



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

October 27, 2025
Mrs. Kynoch, Vice-Principal

Message from the Principal...

Another busy month has come and gone, and summer seems like a distant memory now. This month will close with another busy week of Learning Conferences, our annual Scholastic Bookfair and Halloween! This newsletter will include many important event details. Please read through it carefully and contact Ms. Girard by email mgirard@sd70.bc.ca if you have any questions.



Learning Conferences

Quick reminder that our Parent/Teacher/Student learning conferences are taking place this week ~ Tuesday October 28th & Wednesday October 29th. Appointment sign-up is done online. Please refer to Mrs. Brooks' previous emails as to how to complete that. If you are requiring support to book a conference, please contact the office by phone Monday morning 250-723-8151.

All students will be dismissed Tuesday & Wednesday @ 11:50 am. Regular busses will run.

Bookfair

Our Fall Scholastic Bookfair is taking place this week in the library. This is a great way families can shop for new books and help our school earn money that goes directly back into our library and our classrooms.

The bookfair will be open for shopping:

Monday October 27th 2:30 – 3:30

Tuesday & Wednesday October 28/29th 12:30 – 3:30

Thursday October 30th – for bus students only



Halloween at School

On Friday, October 31st, many classes will be participating in classroom-based Halloween activities. We will also be hosting a school assembly & costume parade. Students and staff are invited to wear a Halloween costume but must remember we have guidelines to ensure everyone feels safe at school. When you are helping your child decide on a Halloween costume to wear to school, please keep in mind we have Pre-school and Primary students in attendance.



We ask that costumes:

- Are family-friendly, fun, and elementary school appropriate.
- Are not scary, intimidating, threatening or violent.
- Allow for proper hand washing. No gloves, sleeves or inflatable costumes that will prevent or interfere with hand washing or daily school routines.
- Which have accessories, such as: jewelry, hats, headbands, wings, amour etc. will remain in the classroom during outside play times. Please do not send any form of weapon (even if fake). All regular school rules apply.
- Masks are not worn outside. It is important we can easily identify each student/person when supervising.
- Face paint be kept to a minimum and must not be "scary".

Please note: Costumes that could be offensive of someone's culture, gender, heritage, religion, promote violence, or are inappropriate in nature are not permitted.



Halloween Treats & Candy

Students should not bring home-made treats to school to share with others. All class treats or snacks must be purchased from a store, bakery, or food-safe facility. Treats or snacks that do not fit this description, will be sent home with the student.

As expected, many students will find the Halloween season packed with treats and candy. Individual classrooms and teachers may have specific guidelines as to treats and candy in class and lunches; however, as a school we ask that parents and students consider the number of sugary treats and junk food items being sent to school. It is important that students continue to have healthy lunches and snacks that will carry them through the day. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Dressing for the Weather

We have finally seen the change into our typical fall season weather. As we shift, please remember students go outside in ALL weather. It is VERY important that students have proper outside gear (warm & waterproof jacket, boots, rain pants, hats, gloves etc.) and a FULL change of clothes (including under garments) kept at school. We want to avoid having to call parents for changes of clothes. Please encourage students to wear proper winter jackets (not just hoodies) and to bring an umbrella too!



Wolfpack Home Reading



We encourage home reading every night for every grade. Reading for 15 – 30 minutes nightly supports reading growth immensely at any age. Home reading can look like many things (please see Home Reading attachment)
Each month, we celebrate students who have been tracking their home reading efforts on our school Wolfpack home reading sheet. Students who return their completed home reading WOLF are entered into classroom draws for new books! We encourage all students to participate. We have attached a digital copy of our Home Reading Wolf, and extra paper copies are available at the office.

Safe Drop Off & Pick Up Zones

It is very important that all school visitors (parents, guardians & community members) follow our pickup and drop off routines. We have designated pick up & drop off locations at both the front and rear of our school. Please read and obey all posted signs and markings.
In the rear parking lot, it is very important that the “pick up and drop off only” lane remains open. **Parents are NOT to be parking and leaving their vehicles in the “pick up and drop off only” lane for any reason.** Parents who need to park to walk in to drop off or pick up their children, need to park in the assigned parking spaces and leave the drive through lane open.



Feeling Sick? Staying home?

If your child is ill and/or is staying home from school please call in their excused absence. Please call the absentee line directly and leave a message.
That phone # is 250-723-6080

Photo Day

Individual Student photos took place earlier this month. Photo proofs are on route and should be delivered this week. Order information is included in your photo proof package. Photo retake day will be Thursday November 13th.



Seasonal Winter Activities

As we move into November, planning for seasonal activities such as Winter Wonderland, Santa Shop, Primary Winter Concert, theme days etc. will begin. Stay tuned for an upcoming seasonal activities newsletter with all those dates and details.



