



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

May 25th, 2026
Mrs. Kynoch, Vice-Principal

Ms. Girard's Message ...

Spring is here and we have seen some beautiful sunny days. It's a great reminder that as the weather changes, students need to be prepared. Our classes are participating in many lessons outside and in our community, so please ensure your child has water, proper footwear for physical activity and extra clothing at school. On hot days, sending your child with a hat and sunscreen is also a great idea.



May and June are shaping up to be very busy months at school. We will see many spring fieldtrips and year-end activities. Please make sure you record all the important dates from our newsletters and classroom notices. We do not want anyone to miss out, or families to be unprepared. If you have any questions regarding upcoming events, please contact your child's teacher.



Library News

Thank you for supporting our school library. Our Spring Bookfair was another huge success! For each dollar spent, our school receives a percentage back that goes directly to our classrooms and our library. A special thank you goes out to the PAC and volunteers who helped with this event. We couldn't have done it without you! Mrs. Wutke would like to remind students and families that all library books will be due into the library by June 12th.

School Safety Practices

Throughout the year we practice many safety drills (approximately one a month). This includes fire, earthquake/ tsunami and lockdown drills. We use each of these situations to teach the children what to do if we face an emergency. We coach students how to stay calm and follow the directions of adults. When teaching students what to expect, we use age-appropriate language and context. We often pair teachings with social stories for primary students and real-life scenarios for intermediate students. We prepare the students for each drill and then debrief once practiced. Over the next two weeks, we will have our final lock-down and fire drills for the year. If you arrive to school when we are running a practice drill, a sign will be posted on the front door. We ask that you do not enter the building until the drill is over and the sign is removed.



Pride Week

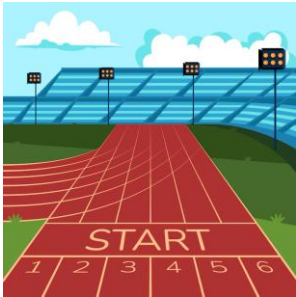
Pacific Rim School District [Pride Week](#) takes place June 1st to 5th. Our school SAFE club has planned a series of fun lunch time activities that promote inclusion, acceptance, and diversity. These activities include a dance party, chalk & bubble stations, face painting, temporary tattoos, and a rainbow walk (wear your favourite colour). The focus during this week is on being proud of who you are, celebrating ways of including everyone and spreading kindness.



Elementary Sports

Over the last few weeks, the Badminton & Rugby Teams have wrapped up their seasons. All players did an outstanding job building their athletic and teamwork skills. We had a great time at our wrap up jamborees competing against other schools. The Wolfpack players represented our school well.

We would like to send out a special thank you to our community volunteers from the Black Sheep Rugby Club & our school parents for helping lead our student athletes. These sports would not be possible without their time and energy!



Track & Field Events

Our district Track Meet will take place on **Friday, June 5th**. This district event is for athletes in grades 4 – 7. Students have learned about each track event and participated in PE class try-outs. Top placers from each class, will participate in final practices and tryouts this week at lunch hour. Each school can only take the top 3 athletes in each event category per grade and gender. If your child is successful in making the track and field team, Ms. Girard will send out more information as the event gets closer. Parents and community members are invited to come and watch! This event will be taking place at Bob Daily Stadium from 9 am to approx. 2 pm. Come cheer on our school. We are also

looking for parent volunteers to help throughout the day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ms. Girard through email: mgirard@sd70.bc.ca

Last “Regular” Day of School

The last “regular” day of school will be Wednesday June 24th. *This is because our last day of school – Thursday June 25th – will be a whole-school beach day (see information below).* On Wednesday June 24th, we will have our regular daily session with student in classes. We will host our end of year assembly from 10:45 – 11:30 am. Students will take home all their belongings as well as their Learning Updates at the end of the day.



Rathtreavor Beach Day

We are headed to the beach! As a closure to the school year, we are excited to share that Tsuma-as’ Rathtreavor Beach Day is on Thursday, June 25th. Our whole school will be travelling by bus to Rathtreavor Beach in Parksville. Families and siblings are invited to join us but will need to carpool or take their own vehicle. More detailed information will be sent home soon, including a permission slip and risk waiver form. If you have any further questions, please see your child’s teacher or contact the office.

Upcoming Dates:

June 1st – 5th – Pride Week

June 5th – District Track Meet @ Bob Dailey Stadium

June 11th – Grade 7 Celebration Evening (More info. to come)

June 17th – 6:30 pm Grade 7 Open House at ADSS (for next year’s grade 8s’)

June 21st – National Indigenous People’s Day

June 22nd – Orange Shirt Day (in recognition of Indigenous People’s Day on June 21st)

June 23rd – Fun Day (& PAC sponsored Pizza Picnic)

June 24th – Last Day Assembly 10:45 – 11:30am

June 24th – Last “Regular” Day for students in classes & Learning Updates Sent Home

June 25th – Rathtreavor Beach Day – LAST DAY of School for students

