



October Newsletter

School Goals

- 1. We will teach our students to be resilient and to collaborate.*
- 2. We will teach our students self awareness and self regulation.*

Welcome Back... again!

We are now into the full swing of the year. This means that we are settling into classes and our routines are being established. With the return to classes, I have enjoyed seeing everyone again.

We have had a strong start to the year with many activities happening in the school. We have seen some great programs start already especially around literacy with the Raise-a-Reader fundraiser, the Come Read With Me grade 1 morning and the One-to-One Reading program which is almost up and running thanks to some great volunteers. We have also enjoyed our Terry Fox day and Orange Shirt Day. I have also enjoyed seeing classes get outside to explore the natural environment both around the school and in Peterson Creek.

Volleyball season is now beginning and we are fortunate to have six teams this year. This is one more than last year. We are hopeful our students will have a season filled with participation, sportsmanship and camaraderie.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress at the school do not hesitate to contact their teacher. We always appreciate hearing from our parents!

Important October Dates

- October 8 - School Bus Safety Presentation for Kindergarten**
- October 9 - Grade 7 Parent Meeting (6:30 - Library)**
- October 14 - Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)**
- October 17 - Early Closure 12:25pm (Parent-Teacher Interviews)**
- October 17 - PAC Meeting 6:30pm**
- October 22 - Lockdown Drill**
- October 25 - In-service Day (No School)**
- October 29 - Photo Retake Day**
- October 25 - Lockdown Drill**
- October 31 - Recognition Assembly**

I will also continue to post the most up-to-date information about upcoming school wide activities and events on our school website each week on Friday afternoon. With the new website, it is possible to subscribe to the feed so that each week the weekly schedule is emailed directly to your inbox.

Thank you,

Blake Buemann, Principal



A few reminders to start the school year:

- We have many students 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!
- As per SD #73 policy, all coaches and volunteers working with students must submit to a criminal record check as part of our volunteering process.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Our Parent / Teacher interviews will be on October 17 from 1:30-3:30 pm and then from 5:00-7:00 pm. This year, we are again using an online system to book interview times. You are invited to sign up for Parent / Teacher Interviews between October 9th- 16th. To sign up, please visit our school website and follow the instructions on the main page beginning October 9th.

Please note that students will be dismissed at 12:25 pm on October 17 to allow for the Parent / Teacher interviews.

Cooler Weather Clothing



I can feel a chill in the air. Cooler temperatures are coming to Kamloops but that won't change our outdoor habits. Please remember to ensure that students come dressed for the weather and the variety of activities that they will engage in throughout the day inside and out. Unless there is a weather warning, students will be playing and working outside.

PAC News

Hello Eagle Parents

We have a few things to share with you this month.

Our **coupon book fundraiser** is now over; please send back any money and unsold books to the office.

Art card proofs will be home shortly. All orders must be made online by no later than October 25.

This month's hot lunches include:

Thursday, October 10 - Senor Froggys

Thursday, October 17 - Booster Juice

Thursday, October 24 - Arigato

Friday, November 1 - Eats Amore

Please note there is no Hot Lunch on Thursday, October 31.

PAC is planning a **Big Raffle** for the Spring. We're currently seeking substantial donations. If you're able to donate either a good or service, please let me know.

The Halloween/Family Dance is cancelled for this Fall due to scheduling **HOWEVER** we're planning a super exciting **Spring Dance**. Stay tuned.

Treat Wednesdays are coming back soon. Our Fundraising Coordinator is working out all of the details.

There are two educational events that we'd like to pass along:

1. October 24 -6:30 at the Henry Grube. Let's Talk About Sex - Free educational session for parents offered by Mosaic Sexual Health Education. The presenter is Martha Solomon.

2. October 16- 6:00-9:00. Free educational session titled "Parents as Career Coaches" To register email Debbie Isenor at Disenor@sd73.bc.ca

If you're waiting to be approved to our Facebook group, please make sure you let us know who your children are and their teachers. Once this information has been verified with the school we'll approve your request.

Our next **PAC meeting is Thursday October 17** at 6:30 in the school library. We realize that it is the same night as Parent/Teacher Interviews but we hope you can join us.