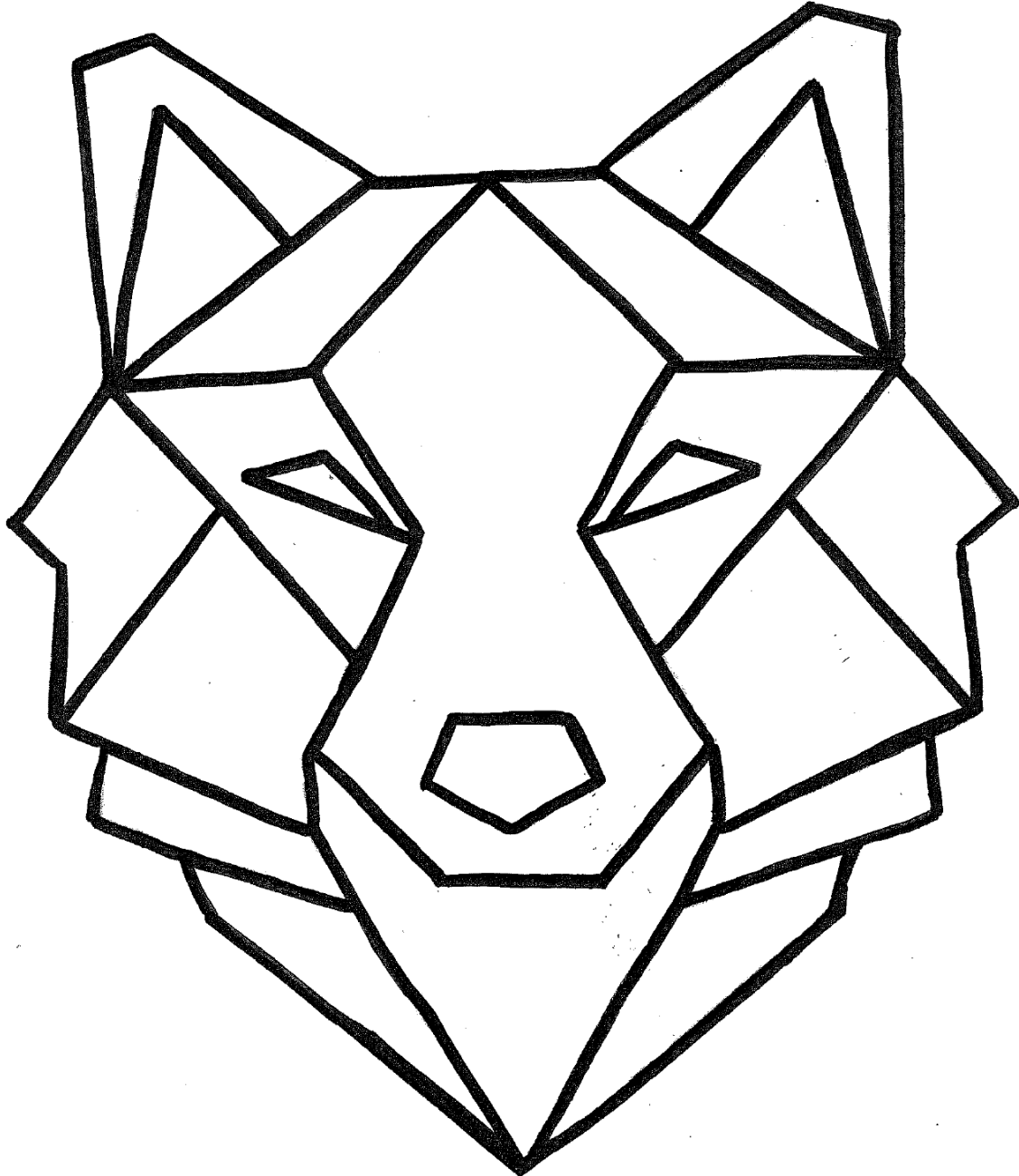
Upcoming Dates:

- Oct. 28th & 29th – Learning Conferences ~ Students Dismissed at 11:50 am
- Oct. 29th – Grade 6 Immunizations (morning)
- Oct 30th – Orange/ Black/ Halloween themed t-shirt/clothing day
- Oct. 31st – Halloween
- Nov 7th – Remembrance Day Assembly @ 10:45 am
- Nov. 10th – No school for students – Pro D Day
- Nov. 11th – No School – Remembrance Day
- Nov. 13th – Photo Retake Day
- Nov. 20th – Pizza Hot Lunch Day
- Nov 25th – PAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm in the Library
- Nov. 28th – Fun Sock Day

Tsuma-as Wolfpack Home Reading

We are encouraging all students to engage in daily home reading. Home reading can take many different forms (see the back of this page).

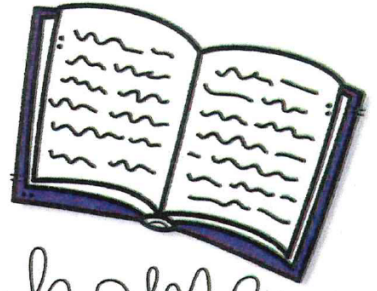
For each day your child reads at home, have them colour in one section of this wolf. At the end of every month, students are asked to bring their completed home reading wolf back to school for entry into our book draws.



Name: _____

Teacher: _____

10 WAYS



TO HELP WITH READING *at home*

1. READ TOGETHER

Choose a book and take turns reading. Let your child read one page, and you read the next! Or, you can each be responsible for reading the part of a character.

2. READ IN REAL LIFE

Highlight ways you use reading in everyday life! Think about how you use reading for recipes, bills, communicating with others, and more!

3. ASK QUESTIONS

Ask questions about characters, setting, problem, and solution when reading fiction texts. For nonfiction text, talk about text features, cause and effect, and main idea.

4. READ A VARIETY OF TEXTS

There are so many things to read! Try magazines, internet articles, books, how-to directions, instructions for crafts, and anything else you can find!

5. PLAY A GAME

Many board games or even video games require reading. Play a game where you have to do some reading!

6. MAKE CONNECTIONS

Think about how what you're reading connects to things you've seen, read, or done in your life. What connections do you make as you read?

7. WONDER ABOUT WORDS

Reading is a wonderful way to learn new words. Stop and talk about the meanings of new words you find while you read.

8. WRITE

Reading and writing are connected! After reading, write about what you've read.

9. READ FOR FUN

Don't just read because it's required! Take time to read because it's fun and enjoyable.

10. COZY UP

Part of making reading fun is being comfy while you do it. Cuddle up with some blankets, get cozy in a fort, or read in bed.