



Words from the Wolfpack

Tsuma-as Elementary Newsletter
Ms. Girard, Principal

January 31st, 2025
Ms. Spring, Vice-Principal

Message from the Principal...

What excitement we had this morning on the last day of January with our first winter snowfall. Although it didn't stick around long, it appears to be a preview into weather changes coming this weekend. As we continue to see cold temperatures and possibly snow, please remember to support your children in dressing for the weather by "bundling up" in layers. Our district and school websites and APPs, our PAC Facebook page and the local radio station remain the best way to get current school and weather-related information. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Girard through school phone or email mgirard@sd70.bc.ca

Extra Clothing

All students should have a spare change of clothes that is left at the school (including footwear) for days when they get soiled or wet. If you have gently used and clean winter clothing such as sweatpants/leggings and boots of all sizes, and size 12-14 jackets that you would like to donate, it would be appreciated and can be dropped off in the office.

Kindergarten & New Student Registration

Student registration for the 2025-26 school year opens February 3rd. If you have a child starting kindergarten in September (Born in 2020) or if you know of any new students registering with our school, you can access registration packages online on the School District Website or you can visit our school office to pick up a paper package. Please note February 3rd registration opens for catchment students only. Out of catchment will not be considered until after February 28th when all in catchment students have been allocated to our school.



Cross Boundary Requests

If you are an "Out of Catchment" family attending our school, you will need to complete the Out of Catchment request form annually. This form was mailed out earlier this week to all Out of Catchment families. If you plan to remain at Tsuma-as Elementary, please complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. All Out of Catchment requests will be reviewed and follow up contact will be made in the Spring.



Is your child Absent?

A friendly reminder for all families that it is important to make the school aware when your child is going to be absent from school. Please avoid calling the main school line. We have a speciality Absence Phone Line for this purpose. **If your child is sick or is going to be away, please call: 250 723 6080.**

General Traffic Safety

Traffic at the front of our school can be VERY busy at drop-off and pick-up times. Unfortunately, the only crosswalk on Compton crosses at Margaret St. & Kitsuksis Rd (not in front of our school). We encourage all students and families who walk to school to use these crosswalks, but if you choose to drop your child off across from the school, please have a conversation with them about road safety. When crossing, they **NEED** to make eye contact with a driver to be sure they are seen before crossing. There have been a few close calls reported. Child safety is our number one priority.

Bus Safety

We are working closely with Dave Provost from the bus garage to ensure our students are safe on school busses. We will be having a series of bus safety discussions with bus students, and eventually all classes. Attached at the end of this newsletter are the bus rules set out by the managers and drivers at the bus garage. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the bus garage directly.





Upcoming 2023 Dates:

Feb 7th – Free throw Championship – Ages 9-13
Feb 11th – PAC Meeting in the Library – 6pm
Feb. 14th – No School for Students – Pro D Day
Feb. 17th - No School - Family Day
Feb 20th – PJ Day –& Milk and Cookies (more info. to come)
Mar 14th – Learning Updates go home
Mar 17- Mar 28th – Spring Break – No School
Mar 31st – BACK TO SCHOOL

Rules For Bus Students



- The bus driver is always in charge.
- Eating or drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- Students should take their seat promptly and sit properly, always facing forward.
- Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not permitted to face backwards or sit partially in the aisle of the bus. Students are not permitted to change seats or stand while the bus is in motion.
- Students must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner, always. Profanity, obscene gestures, horseplay, throwing objects, fighting, and boisterous or other improper conduct will not be tolerated.
- The aisle and all emergency accesses of the bus must always be kept clear.
- Leaving waste or other rubbish on the floor or throwing it from the windows of the bus is not permitted.
- Extending arms or head out of the bus windows is extremely dangerous and is not permitted.
- Only eligible riders will be allowed access to their assigned school bus and will disembark at their designated school or regular bus stop only. Elementary students wishing to disembark at an undesignated bus stop (i.e. play date) must have a note signed by a parent/guardian.
- Students should be at the bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled pick-up time; the bus will not wait for those who are late.
- Students must stay in bus loading zones while waiting and will load and unload the bus in an orderly manner.
- After getting off the bus, Students are not to walk or stand near or beside the bus. Crossing the road must be done in front of the bus and when crossing, Students need to watch for vehicles not stopping and be prepared to avoid vehicles. Students should not use cellular phones or headphones/electronic devices during the loading or unloading process. Crossing behind the bus is not permitted.
- If the bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of the scheduled time students should return home.
- Any instances of bullying or inappropriate behaviour should be reported to the bus driver.
- Damage to the bus or equipment should be reported to the driver.
- Students are not allowed to sit in the driver's seat or touch any switches or controls of the bus.
- Students may not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to anyone else on the bus.
- Student cell phone use for pictures/videos, music, lighting, or any other use that may be distracting to the bus driver is not permitted on the bus. Music with inappropriate content is not permitted on the school bus.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dave Provost at the bus garage. 250 720 2772