



Elementary School

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Newsletter #2

Dear parents,

It has been so great to see the students back at school and happily settling in to their classes! Things have gotten off to a good start and students are settled in to their classes. We appreciate all your support with the new routines.



Special Events This Month

- Implementation Day: Sept. 28 (no school for students)
- Strong start Opens: Sept. 29
- Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30
- PAC Meeting: coming soon, TBA

Things to Note:

School Supplies:

Just a friendly reminder to pay for your child's school supplies. \$30 for primary (gr. K to gr. 3) and \$35 for intermediate (gr. 4-5). We would appreciate this ASAP. Don't forget you can do an E-transfer, send to bev.boyle@sd52.bc.ca. Thank you!

Parking Lot

Please read the attached sheet regarding the Pineridge parking lot. The PAC and administrative team have worked collectively to develop these rules to ensure our children are safe.

Student Messages

We would appreciate it if you ensure your child knows what to do after school. We are happy to take emergency messages when needed, but the office can get quite busy and it is sometimes difficult to get all the messages delivered. Thank you!

Lunch Program forms

If you are interested in the lunch program, please fill in the form that was sent home and return to school. New forms need to be filled in each month and will come home the last week of the month. Students are not automatically put on, so please fill in each month. Forms are also available by the office. Thank you!

Strong Start Opening: Tuesday Sept. 29

We are excited to have our Strong Start Center Opening next week! Our facilitator is Ann-Marie Helin and the center will run from 9:15-11:30. Entry will be in the back of the school in the undercover area. Please check out the Strong Start Facebook page for the full restart plan and the COVID-19 guidelines at Strongstartprincerupert. The Strong Start phone number is 250-627-5801.

School phone number

Just a note, when you google Pineridge Elementary School, the phone number is incorrect. It gives our Strong Start number. The correct school number is the one at the top of this newsletter, 250-627-7054. We are working on getting this fixed.

Illness/Masks

Thank you to all the Pineridge families for doing the daily health check with your children. The revised version was sent home earlier this week. It is also extremely important that we know if your child has allergies and a doctor’s note confirming this is appreciated. We continue with general health check questions every day at school. If your child has minor symptoms, such as a runny nose or sneezing, they may be asked to wear a mask. We have child-sized ones at school, but if your child has their own mask, it might be an idea to send it just in case it is needed. Thank you! Also please remember if there are any concerns about COVID-19 in our school community, you will be notified directly. We continue to ensure all our safety measures are in place.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting

Our first Pineridge PAC meeting will be happening soon with the date TBA. All parents are welcome to attend the PAC meetings. It is a great way to be involved and support your child’s learning at school! We would love to see some new faces. This year, we will hold the meetings in the gym with everyone distanced and unfortunately we won’t be able to provide childcare. We are looking in to the possibility of a zoom option as well. Please check out the Pineridge PAC facebook page. Hope to see you there!

Student Drop- Off and Pick-up

Thank you for supporting us with prompt drop off and pick-up. If you need to pick-up your child early for an appointment, please let us know and we can arrange for your child to meet you at the office when you get here. Thank you for your support with this.

Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters, Sept. 30

This day is to raise awareness of the impact residential schools have had on Indigenous communities. Students are welcome to wear orange shirts on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Teachers are addressing this important day within their classrooms. Throughout the day, classes will be doing a Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation around the neighbourhood.

Attached documents

The following are included with this newsletter for your reference:

- Parking lot letter



Important Dates to Remember.....

September 21-25	Science Literacy Week: Biodiversity
September 28	Implementation Day – no school for students
September 29	Strong Start Opens
September 30	Orange Shirt Day
October 4-10	Fire Prevention week
October 8-9	School Photos with Shutterstack
October 12	Thanksgiving Day – no school
October 13	School Board Meeting at 7:00
October 15	Great BC Shake Out – province wide earthquake drill at 10:20
October 21-22	Early Dismissal (1:53) Parent Teacher Conferences
October 23	Professional Development Day – no school for students
October 31	Halloween

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi
Principal

Mackenzie Hubbell
Vice Principal

Please call the office if you would like the newsletters emailed to you. We are always available for your questions/concerns. Have a great 3 day weekend!

**BE KIND
BE CALM
BE SAFE**

Dr. Bonnie Henry