



November Newsletter

School Vision

We envision an inclusive French Immersion school community where personal excellence is inspired through learning opportunities that encourage inquiry, creativity, and global and cultural awareness.

Principal's Message

The cooler weather is upon us. Please remember to ensure that students come dressed for the weather and the variety of activities that they will engage in throughout the day. We like to see the students outside as much as possible!

We have enjoyed a great month of October with a strong finish in cross country running and a successful start in volleyball. We are also really excited to share that we have reintroduced the "GOLDEN SPOON". Ask your student how it can be won :)

We continue to encourage and support literacy as a fundamental skill and are supporting the Mother Goose Program and, with the help of parent volunteers, the One-to-One Reading program. Thank you for helping us keep these valuable programs alive.

To help keep everyone informed of upcoming events at the school, I will continue to post a weekly schedule to both our school website (<http://south-sahali.sd73.bc.ca/>) and the South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC - Ecole South Sa-Hali PAC Facebook Page.

As we move into November and December, it is going to get busy. Please don't hesitate to

Important November Dates

- Nov. 1** - YPC Performance
- Nov. 6** - Lockdown Drill
- Nov. 7** - Recognition Assembly @ 9am
- Nov. 9** - NED Show Assembly @ 1:15am
- Nov. 10** - Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45am
- Nov. 13** - NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day
- Nov. 16** - PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Nov. 20-24** - Cirque du Soleil Workshops
- Nov. 24** - Cirque du Soleil Student Performance
- Nov. 29** - Recognition Assembly @ 9am
- Dec. 4** - NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day

contact your classroom teacher or the school should you have questions. Good communication is important to me.

Thank you,

Blake Buemann
Principal



A few reminders for the school year:

- We have many student with nut allergies and thus have some Nut Free classrooms in the school. Please know if your child is in such a classroom and if so, refrain from sending your child to school with any nut based products. Thank you!
- Volunteer Driver Forms need to be filled out whenever you have had to renew your driver's license or insurance. Please pick up a form in the office to fill out if either applies to you.

PAC News

Please come out to our Chapters Fundraiser on Thursday November 16th from 7-9 to do some shopping! A portion of your purchases will be donated back to South Sa-Hali via gift cards. Last year we were able to buy more books for our reading programs and the library. This is a great way to get a head start on all your holiday shopping! Please email Kira (kiralee@me.com) if you have any questions about the evening.

As a result of this, we are moving our PAC meeting to Wednesday November 22nd at 6:30pm. We've had a great turnout this year and we are hoping to keep that up! This is a great way to keep informed about what is going on in our school. Hope to see you there!

Your friendly neighbourhood PAC,

Kira, Christine, Allie, Asuka & Karlee

Cirque du Soleil

We are very fortunate with the financial support of our PAC to have our students participate in the Cirque Jeunesse. The Cirque Jeunesse will be at the school from November 20-24 with a final student performance / assembly Friday afternoon. Below is a brief write up of this wonderful opportunity.

“Benoît Ranger who has been a trained performer and instructor with Cirque du Soleil and Montreal National Circus school designed the Circus Workshop in French for schools in Canada. His passion for his art and for youth led him to create a program to show students the importance of leadership, teamwork and the communication through the fun of circus performing. The workshop begins with a strong emphasis on safety and the instructor begins by going through the procedures and safety measures for the workshop.

TRU Nursing Students Visit

This is a reminder that on November 3rd and 8th, TRU Nursing students will be visiting us. The purpose of the student's visit to our school is to observe and identify growth and development stages of the children. These students are learning about the growth and development of children so that they can better understand how to assess, predict/prevent illness and plan for individualized child care.

No identifying markers/names would be recorded by the students, just the age and gender. The information is shared in a seminar class with their instructor to compare developmental stages for different ages.

All students have completed a Ministry Criminal Record Check and signed TRU Confidentiality forms.

