



The Lakers Loop

Pinantan Lake Elementary's School Newsletter November 2019

Principal Ponderings

As you may have noticed, the weather has gotten just a little on the cool side. Please make sure your children come prepared for being outside in the colder temperatures. Students will be outside playing at recess and lunch. If your child walks to and from school, they also need to be dressed warm.

We are also noticing a few children coming to school well before the 8:20 AM bell when students are allowed to enter the school. We have no outside supervision prior to that time. Please be mindful of our start times.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) News

Greetings from the PAC! A few important things to note. Mid month PAC will be sending home order forms for Pinantan Elementary School pride wear. Order forms will consist of (but not limited to) toques, sweatshirts, and long sleeve shirts. The orders will arrive well in time for Christmas, and will make great gifts

for family members or to treat yourselves. This will be a fundraiser opportunity, with proceeds going to continued playground upgrades, and various fun activities for the kids. Please show your support and show your pride for Pinantan! Forms will be sent home with the students in the next few weeks.

Due to the timing of September's Terry Fox run and Halloween day pizza lunch, PAC has not had the opportunity to offer a paid, optional hot lunch day yet this school year. November 29th (the last Friday of the month) will be a purchased hot lunch/ dress up day for the students. Forms for lunch options, and details on the dress up theme will go out mid month and will be posted online to the Pinantan Elementary parents Facebook page as well.

Bottle drive update: A big thank you to all parents, students, and community members who came out to help! The biggest of thanks as well to Ezzy moving company, for the use of their moving truck to transport our bottles to the depot all in one trip! We eagerly await our totals from this well supported community fundraiser, and will release totals when we are made aware of them.

Playground update: PAC is excited to release that our new playground has successfully been delivered to the SD73 maintenance yard, and is on track to be installed Spring 2020. We look so forward to installation! Spring cannot come soon enough this year 😊

Sincerely

Pinantan Elementary PAC Chairperson

Nikki Williams

Bell Schedule

- 8:20 Doors open for students
- 8:30 Classes begin
- 10:20 Recess (please note change of time)
- 10:35 Classes resume
- 12:00 Lunch time activities begin
- 12:35 Eating time
- 1:00 Classes resume
- 2:30 Dismissal

Remembrance Day Assembly

This year our Remembrance Day assembly will be held at 10:45 AM on Friday, November 8, in the school gymnasium.

Please join the students and staff as we remember the brave individuals who were and continue to be, instrumental in our country's freedom. Lest we forget!

Parent-Child Mother Goose Program

Once again this year we will be hosting sessions of Parent-Child Mother Goose with facilitator Alison Rochon. She will be providing an hour of rhymes, songs, and stories with your children ages birth to five year olds. You will learn ways to encourage language development, learn about community resources while meeting other parents from the community.

Student Voice

Here is a sample of learning from Layla who is comparing and ordering numbers.

NS3-9: Comparing and Ordering Numbers *LAYLA* page

1. Write the value of each digit. Then complete the sentence.

a) $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 3 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 4 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 6 & 4 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 5 & 4 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$

$\underline{30}$ $\underline{40}$ $\underline{600}$ $\underline{500}$

_____ is greater than _____ is greater than _____

2. Circle the pair of digits that are different in each pair of numbers. Then write the greater number in the box.

a) $\begin{array}{l} 475 \\ 465 \end{array}$ b) $\begin{array}{l} 360 \\ 260 \end{array}$ c) $\begin{array}{l} 852 \\ 858 \end{array}$ d) $\begin{array}{l} 136 \\ 126 \end{array}$

$\underline{475}$ $\underline{360}$ $\underline{852}$ $\underline{130}$

3. Read the numbers from left to right. Circle the first pair of digits you find that are different. Then write the greater number in the box.

a) $\begin{array}{l} 583 \\ 597 \end{array}$ b) $\begin{array}{l} 629 \\ 654 \end{array}$ c) $\begin{array}{l} 576 \\ 603 \end{array}$ d) $\begin{array}{l} 432 \\ 431 \end{array}$

$\underline{597}$ $\underline{654}$ $\underline{576}$ $\underline{432}$

e) $\begin{array}{l} 384 \\ 597 \end{array}$ f) $\begin{array}{l} 906 \\ 904 \end{array}$ g) $\begin{array}{l} 875 \\ 869 \end{array}$ h) $\begin{array}{l} 238 \\ 221 \end{array}$

$\underline{597}$ $\underline{906}$ $\underline{875}$ $\underline{238}$

4. Circle the greater number.

a) 111 or 311 b) 625 or 525 c) 321 or 721
 d) 843 or 867 e) 480 or 412 f) 219 or 220
 g) 125 or 122 h) 854 or 859 i) 336 or 330

5. a) Sindi earns \$18 an hour. Bianca earns \$13 an hour. Who earns more?
Sindi

b) Anthony's grandfather is 83. Nita's grandfather is 81. Whose grandfather is older?
Anthony

Jump math
 Number Sense 1

Students working in Miss Hunter's class.



Come Read with Me

On Thursday, November 14 Pinantan Elementary will be holding a special event for parents of children in Kindergarten - grade 2.

The purpose of this session is to provide parents the opportunity to learn some simple, positive, reading strategies to use with your children at home. This is an opportunity you will not want to miss.

So, stay tuned for further information in the days to come. Plan to book Come Read with Me on your events calendar, now.

Snack Shack

Once again this year we are offering Snack Shack to students. Students in the Gr. 5/6/7 class sell tasty snacks (cheese, crackers, cookies, pepperoni sticks, juice, etc. for a very reasonable price. These snacks will be sold in the lunchroom at lunch time. Most items can be purchased for \$1.00.

