



ABERDEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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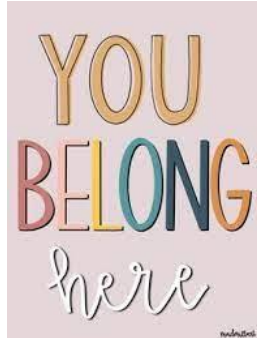
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OCTOBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



you are welcome.
you are worth it.
you are unique.
you are heard.
you are loved.
you are safe.
you matter.
you belong.

First off a huge thank you to students, staff and parents for an INCREDIBLE month of September! Thank you, parents for being so patient and understanding with our start up and the changing of a PRINCIPAL September 22! That is pretty unheard of in SD73.

Enjoy your first newsletter from me as your Principal!

Phew...you may need to get a drink of choice to power through it, but I hope you will find the information useful! Please be sure to go right to the end where the Pizza with the Principal form is! I would love to see kids enter so that I can have lunch with some of your children. I will do this monthly. In my career, and whenever I leave a school, the children always say...YOU HAVE TO KEEP DOING PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL!

We are working hard to focus on BELONGING at our Neighbourhood and Montessori School. Our catchment is large, our kids come from various neighbourhoods and areas like Knutsford and Long Lake Rd. and because we are a School of Choice and many are involved in extra-curricular sport which means sometimes their team is their extended community before their class and school. We are working hard to see our data for having a Sense of Belonging improve over the course of the year. School belonging is determined by a myriad of factors, including academic achievement and motivation, personal characteristics, social relationships demographic characteristics, school climate, and participation in extracurricular activities. Research indicates that school belonging has significant implications for students, as it has been consistently linked with academic outcomes, psychological adjustment, well-being, identity formation, mental health, and physical health—it is considered a fundamental aspect of students' development. A sense of belonging to one's school is considered particularly important for adolescents because they are within a period of transition and identity formation, and research has found that school belonging significantly declines during this period. One of the most powerful predictors of school belonging is teachers. When young people feel liked and cared for by teachers, and think their teachers are likable and fair, they are more likely to report feelings of school belonging. Young people with parents who support them at school, who have positive conversations with their kids about school, and who take an interest in their kids' education have also been found to feel high levels of school belonging. Parents

2022-2023

Bell Schedule

8:20	Welcoming Bell
8:30	School Starts
9:55	Recess begins
10:10	Recess ends
12:10	Lunch
	Primary Eat
	Intermediate Play
12:30	All outside together
12:45	Intermediate Eat
	Primary Play
1:05	Warning Bell to end Lunch
1:10	Classes begin
2:41	Dismissal

also have a role to play in helping their kids maintain regular school attendance and participate in school-sanctioned events, which also helps kids have good feelings about school. Thank you for your help parents! 2022-2023 is when we really focus on letting our kids know You Belong Here.

"Diversity is a fact.
Inclusion is an action.
Equity is a choice.
Belonging is an outcome."

WE ALL BELONG.



"Belonging is so important that unless children have a genuine sense of it, their ability to engage in learning activities and pro-social behaviour will be impaired."
-Dr. Martin Brokenleg, *the Circle of Courage*

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Follow us on Instagram @aberdeen_elementary

Sincerely,



Mrs. Carol DeFehr
#youbelonghere

Meet the AMAZING STAFF at Aberdeen Elementary Elementary School

Carol DeFehr: Principal Kristen Crawford: Vice-Principal

Division	Teacher	Grade	Room
1	FORTEMS, Sandra	Grade K	11
2	HATCH, Nadine	Grade K	7
3	DENISON, Jenna	Grade K/1	12
4	PERREN, Marcy	Grade 1	3
5	GRAFFUNDER, Heather	Grade 1/2	1
6	KRUISSELBRINK, Sarah	Grade 2	5
7	MARSH, Shelley	Grade 2/3	23
8	KACZUR, Stacey (Thurs LDP)	Grade 3	2
8	PETTY, Laurel (Thursday)	Grade 3	2
9	ROSS, Catherine	Grade 3	19
10	DOHERTY, Pam (on leave) SHEA, Kelly	Grade 4	20
11	BALE, Shannon	Grade 4/5	Port# 1
12	HINDLE, Kim	Grade 5	Port# 2

