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Wednesday, October 12th, 2022

Weyt-kp parents, guardians, and caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are well into the fall season, as the chill in the air that usually accompanies autumn has yet to arrive. As we wait for the temperatures to drop, we are making the most of the beautiful weather that Mother Nature is providing.

As we move into Fall, I would like to take a few moments to remind everyone of a few things that will go a long way in helping the rest of the school year to run as smoothly as possible.

1. **Cold and Flu Season** is just around the corner, and the most effective way to keep everyone at school healthy and safe is to not send your child to school if they are sick or feeling unwell.
2. The **Parking lot and the drop-off Zone** is an area that seems to always need mentioning. Please remember that the drop-off lane (this is the lane closest to the school) is for drop-off and pick-up only. Drivers should not be getting out of their vehicles in this lane. If you need to get out of your vehicle for any reason (i.e. to zip up jackets, hugs and kisses, etc.), please park in the parking lot or on one of the streets in the community. This will allow for traffic to flow seamlessly and allow you the necessary time you need for your child to exit your vehicle safely.
3. **Dressing for the Weather** has never been more difficult as it has been the past couple of weeks. The mornings are a bit chilly, while the afternoons have been downright balmy. As the air temperature drops and the amount of precipitation increases, it becomes increasingly more important for your child/ren to come to school dressed for whatever Mother Nature decides to throw at us for recess and lunch hour. We will be sending students outside in inclement weather, so it is crucial that they are prepared with outside shoes/boots, a jacket, and soon enough mitts and a tuque. We will soon be putting mats in the hallways for everyone's boots, and we ask everyone, staff and students, to take their boots off at the door. It just takes one pair of wet and snowy boots to make the hallways slippery and dangerous. Also, no one likes to step in wet snow in sock feet on their way to putting on his/her/their indoor shoes. Please make sure to send a pair of indoor shoes to school with your child, if you haven't already done so.



Parent-Teacher Conferencing

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place **Thursday, October 14th**. As such, students will be **dismissed at 12:51** that day. Please arrange for your child to be picked up at this time. SD73 school busses and the City of Kamloops School Special have been contacted and should be here to pick up those students at dismissal.

Teachers have been, or will be in touch with you to make an appointment for you to discuss your child/ren's progress to date. Most are offering a choice of in-person or Zoom meetings. If you haven't already heard from your child's teacher, please send them an e-mail or phone them at the school to set up an appointment time.

Thank You

I would like to thank you all for using School Messenger so diligently to report your child/ren's absences. Your attention to this has been extremely helpful to Mme Lisa to quickly and accurately account for everyone in the morning.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who supported our fundraising efforts for the Terry Fox Cancer Foundation and those parents who came out to supervise our running route out in the



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community. Our original goal was to collect \$2.00 per student for a total of \$726.00, and we far surpassed this goal, raising \$1007.50. Because we did such a great job of collecting money for this worthy cause, I got more than one pie in my face the day of our race. I believe the students had a great time out running in the community or on the field and watching their Principal get 5 pies thrown in her face. Because everyone in Mme Nancy's classe brought in a toonie, so she volunteered to get a pie in her face as well. It was a messy afternoon, enjoyed by everyone, including the pie throwers and the pie throwees alike.



School Clothing

The last day to order school spirit wear is Friday October 14th. Please visit the store here <https://ecolesouthsahalispirtwear.itemorder.com/> to order and pay for your items. Hansport is trying to complete orders in 2-3 weeks, but it will be subject to availability.

Sports/Athletics



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Sports are back in full swing at École Élémentaire South Sahali! We had a very quick start up with X-country running, and only have one race left on Wednesday, October 12th at Dallas Elementary. A bit thanks goes to Mme Magalie and Mme Funk who took on practices and race day organization.

Volleyball has also started! League games will start the week of **October 17th**. We have a lot of students who are excited and looking forward to volleyball season. Volleyball practices will follow the schedule below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7:15	Tier 1 Boys Recreational	Tier 3 Boys	Tier 1 Girls Competitive	Tier 1 Girls Competitive	Tier 1 Boys Recreational
Lunch Time		Tier 1 Girls Recreational			
After School	Tier 3 Girls	Tier 1 Boys Games	Tier 3 Boys and Girls Games	Tier 1 Girls Games	Tier 1 Girls Recreational

Field Trips

Pumpkin Patch field trip season is about to begin and we encourage you to use the SchoolCash online system to pay for these field trips online whenever possible. It makes record keeping quicker, more secure and more accurate than sending cash to school. If you have any issues navigating the system, please phone Mme Lisa at the office so that she can help you to trouble shoot.



She would like me to remind you to log into your account to ensure that you have indeed paid your school supplies, as these are now past due.

If your family is having a difficult time paying for anything school related, please don't hesitate to reach out to someone at the school to let them know so we can come up with a plan to suit your needs. We do not want your financial situation to get in the way of your child/ren having the best school experience possible. This includes items such as school clothing orders, PAC Hot Lunch, field trips, school supplies, etc.

Photo Day – Wednesday October 12th

This year we are trying out a new photographer for our school photos; Mountain West Studios. We are also going to have our class photos taken on the same day.