Poinsettia - PAC Fundraiser

Poinsettia order forms are out in classes Nov 1. There is a variety of beautiful options this year. Online ordering is available until Nov 17, 2017.

Payments can be made by paypal, credit card, or via cheque. Please make cheques payable SSES PAC.

www.sses.growingsmilesfundraising.com

Paper orders are DUE NOV 16 @ 2:45pm. It is advised to not wait until deadline for paper orders unless an adult is handing the order in at the office. Add your email to the order if you wish a confirmation your paper order was received. Confirmation emails will go out as received until the evening of Nov 16.

Any questions please email
corrieross@hotmail.com

The NED Show

We are fortunate to be able to have The NED Show assembly for our school on November 9th in the afternoon. The purpose of this assembly is to promote the following ideas: never give up, encourage others, and do your best. These ideas are also part of our school goals.

The assembly uses a Pay-It-Forward model. This means that there is no cost to the school.

However, the school is asked to send home a letter where students can purchase some NED Show items. This letter will come home the day before the assembly and the NED Show items will be available for sale until Friday November 17th. There is no obligation on the part of the school or you, the parents, to purchase items.

Sledding Rules

With winter full upon us, sledding is a favorite activity for the students. In order to keep them safe, the school has worked on a list of rules to minimise the risk of injury. We will be reviewing the rules with students at our assembly on Tuesday November 7. I invite you to review the rules with your child too especially as they are lengthy. If you have any questions about the rules, please contact the school.

Sledding and Snow Rules

Clothing

You need to wear snow pants, a winter coat, gloves/mitts, toque, and boots

Inside shoes need to be brought if not already – wet footwear comes off at the door and brush off snow from your body

Going Down the Hill – only sledding hill is the hill into soccer field

Line up

Slide on your bum only, feet first – NO HEAD FIRST EVER

Look before you slide

No more than 2 people per slide – NO linking or making of chains

Clear the bottom of the hill quickly

No jumps will be built – NO launching or running starts

Going Up the Hill

Walk up the path or in between the goal posts only – DO NOT walk up the sledding hill

When you may slide

At recess and lunch only – there is no outside adult supervision on the hill before and after school so you may not slide then

There will be alternating intermediate and primary days

When the bell rings, sliding ends immediately!

Sleds

Crazy carpets and soft-sided sleds only, no GTs

If you bring your own sled you must have it clearly labelled with your name

You may not take anyone else's sled

Sleds must be left outside the door you line up at to come inside

You need to make arrangements for your sled if you are planning to leave it at the school

overnight – the school will not be responsible for stolen sleds

The school has a bin of crazy carpets for everyone to SHARE – you may not hide or hog sleds

School sleds must be put away neatly at the end of each break or they will be taken away

Safety

The hill will be closed when it is icy

Rules will be followed or you will lose the sledding hill: individually, by group or whole school – Teachers and supervisors will decide – do not argue with them if you are told to leave the area

Snow STAYS on the ground! NO SNOWBALLS!

Be kind

Do not destroy someone else's snowman

Do not build snowmen at the bottom of the sledding hills

One to One Reading Program - Volunteers Needed

Thank you to those who were able to volunteer for the South Sa-Hali Elementary One-to-One Reading program. Thank you too to our program coordinator Margaret Pillay. All your support is greatly appreciated.

If, in the future, you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school contact, Melanie Dumas, at mdumas@sd73.bc.ca or our parent coordinator for this wonderful program, Margaret Pillay, at mpillay200@gmail.com

Attendance

This is a reminder that consistent attendance is a vital component of any program and absolutely necessary in order for a child to succeed. Significant student absences and lateness will impact your child's ability to do well and achieve

success in the educational program we offer at South Sa-Hali Elementary. However, on occasion it is necessary for your child to be away due to illness or other factors. If you know your child will be absent from school please **call**

1-844-350-2647 or visit

ktsd.schoolconnects.com If you need to pick up your child from school for an appointment you need to sign your child in and out at the office.