13	DONAS, Yolande	Grade 5/6	Port# 4
14	HINE, Justin	Grade 6	18
15	CHRETIEN, Emily	Grade 6/7	Port#3
16	GAGNON, Geoff	Grade 7	15
17	CLARKE, Tracy	Grade 7	16
18	SALEWICH, Christina Montessori	Grade K	6
19	THOMSON, Angelina Montessori	Grade 1,2,3	9
20	MARICAN, Sharlene Montessori	Grade 1,2,3	8
21	BREGOLISS, Allison Montessori	Grade 1,2,3	10
22	ELLIOTT, Jennifer Montessori	Grade 4,5,6	21
23	WOODLEY, Kelsey Montessori	Grade 4,5,6	22

Library: Erin Therrien (.7 TL) Prep (.3)
 LART: Amanda Nixon (1.0) / Anika Jungheim (0.4) (Off Fridays)
 VP / LART: Kristen Crawford VP (.7) LART (.3)
 LDP: Stacey Kaczur (Thursdays)
 Prep: Sandra Konkin (Tues-Thurs)
 Joanne Stafford (Tues- Thurs)
 Anika Jungheim (Mon-Thurs)
 Band: Tracy Clarke (Mon and Fri 11:10-12:10) if Holiday Week Thurs. PM
 Office Admin: Stacey Flynn
 Library Asst: Wendy Cachelin (Mon-Fri 8-2:30)
 AEW: Anthony Michel (Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 8:30-2:41)
 CEA: Leah Benoit (8:15- 3:45 Bus Duty)
 Kylie Blenkhorn (8:15-2:41)
 Alana Milne (8:15-2:41)
 Terri Rowand (8:15-3:45 Bus Duty)
 Mari Smaby-Stone (8:15-2:41)
 Jody Tilburt (8:15-2:41)
 Tracy Van Damme- Relief Laura Mayo (8:15-2:41)
 Clayton Webber (7:40-2:41)
 Relief CEA #9 Courtney Schroth (8:15-2:41)

Custodians: Kuljinder Khabra (6:30 am-2:30 pm)
 Dave MacKenzie (3:00 – 11:00 pm)
 Daniel Hum (2:30– 10:30 pm)

Each year, schools must have school goals as part of their School Learning Plan. This year both the School District and Aberdeen Elementary have new goals! We are excited about our Five Year District Strategic Plan as well as the two goals we are choosing to focus on at our school.

Check out these links to learn more~

<https://youtu.be/h4I3yRH8KjY>

[District Strategic Plan 2022-2027 Booklet](#)

[District Strategic Plan 2022-2027 One-page Overview](#)



INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

To develop the ability of students to analyze critically, reason and think independently, and acquire basic learning skills and bodies of knowledge; to develop in students a lifelong appreciation of learning, a curiosity about the world around them, and a capacity for creative thought and expression.

DISTRICT GOAL: Every learner will develop competencies and skills to succeed academically.

SCHOOL GOAL: Students need to demonstrate a strong sense of elementary math and how these ideas are connected. They need these skills to be efficient and accurate numeracy problem solvers.

HUMAN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

To develop in students a sense of self-worth and personal initiative; to develop an appreciation of the fine arts and an understanding of cultural heritage; to develop an understanding of the importance of physical health and well-being; to develop a sense of social responsibility, acceptance and respect for the ideas and beliefs of others.

DISTRICT GOAL: Every learner will feel welcome, safe, and connected to their environments (district-school-classroom).

SCHOOL GOAL: Students and staff will demonstrate respectful and inclusive behaviour to create a sense of belonging for all.

- School belonging can include a sense of affiliation with the school, relationships within the school environment, and an individual's perceptions and feelings about school.

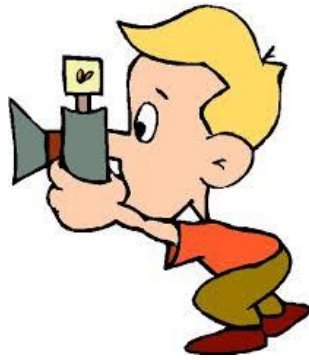
LIFETOUCH PHOTO DAY

Friday October 14th

More information will be sent home closer to that date.

Retakes do occur in

November just in case the first attempt does not meet your standards.



RETAKES DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2022

EARLY CLOSURE/ PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS MONDAY OCT. 3

A reminder parents that on Monday October 3 it is an EARLY CLOSURE AT ABERDEEN. Students are dismissed at 12:41. District school bus will run at the normal time. Please try to make alternative arrangements for pick up.

