

Summit Elementary School

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Dear parents and caregivers,

Hi everyone. I hope you and your family are staying warm and happy in this season when the weather cools and we prepare to enter winter. I want to acknowledge that our school and community reside on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people! At the school we have been busy getting to know our new students, writing educational plans, planning for Halloween and Remembrance Day coming up, and working toward deepening our relationship with our parents and community.

Throughout the month of November, I will be reaching out to many of our Indigenous families. As the school leader I'd love to develop deeper relationships and understanding so that we can work more effectively toward Truth and Reconciliation. At these meetings I'll be asking for honest and constructive feedback for how our school can lead the way to a more equitable future.

I again want to thank the Summit community for being active, understanding, and inclusive! It's a pleasure to work alongside such people as we build the future of our nation for our children.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder that this Friday is a Professional Development Day – no classes! This Pro-D is the one day a year where teachers are encouraged to follow their own passions by attending a local or provincial session of choice. I'll be engaging in a workshop learning more about how to develop more executive function skills (aka life organization skills) in adolescents with autism.

COVID REPORTING

As things continue to change around our disease management procedures, I wanted to remind the parent community that all communication about COVID exposures, contacts, outbreaks, etc, comes directly from Interior Health. While some families may reach out and choose to share their COVID status with the school, we will not be sharing this information with our school community. Staff are not permitted to share this information as per the privacy laws surrounding medical information. Thanks for being patient in this – we understand it takes a toll on the trust of the school.

COLD WEATHER

Thanks to the PAC for organizing the WINTER CLOTHING DROP OFF bin at the front of our school! If you have good condition used winter clothing that you're looking to rehome, please consider us! As the weather cools, please send your child to school with appropriate hat, gloves, and warm clothing. If you are looking for any items for your child, please consider contacting us as we love using our stash of clean used winter clothes to give to kids who need them! As the snow comes, please remember to bring boots and to clean them at the door to keep our school clean and safe inside!

PAC MEETINGS

Occur monthly on zoom at this link: <https://ca01web.zoom.us/j/64683812336>

The PAC are really busy at the moment with multiple fundraisers and volunteer opportunities.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

This year we will be holding a costume parade for the whole school on the afternoon of October 29th. This will take place in the roundabout at the front of the school, with music and dancing! Each class will have a turn to show off their costumes.

As well, thanks to the PAC, many classrooms will get a pumpkin to carve (or decorate) earlier in the week. Please remember that the school rules around costumes are that they are not to include weapons or masks that obscure the eyes. Please limit the candy that students bring to school to one or two pieces!

LOST AND FOUND

See anything that belongs to your family? Check out a colour copy of this newsletter on our website at summit.sd73.bc.ca



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 22nd	Professional Development Day – no school
Monday, October 25th	Pumpkins arrive from the farm in Chase
Friday, October 29th	Costume parade in the afternoon
Monday, November 1st	Photo RETAKES and PAC Pumpkin Pickup
Tuesday, November 2nd	Staff meeting
Wednesday, November 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:45 AM)
Thursday, November 11th	Remembrance Day – no school
Friday, November 12th	Assistant Superintendent visit

Sincerely,

Justin deVries, Principal