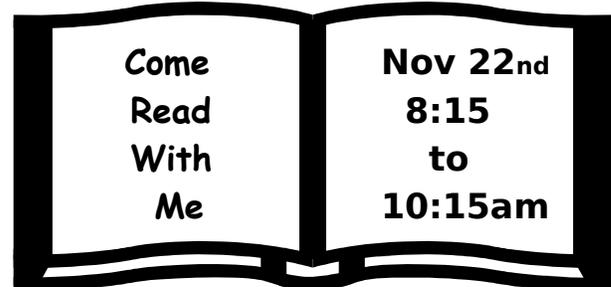
Those students wishing to have retakes done (or those students who did not have a photo taken due to absence) will have their photo taken on October 24th. If you wish to have a retake done for your child, please return the proof envelope with your child on October 24th. Students will hand this envelope directly to the photographer on retake day.

CELL PHONES

The School District has a policy (Policy 406.1) concerning the use of cell phones at school. Children bring cell phones to school at their own risk. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones. Please encourage your child to leave their devices at home.



SAVE THE DATE



Literacy in Kamloops (LinK) is excited to offer the Come Read With Me program for parents and caregivers of Grade 1 students in partnership with their teachers. Parents of Grade 1 students,

please join us on **November 22, 2017 from 8:15 – 10:15 am** for a session with a Kamloops Literacy Outreach Coordinator and One to One Children's Literacy Program Trainer.

This is a 2 hour session for parents that teaches a variety of strategies they can use to support their child(ren) with home reading and assists with building a home-school connection. Parents go home with many new strategies and a bag full of materials including a new book, sight word cards, word games, foam dice, a bookmark, and more.

FLU SEASON



As we head into inFLUenza season, it is a great time to review ways to help keep staff and students healthy! Handwashing, covering a cough, and staying home when sick, are all ways to prevent the spread of illnesses.

For more information see:

[Respiratory Infection in Schools](#)
[Hand Hygiene](#)
[Gastrointestinal Infections in Schools](#)

HEAD LICE

Please check your children at home at least once a week for head lice. If you find any, please treat immediately, and report it to the school so that we can take steps to keep them under control. Vigilance by the home is the best way to control the spread of head lice. Remember, it isn't enough to just use the shampoo. Some lice are immune. Removal of all the nits (eggs) from the hair after treatment is necessary to prevent hatching. It only takes one live louse to lay hundreds of eggs.



We will be continuing with our Bert Edwards tradition of afternoon costumes and "Halloween Train" this year (classes walk around the school in costumes) and will be celebrating Halloween on Tuesday October 31st. Students will be able to dress up in

their costumes after lunch on the 31st; they can bring costumes to school in packs and change after lunch. Please talk to your child's teacher regarding sweets, and bringing treats to school, as the children will likely be into PLENTY of sweets on Halloween. Look for additional information from our classroom teachers coming home prior to Halloween.

KAMLOOPS BLAZERS VISIT



Members of the Kamloops Blazers will be here at Bert Edwards for two days in October. On Wednesday the 18th, the players – along with the RCMP – will be presenting the EDGE program to our grade six students. On Monday the 23rd, the players will be visiting classroom, reading with students, answering questions and playing a game of floor hockey with our grade six students at recess!

NORMAN FOOTE CONCERT



The students from 1-5 have a unique opportunity to perform with Multi-award Winner/Disney songwriter/puppeteer Norman Foote. We will be rehearsing his songs in Music class over the next few weeks. Norman will be visiting our school on October 23rd to have a dress rehearsal with our students and then all students are invited to dress in their best Halloween Costumes and perform with Norman on the evening of October 23rd, 5:15pm at Sagebrush Theatre. The event is called The Howl 17, A Musical Masquerade with Juno award winner Norman Foote, and an extra large local youth costumed choir, where music, laughter and the creative spirit of Halloween all come together. Community connections make this concert a true family event. Any parent who wants their child to participate in the evening event will need to ensure their child arrives at Sagebrush Theatre, dressed in costume ready to perform. Parents are invited to enjoy the show by purchasing a \$10 ticket for all non performers. There will be more information to follow.

ONE TO ONE READING

We are really excited that One to One Reading is returning to our school! This fantastic program involving trained adult volunteers from our community reading with students who need just a little support as they work to improve their reading skills. If you can help with this awesome program for

our second session which starts in the new year - please contact Ms. Boyle in the office!

RIVER'S DAY

On Thursday Oct 12th, we'll be celebrating River's Day with awesome activities down near the Thompson River with a host of community presenters. World Rivers Day is a celebration of the world's waterways. It highlights the many values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved stewardship of rivers around the world. Presenters will be setting up at the corner of Schubert Drive and Windsor Avenue, and students will arrive to start their sessions at 10:15am. We will all return to the school for our regular lunch period, then return to the stations until 2pm. Please join us for this wonderful community event!



NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 11, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o DPAC Highlights
- o Summer School Update
- o Revised Early Closure Dates for 2017/2018
- o Revised Schedule of Board Meetings
- o 2017-2018 Committee Appointments

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

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board heard from the Young Filmmaker's Program from Arthur Stevenson Elementary School, which was made possible by a District Innovation Grant. Principal Grant Reilly and teacher Terri-Anne Wilson told the Board how the program helped students develop new collaborative skills while exploring the medium of film, filmmaking and digital publishing technology.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FACILITIES REVIEW PROCESS — Significant enrolment pressures in some parts of the district

has created the need for a full facilities review to determine if there are options to consider as the District grapples with these growth pressures. Options may include the opening of schools previously closed, reconfiguration of existing schools or new bus routes to move students from some schools to others.

OWL AWARD — The District is now seeking nominees for the Owl Award for Excellence in Public Education, an award that recognizes individuals, groups or organizations we have made significant contributions to public education. Nomination forms can be found at www.sd73.bc.ca.

PRELIMINARY ENROLMENT REPORT — Based on the most current data available, the numbers suggest that there has been enrolment growth of approximately 470 students over last year. Final numbers will be reported to government by September 30th