Parent Teacher Interviews begin at 1:41 and parents should reach out to their classroom teacher to set up an interview time that works for both the teacher and the parent. Please note that teachers do have flexibility in dates and times to meet with parents so please reach out so that the two of you can find the best time to support busy schedules of everyone. Some teachers will be hosting open house events as well.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENTS Gr.4 and Gr.7

Our Grade 4 and 7 students will be taking part in the FSA between October 3 and October 28, 2022. There are specific schedules for administering FSA's for each class. This is a Ministry initiative and we ask that our students be well rested and in a state of mind to try their best on the assessments. There are two main parts to the assessment: Numeracy and Literacy. There is also a Collaboration Component and a Self-Reflection Component in an effort to mirror the redesigned curriculum. The Student Learning Assessment Order (School Act Section 81 and 168) provides the legislative authority to mandate the administration of the FSA to all Gr. 4 and 7 students. As such, all

students are expected to write the exams. Principals and teachers do not have the authority to excuse students from participation unless the student meets specific criteria (modified CBIEP, medical disability). The FSA's take approximately 270 minutes to complete and the students will write in both written booklets and electronic exams on a chromebook. Once the booklets have been marked, parents will receive them back with a snapshot of your child's performance. Parents can expect to know the results prior to Christmas. While students cannot 'study' for these exams, parents are encouraged to have their child visit the Ministry of Education website to familiarize themselves with the types of questions on the exams. The exam results are also used as a snapshot to see how students are doing in our school and in our district compared to the rest of the province. The results are not used in any way for teachers to use for classroom data for reporting; however, the ITEM TEST ANALYSIS is a very useful document in seeing what strands of the curriculum our students need support with. It would be most appreciated by myself, as the Principal, if you could send your children to school ON TIME each day. Making up the exams if students have been absent will be a huge undertaking and I need parents' cooperation to ensure all grade 4 and 7 students are at school during the writing sessions. Parents can visit the Ministry Website themselves to see sample questions and have their child practice some of the online sample questions at: <https://bc.ed.vretta.com/#/en/bced-landing/fsa/secure>

Thank you to parents of grade 4 and 7 students. If parents have questions or queries they should be directed to me as the administrator at the school.

PHONE MESSAGES

Please TRY REALLY HARD to refrain from calling Ms. Flynn to leave phone messages for your children. I would appreciate that family plans are sorted out in the morning before children leave for school. With 491 students at our school Ms. Flynn is far too busy to be responding to changes in plans for families. Thank you for your support regarding this situation.

HALLOWEEN is on a MONDAY!

Halloween falls on a MONDAY this year! Classroom teachers and students will join in the spirit on Monday October 31st and can come in Black and Orange for the day or an appropriate costume. Students can also choose to wear their Aberdeen Spirit Wear or their usual clothes. Masks, weapons and those that are too hard to play in or go to the bathroom in should be avoided. Direction for October 31st will come from your classroom teacher based on the learning happening on this day.

So...Halloween happens on a Monday – now I need your help for Tuesday, Nov. 1 just like I asked last year. I am asking as the principal that parents ensure that MINIMAL if not, ZERO candy comes to school the following week and beyond. Large quantities of candy, in large quantities of children really do affect the learning environment and tone of the school. Please send your normal healthy lunches, keeping in mind that candy is not part of the healthy food guide and should not be in your child's lunch.

They can eat their Halloween candy when they get home afterschool under your supervision. It is also important because we have multiple students that have severe nut allergies of all kinds and Halloween candy generally is not nut free. This poses a huge risk to those students with allergies and I would rather our kids were not put in harms way because someone wants to bring inappropriate candy. Please help the staff and I by just keeping all candy out of lunch kits. Please review with your intermediate student who may potentially make their own lunch and think Halloween candy is acceptable.

BOOK FAIR

Come support Aberdeen Elementary School Library and school community! We are having an "in person" Book Fair the week of October 3-7 in the Aberdeen Elementary Library. On Monday October 3rd, the Book Fair will be open from 12:30-3:30 pm during the early closure day. The Book Fair will be open from 2:40-3:30pm Tuesday October 4 to Friday October 7. Students will also be able to purchase goods from the Book Fair during their regular library times with their classes. If none of the times work for you, we

are also having a Virtual Book Fair October 3-7. The link has been emailed to you on Monday September 26. We look forward to seeing Aberdeen families for a fun and exciting week of books, posters, erasers and much more!

Your 2022/23 Teacher Librarian,
Mrs.T-Rex (Erin Therrien)

SCHOOL LIBRARY DAY IN CANADA

Monday October 24th is the day we honour our Libraries in our schools across Canada. We will celebrate by having a Drop Everything and Read event where the whole school stops what they are doing and enjoys literature. We love our library, our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Therrien and our Library Assistant, Mrs. Cachelin, so we will participate on this special day.