SSES Handbook

Our École South Sa-Hali policy handbook has been revised and is now available on our school website.

Other Important Dates for the Year

Date	Activity
Thursday, September 14	PAC Meeting
Wednesday, September 20	PhotoDay
Friday, September 22	Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, October 10	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure)
Friday, October 20	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Wednesday, October 25	RETAKE PHOTO DAY
Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 13	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Monday, December 4	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, December 8	Term 1 reports home

Tuesday, December 19	Kindergarten - Grade 5 Winter Concert
Wednesday, December 20	Grade 6 & 7 Band Winter Concert
Friday, December 22	Last day of school before winter vacation
Monday, January 8, 2018	First day of school after winter vacation
Monday, February 12	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, February 22	District Non-Instructional Day- No classes
Friday, February 23	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, March 16	Term 2 Report Cards – Last day before Spring Break
Monday, March 26	First Day back after Spring Break
Friday, March 30	Good Friday- No classes
Monday, April 2	Easter Monday- No classes
Monday, April 23	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, May 18	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed

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<http://south-sahali.sd73.bc.ca/>



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NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

- o Remembrance Day assignments.

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

EDUCATION TOPIC

The Board congratulated the successful participants of this year's Leadership Development Program. The two-year program, which started in Kamloops nearly 50 years ago, is designed to develop the District's future leaders from within the ranks of current employees. This year, 10 teachers completed the two-year program. The LDP integrates courses, TRU-based instruction, senior leader mentorship and in-school practicums to develop leadership and enhanced pedagogical skills.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES


City Coun. Arjun Singh introduced the Board to seven secondary students from schools across the city who are the inaugural members of a newly formed student city council. The students - will address, debate and provide insight into City issues and the decisions made by council, particularly those issues that are important to youth. The group asked to the Board about the possibility of forming a similar student school board. Trustees agreed the initiative would provide interesting opportunities to engage students while providing the Board with valuable insights from young people.

REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

DISTRICT LEARNING PLAN – The Board heard a presentation from senior staff regarding the district learning plan, which is the high-level document that sets the educational direction District staff will follow. The plan identifies trends based on student success rates, and offers new directions for education stemming from the B.C. government's revised curriculum, the District's new five-year strategic plan and the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The Board was told the implementation of the plan will lead to better strategies and structures to improve outcomes and benefit all of the District's students.



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ENROLMENT INCREASE ANALYSIS – The District’s data shows the net number of students coming to School District No. 73 has increased this year. The majority of those new students came from other districts in B.C. but significant numbers of new students also came from other provinces as well as from independent schools. The number of international students is also up significantly.

ENROLMENT COMPARISON BY SCHOOL – The Board was provided a school-by-school breakdown of enrolment numbers across the district. Twenty-seven schools have more students than last year, with the largest increases being seen at Sa-Hali and Valleyview secondary schools, as well as Aberdeen, Kay Bingham, McGowan Park and Westmount elementary schools.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE FIELD TRIP – The Board unanimously approved an out-of-province field trip for NorKam Secondary Grade 11 and 12 biology school students, who intend to travel to Hawaii for a number of biology-oriented activities, including the Hawaii Marine Institute, the Honolulu Zoo, the Foster Botanical Gardens and a tropical rain forest. The trip is planned from March 29 to April, 5, 2018. The cost of the trip will be covered by participants, although no student will be denied the opportunity to attend the trip because of financial hardship.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Wade reported she attended the official community opening of the new BCAA playground at Marion Schilling Elementary on October 14. Despite the poor weather, the event was well attended.

Chair Wade, along with Superintendent Sidow and Trustee Sim attended the 100th anniversary celebrations of Raft River Elementary on October 19. Many former students and staff joined community members, current students and staff to celebrate the event.

The next public board meeting will take place at Logan Lake Secondary November 6th at 7 p.m.