



November - Principal's Message

November is a time of remembrance. As a school community, we take time to honor those who have served and sacrificed for peace and freedom. Our upcoming **Remembrance Day ceremony** will provide students with an opportunity to reflect on the importance of gratitude, courage, and community — values we strive to nurture every day.



We are also mindful that learning is a partnership between home and school. Your continued support plays a vital role in each child's growth and success. If you were unable to connect with your child's teacher during progress conferences, please reach out to the school so that we can ensure ongoing communication about your child's learning journey.

Literacy and Numeracy Focus

This year, we are working together to strengthen literacy and numeracy skills across all grades. Each month, we'll share simple, engaging ideas that families can use at home to support these goals:

1. **Card Games:** A fun way to practice number recognition and sequencing. Younger students can use cards 1–10 for matching or ordering, while older students might enjoy more strategic games such as *Cribbage* or *Rummy*.
2. **Board Games:** Classics like *UNO* or *Trouble* help build oral language, cooperation, and numeracy skills — all while having fun as a family.

As we move through this reflective month, let us remember, learn, and grow together — always with gratitude for the community that supports our children each day.

Attendance:

Related Benefits of Arriving At School On-Time

Research also shows that being on time for school helps promote success.

- ▶ Students who arrive on time do not miss the beginning of their morning classes, when important learning is taking place.
- ▶ Students who are not chronically late generally have higher test scores, higher graduation rates, and more success in high school.
- ▶ Students who are usually on time often feel more connected to school, which can lead to fewer behaviour problems and lower dropout rates.
- ▶ By regularly arriving on-time for school, students learn the importance of punctuality – a life skill that is needed for future employment and lifelong success.
- ▶ When students are on time, they do not negatively impact their teachers and other students. Late arrivals can disrupt instruction, require the teacher to reorganize lessons, and cause distractions for classmates. So more on time arrivals can help classrooms run more smoothly.

A black silhouette of a person from the chest up, facing left and playing a trumpet. The person's arms are raised to hold the instrument. The background is white.



Please remember that schools will be closed on Monday, November 10th (pro-day) and Tuesday Nov. 11th.

Many classes participate in outdoor education opportunities - having a change of clothes at school minimizes disruption to both the student and caregivers!

Picture (retake) Day November 7, 2025

Individual photo retake day is on November 7th. If you require retakes, please remember to send your photo package back with your student to give to the photographer.



As well any students who were not in attendance on the previous photo day will be invited down to have their photo taken on this day. It is usually a short session and done first thing in the morning (9:00 am) and they are finished before lunchtime.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Supervision of children begins at the school at 8:40 a.m. The students are expected to be outside when they arrive at school. Teachers are not in their classes until 8:58 a.m. as they are involved in meetings or class preparation. As a rule, students are expected to be outside before school, at recess and lunch,



On Mondays, We Wear Orange and on Fridays, We Wear Blue!

This year we are bringing back Orange Shirt Monday and Blue Friday! On Mondays, many staff and students wear orange shirts as a visual symbol of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and to show respect for Residential School Survivors.



On Fridays, students and staff are encouraged to wear blue to show their school spirit! Each week there is a friendly competition between classes to have the most blue!

Lunch Program – School Meal Program

Just a reminder that once your child has signed up for this program, they will be on it for the full year, unless you contact the school directly to have them taken off.

You do not have to send envelopes to the school on a monthly basis and money collected is now online.

Please do not send money to the school.

If you would like to make a donation please see below:

How do I enroll my student(s) and contribute to the School Meal Program?

Our School Meal Program operates on the principle that everyone is welcome, and nobody will be turned away, even if they can't contribute. Enrollment helps us plan and order food effectively (continued...).



1. **To enroll**, complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to your school. This enrolls your student(s) for the full school year.
There is no obligation to participate, and the program is offered at no cost and without pressure to contribute. If you'd like to opt out, please contact your school secretary.
2. **To contribute**, donations made to Nourish are used to feed students right here in our district. *While the suggested donation is \$100/month per student (about \$5 per school day), any amount helps – especially as food prices continue to rise. Contributions are voluntary and help us serve more students.* Your support helps us keep the program running strong, reduce food insecurity, and ensure that no student goes without a meal.

How Can You Help?

The success of our School Meal Program depends on the support of our community. Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- **Volunteer:** Find out what's needed to volunteer your time to help with meal preparation or distribution. Commitment is flexible, and we are happy to accommodate your schedule.
- **Spread the Word:** Share this vital program with others.
- **Donate:** Every \$1,000 donated feeds one student for a full school year. Tax receipts are available, and 100% of donations go directly toward food for students in our district—helping us offer more meals, more variety, and reduce reliance on public funding.

For more information about Nourish, including how to volunteer or donate, please visit their website at www.nourishcowichan.ca or call 250-735-2399.



Breakfast club is looking for volunteers – if you would be interested to help, please contact the school 250 723 7522 or email dolson@sd70.bc.ca for more information.



Get involved with your school PAC - If you are interested in joining the EJ Dunn PAC or helping with any of their events, please send an email to ejdpac@sd70.bc.ca

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 3, 2024 – PAC Growing Smiles Fundraiser – Money and Order forms due end of day

November 7, 2025 – Retake Day – (AM only) – if you had pictures taken in October, Please, bring package back and give it to the photographer directly.

November 7, 2025 – Remembrance Day Assembly – (11:00 am)

November 7, 2025 – Wrestling Wrap-Up (for those students participating).

November 10, 2025 – School Based Pro Day – No School for Students

November 11, 2025 –  Remembrance Day holiday – NO School

November 14, 2025 – Gr 6/7 Volleyball wrap up – (for those students participating).



November 20, 2025 – PAC pizza orders are due online or money and form to the school Office by end of day.

November 20, 2025 – PAC plant fundraiser – PLANT pickup in Mini Gym 2:30-4:00 pm.

November 21, 2025- PAC presents movie night in the gym! Details to come.

November 25, 2025- PAC meeting 6:15 pm in the foods room.

November 28, 2025 – PAC hot lunch pizza day

December 9, 2025 – Winter Wonder Land – More information to follow. December 11, 2025 – Christmas Concert – More information to follow.

December 22 – January 4, 2026 – Winter/Christmas Holiday – No School
January 5, 2026 – First Day of School in the new year.

Mr. Olson
Principal

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Vice-Principal