The DEAR challenge began officially in 2008 as an opportunity to celebrate literacy and education. BC Teacher-Librarians believe that access to good literature, literacy teaching and modelling of reading have contributed to British Columbia's high rankings in international literacy. Seeing adults set aside work and business for a few minutes of pleasure reading has sent a powerful message to students – Reading can be a priority for all of us!

Since its inception, the DEAR challenge has grown into an international event. Every year new far-flung locations have joined the DEAR challenge. Last year many students in BC participated in the DEAR challenge and they were joined by many others. We had reports of a variety of workplaces participating and schools from as far as Kenya and Israel joined the challenge.

The BCTLA would like to invite you to join the DEAR challenge this year. On October 24, 2022 we would like you to set aside the busyness and business of your day for 20 minutes to Drop Everything and Read.



REPORT CARDS

This is the last year of the Ministry of Education's Pilot and draft K-9 Student Reporting Policy. The

Ministry is actually close to creating legislation on reporting and ALL SD73 Kamloops Elementary schools have moved to this new reporting. Research has shown that good communication between the home and the school is key to student success. Communication should provide up-to-date information about student progress and involve the student, the teacher, and the parent(s)/guardian(s) in meaningful dialogue throughout the school year.

At our school, the communication about student progress will be provided through a variety of forms:

- digital portfolio posts and reviews
- digital communication platforms
- learning conference(s)
- interim report cards
- student reflection and self-assessment of the Core Competencies
- summary of progress (end of year)
- emails and phone calls

We hope that providing you with timely, flexible information about student progress this year will help ensure that you will be well informed about your child's learning. We recognize that as parent(s)/guardian(s) who may have more than one child at our school, you may receive feedback on your children in more than one way. This is because both the draft Student Reporting Policy pilot and the current reporting legislation are being supported by the Ministry of Education and the school district.

Parents will receive 2 REPORTS OF PROGRESS in FEBRUARY and in JUNE. A REMINDER THESE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO BE VIEWED IN THE MYEDBC PARENT PORTAL. Parents will not be getting printed report cards.

A four-point provincial proficiency scale will continue to be used to communicate student

progress in all areas of learning. It describes levels of proficiency in relation to the learning standards of the provincial curricula.

EMERGING: The student demonstrates an initial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

DEVELOPING: The student demonstrates a partial understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

PROFICIENT: The student demonstrates a complete understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

EXTENDING : The student demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts and competencies relevant to the expected learning.

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is TWO WEEKS long from Monday, March 20th until Friday, March 31, 2023. School will reopen on Monday, April 3rd, 2023.

COME READ WITH ME – GR. 1 PARENTS

Mrs. DeFehr has organized for a Parent Workshop in order to support parents in the system who have Gr. 1 students who are now beginning to read. Mastermind reading instructor, Fiona Clare, will give an interactive and informative workshop for parents of Gr. 1 students on Monday October 24th in the library. Please RSVP by October 19. A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PAC FOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT and for COVERING ALL COSTS INVOLVED WITH THE PROGRAM! This is your fundraising money at work to support our families!

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Just a reminder that the school is closed for Thanksgiving on Monday, October 10th. Enjoy this extra special day with family. We will see everyone back October 11th at 8:20 am.



NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY – NO SCHOOL

Just a reminder to parents that there is no school on Friday, October 21. This is day of learning specific for teachers and CUPE staff. We will see your children back at school on Monday, October 24th.

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Autumn is definitely upon us and with that comes cooler temperatures. On supervision each day we are still seeing some students dressed for summer weather. Students will need to remember a hoodie or a coat as they are expected to be outside for recess and lunch breaks. Doors open at 8:20 each morning and students need to wait outside in the morning until the bell goes and teachers let children into the school. Please discuss with your child that long sleeve attire and pants will now be the reality now that October is here.

ANTI IDLING

We kindly ask for the safety of our children that at NO TIME do parents/caregivers leave their cars idling around our school perimeter. This is a district initiative where you will see signs on fences around the school. Our young lungs deserve not to inhale your car exhaust so please turn off your vehicle as you park at the school. I know in winter this is tempting to leave your car running, but in all seasons we ask that you honor this request.

Also, please be courteous to our neighbours around Aberdeen. I have already been fielding many complaints from neighbours about how some of our parents are parking.