Your child will be coming home with a flyer with a QR code which will give you access to your child/ren's photos once the images go live, usually 5 business days after photo day. You will receive an e-mail from the office letting you know when they are ready for your viewing. We then hope to have photos sent to you 10 days from the day you order them.

After School Program

SD73 is providing a free after-school dance/cheer program for students in Grades 5, 6 and 7. Sessions will be held after school in our gym for 8 weeks on Tuesdays, starting October 11th. Permission slips need to be filled out and returned to the school prior to participation. Please connect with Mme Mabee for more information.

Halloween at School



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Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costume Monday October 31st if he/she/they choose to do so. Please contact your child's teacher about their plans for the day and when they will expect their students to change back into their street clothes. Please remember the following guidelines when choosing a costume to wear to school:

- No masks
- No weapons
- No ultra-violent or gory costumes/make-up (we don't want to frighten the younger students)



If you would like to send goodies for your child's class, you are welcome to do so, but please check with your child's teacher first. Also keep in mind that there are many food allergies at our school.

Another thing to keep in mind is how much candy is sent to school in your child's lunch in the days following Halloween, as too much sugar can be detrimental to your child's ability to self-regulate. If you could limit it to no more than 2 pieces, we would be very grateful.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found boxes are already almost completely full. Please make sure to label your child's belongings so that we can get them back to him/her/them when we find them. This includes water bottles. Parents are more than welcome to come and look at our lost and found, which is located at the top of the stairs leaving the gym, to collect any items that belong to your family.

PAC Meeting and PAC FB page

Our school Parent Advisory Committee meets monthly to discuss initiative, issues and plans for fundraising events for our school. They also organize and distribute Hot Lunches each Thursday, which is a big hit for both staff and students alike. Last year the PAC paid for all of the bussing for field trips, and a new set of Chromebooks for our school, and they give each classroom funds to spend on incidentals such as fun art projects, stickers, and other supplies. All parents are welcome to attend all meetings.

Our next PAC meeting will take place **Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00pm**. We will hold the meeting at the school, but a Zoom link will be provided for those of you who wish to participate virtually.

Our PAC also has a [Facebook page](#) (South Sa-Hali Elementary PAC-Ecole South Sa-Hali PAC) that you might want to consider joining. In order to be granted access, you will need to answer the questions posted.

PAC Fundraising

Our school PAC has a number of school fundraisers taking place:

1. Mabel's labels - <https://mabelslabels.ca>
 - a. Just go to mabelslabels.ca then click on 'Support a Fundraiser' Use the search bar to find South Sahali and shop as usual! Easy peasy! A portion of your purchase will come back to PAC for school projects.



2. Cookie Dough and cheesecake Sales - <https://futurefundraising.com/online/store/?seller=SSES2022>
 - a. **All orders are due November 4th**



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- b. Pick up will be on November 22nd in the lower parking lot
- 3. Purdy's Chocolates – <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1370534-97606>
 - a. Orders are due **November 6th**
 - b. Pick-up will be November 22nd in the lower parking lot
- 4. Winter Plant Sales – **Orders are due November 4th**
https://southsahalielementary.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home?fbclid=IwAR0WTkxP_C9RpLry15LRwHPxYI2HPqTOdNGFNd8AKcZLZO3YvtqJwgsi6zw
 - a. Pick up will be November 22nd in lower parking lot.
- 5. Online Auction
 - a. December 10th and 11th
 - b. PAC is looking for auction items now, and the deadline for donations is December 2nd.
Please see the attached letter which you can use to approach businesses for a donation.



Important Upcoming Dates

All of our school events are posted on the [École Élémentaire South Sa-Hali](https://www.ecolesouthsahali.ca) website. If you subscribe to the calendar on our [school website](#), updates to the calendar will be sent directly to your phone. You may also opt for a weekly e-mail as to the week's upcoming events.

Wednesday, Oct. 12 th	School Photo Day X-Country Run @ Dallas
Thursday, Oct. 13 th	Early Dismissal @ 12:51 for parent-teacher interviews PAC Hot Lunch – Wok Box
Monday, Oct. 17 th	Metis Dance Presentation with Lisa Andreykew
Tuesday, Oct. 18 th	After School Program – Cheer/Dance (Gr. 5-7) PAC Meeting @ 7:00pm at school and via Zoom
Wednesday, Oct. 19 th	Come Read with Me (for Grade 1 parents) Salmon Run for Grades 2-5 at Tsútswecw (Roderick Haig-Brown) Provincial Park PAC Popcorn Day
Thursday, Oct. 20 th	PAC Hot Lunch – Spa-ghet-ti All Kindergarten Classes to Pete Murrays' Pumpkin Patch
Friday, Oct. 21 st	Professional Development Day (School is not in session for students)
Monday, Oct. 24 th	Growth Mindset Assembly 9am Visit from the Fire Department – Mme Jayme's class
Tuesday, Oct. 25 th	After School Program – Cheer/Dance (Gr. 5-7)
Wednesday, Oct. 26 th	Metis Dance Presentation with Lisa Andreykew
Thursday, Oct. 27 th	PAC Hot Lunch – Pita Pit
Friday, Oct. 28 th	PAC Halloween Dance 5pm -8pm
Monday, Oct. 31 st	Halloween

As always, if you have any questions or have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to call the office.

Sincerely,



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Susie Mabee