



## Elementary School

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### Newsletter #2

Dear parents,

It looks like the students are happy to be back and are settling in well to the routine of school!

#### Welcome to our new staff members!

Natasha Brown: Indigenous Family Resource Worker

Lauren Lieb: Educational Assistant, afternoons

Sandeep Kaur: prep (1 day per week)

Kathleen Ellwood: grade 4/5 (filling in for Ms. Moore from Sept. to Dec)

Sara Trethewey: library Thursday and Fridays (filling in for Ms. D. Boyle from Sept. to Dec)

#### Welcome back to all of our returning staff!

**Teaching Staff:** Ms. Russell (gr. K), Ms. Gee (gr. K/1), Ms. Parnell (gr. 1/2), Ms. Weismiller (gr. 2/3), Mr. Martin (Gr. 3) Ms. Thomson (gr. 4/5) Ms. Green (Sm'algyax) Mr. Campbell (fluent Sm'algyax speaker)

**Education Assistants:** Ms. Deacon, Ms. Davis, Ms. De Araujo, Ms. Crichton, Ms. Huddleston, Ms. Bonneschranz (on leave, not sure who the replacement is yet)

**Other Staff:** Ms. B. Boyle (secretary). Ms. Kellough (library assistant), Ms. Tillman (band), Ms. Lana Stewart (Kindergarten Family Resource Worker), Ms. Fabbi (Principal) Ms. Sundin (counsellor), Ann-Marie Helin (Strong Start Facilitator)

#### Pineridge Facebook Page and Instagram Account!

We have our very own Facebook Page called *Pineridge Elementary School*.

You can also follow our Instagram account @Pineridgesd52. Check it out!

#### Parking Lot

Our parking lot and front driveway are very busy places. It is the responsibility of everyone to drive with care, respect and common sense. Some reminders are: to park on the street and walk to pick up your children if at all possible, the parking lot is for staff parking, and there is no parking in the drive-way or along the side of the school. There are 2 loading zones for pick-up so 2 vehicles can pick up at the same time. If your child isn't waiting for you at the crosswalk, please keep driving through to keep traffic flow moving. There are many signs and markings to indicate what to do. Please take the time to observe these and use the crosswalk as well. Thanks very much for keeping our driveway and parking lot safe!

#### Phones/Social Media

We strongly encourage you to have your child keep phones at home. If there is any need to contact you, the secretary will phone. If they do have phones, students are not to use them at all during the school day. This includes before school, on the playground, recess and lunch. When outside, we want the students to be socializing, playing and getting fresh air, not looking

at phones. If they are caught using their phone, it will be kept at the office until an adult comes to get it. Thanks for your support with this!

### **Lunch Break**

The lunch break continues to be from 12:00 - 12:45. **Please note, during this time, our front door will be locked, since we do not have anyone able to monitor the door.** We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible, and they may take their lunch program meal home with them.

There is a "Staying at School for Lunch" form going home with this newsletter with more specific details; Please read and review with your child(ren). It is important to note that students are not be allowed to share food. As well, if students go home for lunch, please try to return as close to the bell as possible. Thank you. 😊

There is a monthly school lunch program. Families are welcome to fill in and return each month. The menus went home on Tuesday. Please remember these forms need to be in ASAP and are filled in **each month**.

### **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club is once again open before school from 8:35-8:55. It is located on the left side of the school by Mr. Martin's entrance way. Ms. Deacon will be there for students to have a breakfast snack. They are welcome to eat it outside or come inside to eat.

### **PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

All parents are welcome to be part of the Pineridge PAC and attend the PAC meetings. There are always draws and free childcare. It is a great way to be involved and support your child's learning at school! We will let you know when the first PAC meeting is. Hope to see you there!

### **Attached documents**

The following are included with this newsletter for your reference:

- The 2022-2023 school calendar
- Staying at School for Lunch Information
- Pineridge Elementary School Code of Conduct
- Pineridge School Beliefs
- Pineridge is Super! Behaviour Expectations

### **Strong Start Opening Monday Sept. 12**

We have a Strong Start facility in our building for 0-5 year olds. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their children in a play-based environment. Our Strong Start will be open starting **Monday, Sept. 12** and our facilitator is Ann-Marie Helin. She can be contacted at 250-627-5801. You can enter through the front entranceway and sign on the visitor sign-in sheet before heading down to the Strong Start room. Hope to see you!



### **National Truth and Reconciliation Day, Sept. 30**

This federal statutory holiday is to give everyone an opportunity to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools, which more than 150,000 First Nations, Metis and Inuit children were forced to attend between the 1870s and 1997. This will be a day off from school for students and staff. During this week, students will be learning about the significance of this important day and we will be doing a walk of Reconciliation around the neighbourhood on Thursday, Sept. 29.

## Important Dates to Remember ...



September 20	Meet The Teacher from 6:30-7:30
September 20	School Board Meeting at 7:00 in person or by zoom
September 22	Pineridge Terry Fox Run
September 23	Implementation Day - no school for students
September 29	Pineridge Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day: no school for students
October 10	Thanksgiving Day - no school
October 13	School Photos by Shuttershack
October 19-20	Early Dismissal (1:58) Parent Teacher Conferences
October 19-20	Book Fair
October 21	Great BC Shake Out - province wide earthquake drill at 10:20
October 22	Professional Development Day - no school for students

Sincerely,

Debra Fabbi  
Principal

### Links to check out

School District #52 website: [www.rupertschools.ca](http://www.rupertschools.ca)  
Pineridge Website: <http://pineridge.rupertschools.ca/>  
Facebook Page called *Pineridge Elementary School*.  
Instagram account @Pineridgesd52.



Remember that Pineridge is SUPER!

- **S**afe
- **U**nderstanding
- **P**ersistent
- **E**ngaged
- **R**espectful