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

As per City of Kamloops BYLAW 34-42 (Division 7) Dog Responsibility and Control – no dogs are permitted in public schools. This is on our school grounds or inside our building. The school district also enforces that dogs are kept away from our children as well with signs at our entrances reminding community and parents not to bring dogs on our site. Please keep dogs outside of the school perimeter fencing and never on the upper hardcourt areas, playground, near the portables or the fields.

NEWSLETTERS

At the start of every month a newsletter is emailed home to parents. Be sure to check your inbox! It is always POSTED to the website as well if you are searching for information.

The school's website is: <https://aberdeen.sd73.bc.ca>

Ensure Ms. Flynn has your most current email address. THIS IS CRUCIAL.

Ms. Crawford and I will be working to get the website current again. Each week the Parent Weekly update will be posted to the website when it comes out.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Aberdeen Elementary uses an automated SAFE ARRIVAL SYSTEM called SCHOOL MESSENGER. The system handles parent contact (including phone calls) when a student absence is unexpected, and will allow parents to interact directly with the system in a variety of ways:

- by phone either when the system calls, or when a parent initiates a call to notify of upcoming absence
- by internet through login controlled webpage interface
- by smartphone app (iOS and Android versions available for free)

Toll-free number to call: [1-844-350-2647](tel:1-844-350-2647)

Website for parent access:
asp.schoolmessenger.ca/ktsd73

Parents use the above methods to report student absences rather than phoning the school at Aberdeen. **We ask that parents please report student absences before 8:20 am on the day of the absence**, although the system also allows for reporting of student absences long in advance for holidays, trips, etc. For tech-savvy parents, we encourage you to download the iOS or Android apps for free from their respective app stores. To find the app, search for SCHOOL MESSENGER and install the free app.

Please always be sure to inform the teacher of your child's absence as well so that they are aware of any sickness or trips planned and to plan for instruction missed.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE FOR TIMELY UPDATES!

Parents should go to the website and SUBSCRIBE to receive timely updates. Please search Aberdeen Elementary, go to the SCHOOL NEWS top tab and then on the righthand side is the SUBSCRIBE BUTTON. It will prompt you for further information and then you need to confirm via your email.

SD73, our staff, and our schools are committed to communicating with parents in as many ways as possible. We want you to know what is happening in regards to the education of your children!

Our mobile app is our latest tool. Once downloaded to your Apple or Android smartphone or tablet, the app will allow you to choose to receive news about your school straight to your device, and allow us the opportunity to reach out to you when we have important news to share.

Key functions our app includes:

- Receive notifications about alerts, incidents or critical events in your school
- Subscribe to receive updates from your school
- Download invites for specific events at your school, including ProD days, concerts, sport events, etc. to your personal calendar
- Stay in touch with school staff

Download SD73 Mobile App (for free) through the Apple or Android stores, as you would any other app.

For support or general enquiries about the SD73 Mobile APP, please contact the District Information Technology Service Desk at:
Phone: (250) 377-4357 i.e: (250) 377-HELP
Email: servicedesk@sd73.bc.ca

MYEDBC PARENT PORTAL

If parents have not LOGGED INTO their Parent Portal in MYEDBC you need to do that. Report cards will only be published to the portal this year. Parents will NOT receive a paper copy so this is very important. Here are the instructions to do this ASAP if you put it off last year:

Each parent or guardian or household will have their own separate account.

To Access the MyEducation BC System

1. Visit www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen
2. *Make sure popups are enabled for your browser.*
3. *Your user name (LOGIN ID) will be: (the email you gave the school)*
4. *Your temporary password was sent to you: (please use the same one you set up- should you not remember your password, click on the "I forgot my password" link and follow the instructions) (NOTE: Both user name and password are case sensitive. New Password requirements: Must be at least 8 characters, including a capital letter, a symbol and a number.)*
5. *Enter your user name (LOGIN ID) and password then click "Log On" to access the system. You may be prompted to change your password and fill out some information so that in the future you can click "I forgot my password" to receive a new password if you haven't already*

Once inside the MyEducation BC system you can navigate around to view information for your student(s).

For a detailed explanation on how to login and navigate through the portal please click on this information page (Click here [MyED73 Parent/Student Portal Information](#)), or watch this video ([click here](#))

Should you have any questions or problems, please contact the school office.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Thanks to our families for confirming with Mr. Michel for Aboriginal Consent in September. It is important for our school and our district to know which children have Aboriginal ancestry. Mr. Michel will be working in classes and helping teachers infuse Aboriginal culture into classrooms. For example, he ensured we gave full attention to National Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day at the end of September. Once again students will have the opportunity to participate in a cultural club.

