



Message from Mrs. Edstrom

As we move into November, the weather is starting to change and soon we will have our first snowfall of the season. As this occurs, we shift into winter mode at the school. We plan to have the students outdoors as much as possible during recess and lunch. Please make sure your children are well prepared with winter coats, mitts, toques and a pair of indoor shoes.

Remember to review the weekly email sent out every Friday. It provides highlights for the coming week ahead and includes new and important information you may need to know.

Please watch for notices coming home over the next few months as classes attend skating sessions. Each session is \$2.50 per student and helmets are mandatory at all city arenas. The Permission Form will have dates and times of the field trip and must be returned signed by a parent/guardian. Contact the teacher if you wish to be a parent helper.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 1 – Professor Wow
Nov. 4 – Pizza Day
Nov. 3 – PAC Meeting 6PM
Nov 10 –Remembrance Day Assembly 11AM
Nov 11 - Remembrance Day No School
Nov 21 –Professional Day – No Classes
Dec. 5 - Professional Day - No Classes
December 17 to January 2 – Winter Holiday

Professional Day Nov. 21st

Due to the cancellation of our Pro-Day on Sept. 19th, the rescheduled day will be held on Nov. 21st. Students will not attend school on this day.

Remembrance Day

We will be recognizing Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 10th.

The assembly will start at 11am and everyone is welcome to attend. Classes will present songs, drama and wreaths. We are pleased to have several veterans attend our recognition assembly.



Winter Concert

We will be presenting our Winter Concert on December 15th. All classes will be included in this performance. Save the date and watch for further details coming from your teacher closer to that time.



PAC

Our next PAC meeting is on **Nov. 3rd at 6pm**. PAC will be hosting a **Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday, Nov. 20th 10-3pm**. Admission will be by donation. There will be a variety of vendors at the sale which makes a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping. This event will help fundraise for a new playground for our primary students. We hope to see you there!

BEST Library Fundraiser! By purchasing Purdy's Chocolates, you are helping us buy books and STEM equipment for our shared learning space in the library. Up to 25% of your order comes back to the school! To see the catalogue and order, go to:
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1497487-98773>

- ORDER DEADLINE: Nov 22
- Pick up your order from the school on Tues, Dec 6, 2:00-3:30

Reading at Home

Learning to read and write happens at school AND at home. You can help your child to learn about himself or herself and the world through reading – by spending time talking about what you are reading together. Here are some simple strategies you can try:

- Asking questions:

When reading with your child, ask such questions as “Why is this happening?”

“What might happen next?”

“Does this make sense?”

“Was it fair when ...?”

Such questions help children make connections between parts of a story.

- Reading “between the lines”:

To make inferences – to discover meaning that is not directly stated – your child needs to learn to use information both from the story and from his or her own knowledge and experience. This strategy of reading “between the lines” involves gathering clues and using them to “create” meaning.

- Putting it all together:

You can encourage your child to put it all together first by talking about all the information he or she has read, then summarizing the important points and putting those points together like pieces of a puzzle.

- Figuring out difficult words:

Allow your child time to figure out what a word might be or to recognize a mistake. If a mistake doesn't affect the meaning, let it go.

- Your child can use various tactics to figure out a word he or she doesn't know:

- Sound out the word.
- Look at the pictures.
- Divide the word into smaller parts.
- Reread the words before and after the difficult word.
- Skip over the word for the moment and read on further.
- Talk about what he or she has read so far to check understanding.
- Ask a brother or sister for the answer

Try to read with your child every day. All family members can help. (It's like breakfast – it

shouldn't be skipped!) It is the single most important thing you can do to help your child learn to read and write and to succeed in school. Children who are read to when they are young are more likely to love reading and to be good readers when they are older.



Read With Me

Parent Contact Information

From time to time, we do encounter emergency situations, where it is important to be able to reach parents/guardians immediately. When accessing the MyEd Student System, we often discover that the listed phone numbers are no longer valid. PLEASE ensure that all contact information remains current throughout the year. If your number has changed since September when we update our database or you have recently moved, call the office and keep us up to date.

Safe Arrival

Please remember that all student absences and late arrivals must be reported no later than 8:45 am. You can do this by either calling or visiting the School District's safe arrival system. If at all possible, please do not call the office directly. All absences or late arrivals that have **not** been reported before 8:45 am will initiate “School Connects” to call priority phone numbers up to 5 times until a response is given by the contact. The office will change the attendance accordingly once the response is registered.



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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



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