Thank you and have a great October !

Allison Tremblay
SSES PAC Chair

Volleyball

We are excited that Volleyball season is just around the corner. We are fortunate to be able to field 6 teams this year:

- Tier 1 Girls (Gr 7) - Games on Thursdays
- Tier 2 Girls (Gr 6) - Games on Thursdays
- Tier 1 Boys (Gr 7) - Games on Tuesdays
- Tier 2 Boys (Gr 6) - Games on Tuesdays
- Tier 3 Girls (Gr5) - Games on Wednesdays
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If you are interested in helping referee any games, please contact the office.

One to One Reading Program - Volunteers Needed

South Sa-Hali Elementary is hoping to continue to grow our One-to-One Reading program. We are still looking for parents and other volunteers to read in French or English. If you are available for a short time each week for 12 weeks, please contact our school contact, Melanie Dumas (mdumas@sd73.bc.ca)

Volunteer training sessions are offered.

Come Read with Me

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who were able to participate in the Come Read with Me program to promote literacy.

Frisbees & Badminton Rackets

The school can always use more frisbees and badminton rackets. If you have any lying around the house that are lonely from lack of attention, please consider donating them to the school. Thank you.

Attendance

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. Please call 1-844-350-2647 or visit: go.schoolmessenger.ca if your child is going to be late or absent. You may also download the "SchoolMsgr" app for iPhone or for Android and follow the instructions. 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

For a copy of our South Sa-Hali Handbook, please visit the school website and look in the "What's Happening / News" section and then in "Newsletters" section.

Other Important Dates for the Year

Date	Activity
Wednesday,	PhotoDay

October 2	
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, October 17	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Closure at 12:25pm)
Friday, October 25	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Tuesday, October 29	RETAKE PHOTO DAY
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Monday, December 2	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, December 13	Term 1 reports home
December 17	Band Concert
December 18	K-6 Winter Concert
Friday, December 20	Last day of school before winter vacation
Monday, January 6, 2018	First day of school after winter vacation
Friday, February 7	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Monday, February 17	Family Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, March 12	Term 2 Report Cards Go Home
Friday, March 13	Last day before Spring Break
Monday, March 23	First Day back after Spring Break
Tuesday, April 7	Day of Suwewtwecw
Friday, April 10	Good Friday- No classes
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday- No classes
Monday, April 27	District Non-Instructional Day – No Classes
Friday, May 15	District Non-Instructional Day

	– No Classes
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day Holiday – School Closed
Thursday, June 25	Last day for students – report cards home
Friday, June 26	Administrative Day

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



NAVIGATING THE TALK

A Healthy Sexual Development Workshop for Parents

Thursday, October 24, 2019



Martha Solomon provides Sexual Health Education in Kamloops. She graduated from the Options for Sexual Health SHEC program in March 2018. She is qualified to teach K-12 children and youth in schools, educators, parents and community groups. She has an extensive background in education, both as a teacher and an administrator and has a passion for teaching.



As parents and caregivers, we want the best for our kids. But, the truth is, talking about sexuality can be intimidating. Parents often don't know where to start or what is appropriate for each age. Worrying about "messing up" or being uncomfortable is extremely common and understandable as most parents didn't receive good sexual health education themselves. However, parents can and should be the first source of sexual health information for their children at all ages and stages from learning appropriate names of body parts to puberty changes and safer sex practices.

ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP

This workshop, offered by Mosaic Sexual Health Education, helps participants develop comfort and confidence in approaching these topics with their children, no matter their age. This evening will provide parents and caregivers with strategies for healthy communication, tips on discussing sensitive issues, and help identifying personal and family values around issues of sexuality. 'Navigating the Talk' will help clarify what kids need to know and when, how to keep the lines of communication open and help you be the trusted adult that your child needs. Join us for a fun and informative evening!

Please join us for this **FREE** informative presentation

Doors will open at 5:30 pm



October 24

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



Henry Grube Education Centre
245 Kitchener Crescent

Room 1

Where do you want to go? | We'll get you there!