REGISTER FOR KEV SCHOOL CASH

Re: KEV Group, *SchoolCash Online* for Student Fees

To: Parents/Guardians

Our School District has engaged the services of KEV Group, a company offering a web-based software solution, *SchoolCash Online* which includes several modules designed to meet the financial needs of K-12 public education schools. With Ministerial mandates for improvement and recommendations from our external auditors, School District No. 73 is looking to using a digital product, to manage our school fees and accounting. The intention is to replace/reduce the use of cash and the use of the historic accounting system in our schools.

As a result, the School District's Finance Department and schools have been working with *SchoolCash Online* to implement a digital system connecting parents and students. This system provides an easy method of paying your child's school fees for courses, field trips, sports teams, clubs and many other student activities anytime, anywhere in a safe and secure web-based environment.

While recognizing the benefits of this payment environment, you must also be aware of the potential impacts and risks of sharing digital information online and of the necessity to protect our students' personal information regardless of where it is stored or accessed. As a public body, we are subject to the *BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. In accordance with this Act, we must at all time protect the privacy of students under our care.

We hope that you will see value in this fee payment tool for you and your child. If you choose to

participate please complete the Electronic Registration Process through sd73.SchoolCashOnline.com. Your student's school administration will then provide further instructions on how to access the new system. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mme DeFehr or Mme Struss at the school.

We are hoping to collect all fees by September 29, 2022.

ART CARDS

Art Cards by Kids is a fundraiser for our PAC at Aberdeen! Art Cards by Kids brings art into the classroom while fundraising in a fun and rewarding way. Parents purchase their own child's art cards with their art on the front and their name and age on the back. It's profitable and easy to facilitate. Students create the art card in their classroom and sell them as a fundraiser. Teachers will have completed these in time for you to send these out for Christmas but many classes are opting to create cards that can be used for birthdays and other occasions, too.

Thanks to our ABERDEEN PAC for organizing this educational fundraiser!

Students and parents
love it!



BE GREEN SCHOOL/WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

Aberdeen is always striving to be a BE GREEN school. OCTOBER 17-20 is WASTE REDUCTION WEEK! We are asking all parents to send lunches that week that are in containers to limit our wrappers and garbage! Please consider reducing waste by being thoughtful how you pack your child's lunch- especially this week! We would love to see more reusable containers and less plastics and waste in lunches for wrapping items. This will help with our Waste Reduction. We are encouraging our students to take home their plastics and containers so don't be surprised if your child's lunch kit is filled with those items! We will also make a concerted effort to promote Energy Conservation as many intermediate classes are aware of how we can save energy in our school on a daily basis. Please consider walking or riding bikes to school to

promote Sustainable Transportation for our busy neighbourhood as well during Waste Reduction Week!

NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS

We are always looking for parents who would be interested in becoming volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year on a regular or on-call basis. If you are interested please visit us at the office or email Ms. Crawford krcrawford@sd73.bc.ca We really need parental or grandparent support in order to keep our children safe both on the playground and while eating. Noon hour supervision duties do receive a small honorarium pay. Please know that a Criminal Record check is required.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A huge thanks to the VERY COMMITTED ABERDEEN PAC! Read below with all the details for what they have planned!

Welcome Back BBQ Oct 3rd 12:30-2:30. Hot dogs, chips, juice and water.

Oct 4th 6pm to 7pm is the PAC meeting in the school library or via zoom.

Halloween Dance Oct 27th

Art card ordering forms to come home

Cookbook submissions asap please - ordering will take place in October so we can get them all made and ready for Christmas gifts.

50/50 online Oct 7th to Nov 7th. Support the build of an Intermediate playground and maybe will some Cash!

Nov 1st PAC meeting 6pm to 7pm in the school library or via zoom.

Nov 7th is Hot Chocolate day

Movie Night Nov 17th.

Poinsettia, coffee and magazine coming your way!

Hot lunches - each Friday with a few Thursdays due to non school days. Orders must be in and paid for one week prior.