The Snack Shack snacks are not intended to replace those healthy lunches that you send so please continue to send those yummy recess snacks and lunches.

Sports/Athletics

Volleyball

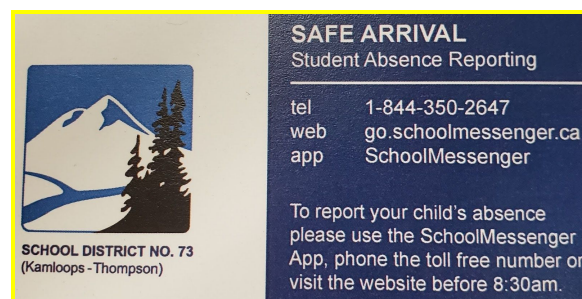
For the first time in several years there has been enough interest from students in order to have a school volleyball team. Nearly twenty boys and girls in grades 5-7 make up the team. Parent coaches Nicole and Jeremia Huxley are doing a wonderful job of teaching new skills

while allowing the players to have a great deal of fun. The growth we have seen from everyone on the team has been awesome to see.

Our Lakers have participated in two sets of games and are certainly holding their own.

Keep up the great effort Lakers!

Safe Arrival



The sign features a logo on the left depicting a mountain, a river, and evergreen trees. Below the logo, it reads "SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops - Thompson)". To the right of the logo, the text "SAFE ARRIVAL Student Absence Reporting" is displayed in white on a dark blue background. Below this, contact information is listed: "tel 1-844-350-2647", "web go.schoolmessenger.ca", and "app SchoolMessenger". At the bottom, a message states: "To report your child's absence please use the SchoolMessenger App, phone the toll free number or visit the website before 8:30am."

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school's office.

Let's keep our children safe and accounted for, together.

Attendance & Punctuation

It is imperative that students arrive to school on time and on a consistent basis in order for them to have social time with their friends and prepare for the start of the day. Being late even a couple of minutes puts them behind and off to a bad start. Please help your child by having them here and on time.

Drop-off & Pick-up Areas

Parents, please do your part in keeping all students safe by adhering to the school speed zones and by picking your children up in the lower parking lot. Please also be careful in the parking lot as it only takes a moment for a child to dart behind you as you back out. None of us want a tragedy to occur.

Toys at School

Every year, in every school, personal items/toys go missing for various reasons.

We are seeing a rise in the number of toys coming to school with students. We ask that students keep personal items at home in order to avoid this problem. If items are brought for Show and Tell or other classroom events, please make sure they are secured by the classroom teacher or in your locked lockers.

Scent Considerate School

Please be mindful that we are a scent considerate school as per SD73 Policy 1006.5. The Board of Education recognizes the need for a safe working environment for all employees and students. This includes the provision of a scent considerate environment. Scented products may cause severe and/or life threatening allergic reactions in some individuals.

How to Prevent Head Lice

Check your child's head every week for head lice and teach your child not to share hats, hair accessories, scarves, helmets, combs/brushes,

etc. If you would like more information on head lice and treatment, please go to www.interiorhealth.ca

BC Fruits and Veggies Program



Again this year the BC Fruits and Veggies program will be provided. The program provides various fruits and veggies to our school so that students can sample, perhaps, something new that they might like. The program is not intended to be a substitute for lunches coming from home. So please continue to send those nutritious lunches.

School Supplies and Fees

School District 73 offers a school supply program. By paying a one-time fee, students will be provided with the supplies they need for the entire year. We encourage you to opt for this program as we get the supplies at a reduced rate. The supplies fees are due by September 30th. A form with the breakdown of costs per grade was sent home in the package of forms the first week of school. Cheques for school supplies and fees can be made out to Pinantan Elem. and returned to the office and Mrs. Matthews.

Tips for Positive Communication with your Child's Teacher

concerns they may have, it is imperative that you also contact the teacher with any questions or concerns that you may have. Regular communication keeps everyone on the same page.

While our teaching staff will be in contact with you about your child's progress or any

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 -2:30 Volleyball Practice	5	6 -9:00-10:00 Mother Goose -3:00 Lakers Volleyball Games at Bert Edwards Elem.	7	8 -10:45 - Remembrance Day Assembly
11 No School Remembrance Day	12 -2:30 volleyball practice	13 -9:00-10:00 Mother Goose -3:00 Lakers Volleyball games at Lloyd George Elem.	14 -8:15-10:00 Come Read with Me	15
18 4:30 PAC Meeting	19	20 -9:00-10:00 Mother Goose -Bookmobile	21	22
25	26	27 -9:00-10:00 Last week for Mother Goose	28 -Report Cards arrive home	29

Other important dates to keep in mind:

-November 3: Daylight Savings Time

-November 8: 10:45 Remembrance Day Assembly (the entire school community is welcome to join us)

-November 11: Remembrance Day (No School)

-November 14: Come Read with Me

-November 28: Report Cards go home

-December 2: non-Instructional Day (No School); Staff Learning

-December 19: Christmas Concert, Raffle and Dinner starting at 5:00 PM

-December 23-January 3: Christmas Break

-January 6: School Reopens

-February 7: non-Instructional Day (No School)

-February 14: Valentine's Day

-February 17: BC Family Day (No School)

-March 8: Daylight Savings Time

-March 12: Report Cards go home

-March 16-20: Spring Break

-April 7: day of Secwentwec

-April 10 Good Friday (No School)

-April 13 Easter Monday (No School)

-April 27 non-Instructional Day (No School)

-May 15 non-Instructional Day (No School)

-May 18 Victoria Day (No School)

-June 25 Last Day for students; Assembly at 10:45 AM; Report Cards go home