



Welcome Back

Welcome to the new school year. We have been in attendance a month and many exciting events have already happened. We started the year with welcoming some new staff- Ms. Schwartz will be teaching Grade 1/2, Ms. Grieve will be teaching Grade ¾ and Ms. Doyle will be teaching Grade 3. Ms. Elvedahl has been teaching our Music/Fine Arts classes but will heading onto a maternity leave and Ms. Longphee will be back to take her place as our Music Teacher until Ms. Elvedahl returns next year. We have also welcomed few new students in Grades 1-5 and of course all of our new Kindergarten students! Welcome to each of you. We are now completely full at 488 students- one big caring, dynamic, enthusiastic and beautiful learning community. During the first month we have moved into our new classrooms, connected with old friends, met new friends, shared our classrooms with our families at the Meet the Staff event, ran in the Terry Fox Run, engaged in gardening classes and peer helper training, as well as all of the incredible classroom activities facilitated by our teachers. Stay tuned for the next events planned at PEXSISEN! I will send a newsletter out once a month but you can also check out our website for dates and upcoming events.



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

SEPT 30

On September 29, we will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Staff and students are welcome to wear orange shirts for this important day. In the afternoon, we will come together as a school community and gather in a circle on the field. Some of our Grade 5 students will share a story, followed by an opportunity for students to reflect and share their thoughts. One of our classes will also lead us in drumming and song as we learn, reflect, and honour this important day together. As a community, we are grateful for the opportunity to come together in a spirit of respect, listening, and learning. Through sharing stories and experiences, we continue to strengthen our understanding of one another and our commitment to reconciliation.

As we start the new year, there are some important tasks that need to be completed by parents.

Please make sure that you complete consents. The link to these consents are found on our school website - web.sd62.bc.ca/pexsisen -under the parent tab. It is also important that you sign-in to the Myed Parent Portal, as your child's formal learning updates will be posted in this portal in December.

Before October 6th, your child's teacher will be letting you know how and when you will receive the first informal learning updates of the year. Your child's teacher will let you know if the updates will be by email, phone or in person.

QUICK REMINDERS

- Please return Emergency Release Forms to school by Oct. 9th.
- Supervision starts at 8:10 in the morning.
- Supervision at the loop at end of day, ends at 3:00. Please feel free to wait until after 2:45 to arrive at the pick up loop. It is smooth sailing after 2:45.
- If your child is being picked up by a Centre Mountain Lellum sibling, your child needs to wait at the picnic tables in under cover area with our supervisors.
- Dogs are not allowed on property during school hours.
- Smart Phones and Watches need to stay in backpacks during school hours.

Please remember to email teachers about absences. However, if there is a same day emergency change in pickup or schedule, please contact the office and speak to a person as teachers often do not check email during the day because they are teaching.

3 Great Resources for Families

- Code of Conduct- <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/resources/elementary-school-code-conduct>
- Parent Handbook <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/resources/parent-handbook>
- Use of Digital Devices <https://www.sd62.bc.ca/parents-students/personal-digital-devices>

SAVE THE DATE!

PAC SPONSORED DANCE

Nov. 19th at Centre Mountain Lellum

More information to come

NEXT PAC MEETING

OCT. 13TH at 6:30 in the Library

Check out the PAC Website for information about Spirit Wear, Hot Lunch and other great opportunities to be part of your school.
www.pexsisenpac.ca

FUTURE EVENTS

- Oct. 1st- Photo Day
- Oct. 2nd - Hold and Secure Drill
- Oct. 8th - Cross Country Run
- Oct. 12th- Thanksgiving Day- no school
- Oct. 13th- PAC Meeting
- Oct. 15th - Great Shakeout Drill
- Oct. 21st- Photo Retakes
- Oct. 23rd- Non-instructional Day
- Oct. 30th- Halloween Activities

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Students and staff are welcome to dress up for the festivities- either in a costume, in orange and black, or the choice of clothing that makes you most comfortable. Please ensure that costumes are appropriate to an elementary school. Please remember masks, items that resemble weapons of any kind, scary or gruesome make up and clown costumes are NOT ALLOWED. Please do not send candy to share with your child. We will have a costume parade in the morning in the gym for students and staff.

Thank you for helping us keep this day fun, safe and age appropriate.