Join Aberdeen Elementary Kamloops Events Facebook page for all the information and updates. We are looking forward to a great school year! Aberdeen Elementary PAC

IMPORTANT OCTOBER and NOVEMBER DATES

- Mon. Oct. 3- EARLY CLOSURE 12:41
- Mon. Oct. 3- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Mon. Oct. 3- THE BOOKFAIR STARTS!
- Mon. Oct. 3- FVP Delivery PEARS
- Mon. Oct. 3- PAC WELCOME BACK BBQ 12:30-2:30
- Tues. Oct. 4- PAC Meeting 6 pm
- Wed. Oct. 5- Art Starts K-7 Performance 1:15
- Fri. Oct. 7- PAC Hot Lunch Moon Wok
- Mon. Oct. 10- Thanksgiving- Aberdeen Closed
- Mon. Oct. 10- Fire Prevention Week begins
- Tues. Oct. 11- FSA's for Gr. 4-7 begins
- Thurs. Oct. 13- Art Starts K-7 Performance 9 am
- Fri. Oct. 14- PHOTO DAY!
- Fri. Oct. 14- PAC Hot Lunch Senior Frogs-Pasta
- Fri. Oct. 14- All SCHOOL FEES PAID and ALL FORMS returned to Ms. Flynn
- Sat. Oct. 15- Aberdeen Elem. GYM is a POLLING STATION- VOTE!
- Mon. Oct. 17- WASTE REDUCTION WEEK
- Mon. Oct. 17- Aberdeen off to the SALMON RUN! The whole school!
- Mon. Oct. 17- Gr. 7's Mr. Gagnon's class to McQueen Lake until Thurs. Oct. 20
- Tues. Oct. 18- Volleyball Season begins!
- Wed. Oct. 19- Gr. 1 Parents RVSP Come Read with Me Program
- Wed. Oct. 19- Pizza with the Principal forms due
- Thurs. Oct. 20- PAC Hot Lunch Pizza Now
- Thurs. Oct. 20- Earthquake Drill- Great BC SHAKEOUT
- Fri. Oct. 21- Non Instructional Day- no school for students/Teachers will be learning!
- Mon. Oct. 24- School Library Day in Canada-DEAR Event
- Mon. Oct. 24- COME READ with ME! 8:45 Library for Gr. 1 parents
- Mon. Oct. 24- FVP Delivery Apples
- Wed. Oct. 26- Pizza with the Principal Lunch
- Thurs. Oct. 27- PAC Halloween Dance
- Fri. Oct. 28- PAC Hot Lunch Senior Froggies Mexican
- Tues. Nov. 1- November is Financial Literacy Month
- Tues. Nov. 1- November is Canada Career Month
- Tues. Nov. 1- PAC Meeting 6 pm
- Thurs. Nov. 3- National Outdoor Classroom Day

Fri. Nov. 4- PAC Hot Lunch Moon Wok
 Mon. Nov. 7- PAC Hot Chocolate Day
 Thurs. Nov. 10- Remembrance Day Assembly 9 am
 Thurs. Nov. 10- Pac Hot Lunch Senior Froggies
 Pasta
 Fri. Nov. 11- Remembrance Day
 Sun. Nov. 13- World Kindness Day
 Mon. Nov. 14- FVP Delivery Mandarin Oranges
 Thurs. Nov. 17- PAC Movie Night
 Fri. Nov. 18- PAC Hot Lunch Pizza Now
 Fri. Nov. 25- PAC Hot Lunch Senior Froggies
 Mexican
 Mon. Nov. 28- FVP Delivery Mandarins

COACHES

ATHLETICS are an important part of school! In order to enhance our athletic program at Aberdeen, we are seeking assistance from the community to assist with coaching at our school so we can plan. The more coaches we have, the more teams we can have participate in school district sports program. At the elementary level, there is one league game per week and usually 1-2 practices (this depends on gym availability and of course the time the coach can volunteer). At this time, please email Kristen Crawford kcrawford@sd73.bc.ca if you have any interest in coaching (Oct/Nov) Volleyball (boys or girls or Basketball (boys or girls-Jan/Feb). Our district has three leagues- Tier 1, II and III. Tier 1- usually Gr.6/7 age players
 Tier II- usually Gr. 5/6 age players
 Tier III- usually Gr. 4/5 age (coed often) players
 A criminal record check will be required prior to coaching our students.



SEL (Social Emotional Learning) SCHOOL

Aberdeen continues to be a SEL School. We also believe in the PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention and Supports) mindset. Our goal is to promote our CODE OF CONDUCT and emphasize

R-RESPECTFUL
 R- RESPONSIBLE
 S- SAFE

The goal is to always remind children to use RRS so *that they make great choices.*

In September all the students toured the school to learn our expectations. We are trying to assist the children by embracing the T.I.L.T. strategy as well (TALK TO THE PERSON, IGNORE THEIR ACTIONS, LEAVE THE SITUATION and TELL AN ADULT).

