



ÉCOLE POIRIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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École Poirier Elementary School Newsletter

Hello Families!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our **Annual Open House** to meet your child's new classroom teacher and other staff.

We are having our **School Terry Fox Run** on Friday, September 25th and are encouraging everyone to donate a "Twoonie for Terry" and cancer research. Ms. Ives, and possibly Mr. Thomas, have agreed to publicly have a few students throw whipped cream pies in our faces. This will happen at an assembly, after the Terry Fox Run, if École Poirier together raises over \$800. Since we have almost 400 students and over 65 staff members, I am sure we can do it. Let's go Poirier!!

Peer Helpers is also starting this coming week and the grade 5's are super exciting to be helping out. Training will take place on October 9th with our new counsellor, Mrs. Kyla Blacoe.

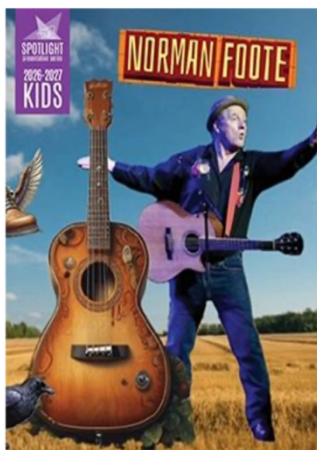
Verification Forms came home this week (Blue form). The first class to return all the forms filled out, wins a pizza party for their class! Get those forms in please.

Shake a Leg, Poirier!

Vancouver based singer/songwriter Norman Foote will be joining our Poirier Black Bears again this year for two exciting concerts! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 14th. The afternoon performance will be in our gym at 1:15pm, and the evening concert will be on the stage at the EMCS Theatre at 6:30pm.

Here's a link to Norman Foote's Bandcamp site where families can access his music for free.

<https://normanfoote.bandcamp.com/album/im-a-book-15-songs>



"THE BEAR"

September 21st to 25th, 2026

This Week:

Monday – Sept. 21st	Non-Instructional Day (District-Wide School Indigenous Learning Day) – no school
Tuesday – Sept. 22nd	Pride Club – noon in Rm 1151 (Grade 4 and 5)
Wednesday – Sept. 23rd	Choir Practice – noon in Music Room (Grade 2 to 5)
Thursday – Sept. 24th	
Friday – Sept. 25th	Dance Club – noon in gym (Grade 3 to 5) School Terry Fox Run - 1:15 pm – families welcome to participate if you would like to.

September and October:

28 Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)

29 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm

29 Orange Shirt Day – wear an orange shirt if you have one.

30 National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – No School

1 PAC HOT Lunch – more details to come

1 Cross Country Fun Runs 3:30 to 4:15pm

2 Capital Bike Workshops for some classes

5 World Teacher Day

8 Cross Country Fun Runs 3:30 to 4:15pm

12 Thanksgiving Day – No School

14 Norman Foote Concerts – 1:15pm (Poirier) and 6:30pm (EMCS)

15 Great BC Shake Out EARTHQUAKE Drill @ 10:15am (we will do ours at 10:05am because of recess)

19 Whole School Assembly 10:40pm (gym)

23 Pro D - Non-Instructional Day

27 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm

29 PAC HOT Lunch – more details to come

30 Halloween – Orange & Black Day or Costumes

The Poirier Choir will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, September 23rd. Students in grades 2-5 who love to sing are welcome to join choir. We practise each Wednesday in the Music Room, and will be preparing to perform at the Remembrance Day assembly in November.

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES:

ON THE PLAYGROUND:

Please **do not bring your dog** on the school grounds during the school day as per the school district policy.

Please **DO NOT park along the sidewalks that are painted with red**. This lane way is for Daycare vans and buses as well as our School Buses. Please Park in the parent parking area or in the neighborhood and walk onto the school grounds to pick up your child. Make a meeting spot for you and your child after school so that you can locate each other. If all else fails, come to the office please for assistance.

Bikes and scooters, or anything with wheels need to be walked on the playground for safety please. It is important that if your child is riding to school, they must be wearing a helmet. Thank you

BELL SCHEDULE

School Starts at 8:50am (bell at 8:47am)

Recess is at 10:20 to 10:35am

Lunch is at 12:05 to 12:47pm

School Ends at 2:40pm

Please pick your child up on time as our staff is not available to provide daycare, unless you are enrolled in the “École Poirier Out of School Care Program”. If you cannot pick your child up on time, please plan for someone else to care for your child at the end of the school day. Children should not be left after school to play on the playground unless an adult is there supervising. Our “Out of School Care Program” uses the playground after school for their programming. Thank you for your attention to this matter it is greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL RULES:

Please remind your child **not to bring toys or other sports equipment from home** to school unless it is requested by the classroom teacher.

Electronics and cell phones should also stay at home as well. If your child does bring a cell phone, watch or other electronic means of communication to school, it should remain in their backpack until the end of the day, or be given to the teacher for safe keeping. No student cell phones should be visible while on school grounds. Thank you for your continued help with this policy.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

If your child is going to be away from school, it is important to email poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca and let your child's teacher know as a kind gesture.

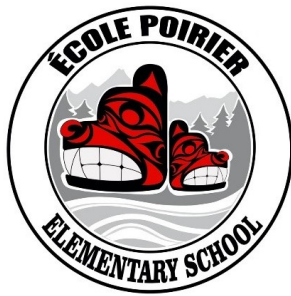
If you plan to pick up your child early for an appointment, please email poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca or let your child's teacher know well in advance. Please only call the school for emergencies or when plans have changed unexpectedly. Thank you for your understanding.

New initiative this year - “Pack It In, Pack It Out.”

We are encouraging students to take home what they bring to school each day, particularly any garbage or packaging from their lunches and snacks. Our goal is to reduce the amount of waste we produce and help create a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone. This initiative is also a way for us to show appreciation for our wonderful custodians, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our school clean, safe, and welcoming. We appreciate all that they do for our students and staff each and every day! When packing lunches, please use reusable containers whenever possible and encourage your child to bring home any garbage or packaging.

Photos in School Newsletters “THE BEAR”

I like to include photos of events and classroom happenings throughout the school year in this email which comes out once per week for families and staff only. Please let me know if you prefer that your child's face be covered up if they happen to appear in a group shot or if you prefer not to have your child included in the newsletter at all. My email is vives@sd62.bc.ca Thank you for letting me know.



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Does your child have Indigenous Ancestry?

If you haven't self-identified your child,
please contact your school's office

- Indigenous Culture and Language Awareness Programs
- Academic in-class support provided by NA'TSA'MAHT Indigenous Education Staff
- Role Models, Elders & Cultural Learning in the classroom
- NA'TSA'MAHT Classroom Program Assistants & Teachers
- NA'TSA'MAHT Student & Family Advocate
- Land-based events & Indigenous Grad celebration
- **Documentation or Status Card NOT required.**

First Nations
Métis
Inuit
Status or
Non-Status

for assistance, you can phone the
SD62 NA'TSA'MAHT Office at
250-474-9833

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please visit the online consent portal at <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca> to provide and/or review consents for your child(ren). This must be completed every year. Thank you in advance.

Consents include:

- Indigenous Self-Identification
- General Consent for local/walking field trips
- Google Apps for Education (G Suite)
- Internet Access
- Media release
- KEV School Cash Online