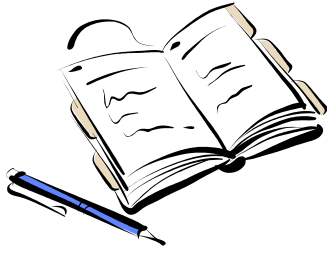
DISCIPLINE at ABERDEEN ELEMENTARY

Our roles as the principal and vice principal is to hold children accountable for their actions. The students will get to know Ms. Crawford, Vice Principal and myself and how we support children when mistakes are made. Children need to learn and be taught behavior and know that they are always responsible for how they act, no matter how they feel. Mistakes happen and so do wrong choices. Both Ms. Crawford and I will work through situations with a "problem solving with dignity" model. We also punish in private if necessary. Parents need to know that we will deal with every situation as quickly as possible and to ensure restitution is completed between all involved. It does mean that parents do not have the right to know "what happened to the other child" or what consequences were. While I know it is instinct to want to know, for Freedom of Information and Privacy, we are not able to inform parents about other children. Therefore, I ask that you trust Ms. Crawford and I when we inform you the situation has been corrected.

As a school, we do need to document incidences that occur in our school. This data drives our decisions as a staff and informs the district of the situations we are handling should behavior escalate by one child or a school. We will continue to use

Reflection Action Plans that serve as 'thinking sheets' for children. It gives the children a voice to share with us, and you as their parent/guardian insight into what happened. It allows children a chance to clear their conscience and share their side of the story and there is much value in ensuring ALL children get to express their views on a misunderstanding. These reflection action plans do come home to parents to be signed and we do keep track of how many plans your child is receiving. If an incident is violent or deemed extreme, your child may also get a Behaviour Office Conduct Referral Form. This also gets tracked, but is definitely deemed more serious. We track data for both Reflection Plans and Conduct Forms for every child. Depending on the intensity and frequency of the choices of your child, we do have the ability to "delete upon transition" to the next grade if the child was able to turn their choices for the better. Some incidences might be deemed too serious to delete, but others we can certainly discuss.

Thanks for your support in ensuring our playground and classrooms are respectful and safe places to learn. We appreciate parents working through the challenges with us. Kids do well if they can....and if they can't.... we need to all help them.



Aberdeen Elementary School
Calendar 2022-2023

Monday, Oct. 3	Early Closure Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday, Oct.10	School Holiday: Thanksgiving Day
Friday Oct 14	School Photos- Lifetouch Photography
Friday, Oct. 21	N.I.D. #2 – Professional Development – No classes
Friday, Nov. 11	Holiday: Remembrance Day
Monday, Dec. 5	N.I.D. #3 Professional Development – No classes
Friday, Dec.16	Last day of classes before Winter Vacation
Dec. 17 – Jan. 2	School Holiday: Winter Break
Tuesday, Jan. 3	School re-opens for 2023
Friday, Feb. 3 -	N.I.D. #4 Professional Development – No classes
Monday, Feb. 20	School Holiday: Family Day
Friday, Mar. 17	Last day of classes before Spring Vacation
Mar. 18 -April 2	School Holiday: Spring Break- TWO WEEKS
Monday, Apr. 3	School re-opens
Thursday, Apr. 6	District Day of Suwentwecw
Friday, Apr.7	SCHOOL HOLIDAY- GOOD FRIDAY- no classes
Monday, Apr.10	SCHOOL HOLIDAY- EASTER MONDAY- no classes
Monday, Apr. 24	N.I.D. #5- Professional Development- No classes
Friday, May 19	N.I.D. #6 – Professional Development – No classes
Monday, May 22	School Holiday: Victoria Day
Thursday, June 29	Last day for students dismiss at 12:30 pm
Friday, June 30	Administration Day – Schools closed

PIZZA LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Did your parents read the newsletter? GREAT! Enter at the office to win PIZZA LUNCH WITH THE PRINCIPAL! Fill out the tear off section and return it to the drop off bin at the office by Wednesday OCTOBER 19, 2022. Two lucky PRIMARY and two lucky INTERMEDIATE students will have lunch with Mrs. DeFehr each month. The PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL LUNCH will be WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26, 2022 at 12:05. Meet Mrs. DeFehr at the office.



I WANT PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL!

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Phone # _____

My favourite kind of pizza is: _____

Allergies?: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

The most informative piece of information in this newsletter was

Mrs. DeFehr is new to Aberdeen. Please tell her what the best part of coming to Aberdeen each day is! What is one thing she should know about you?

