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Principal's Message

As the calendar has flipped to November, the cold, wet weather has arrived in earnest. It is at this time that school staff see students heading out for recess and lunch breaks in t-shirts or arriving to school in the morning without jackets. Please be sure to remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather, whether it be cold or wet. Students are expected to go outside on most days, unless there is extreme cold weather (-12 celsius or colder) or we are experiencing heavy rainfall.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Reilly".

Grant Reilly

PAC News

Halloween Family Dance

A huge thank you to PAC for putting on a wonderful Halloween Family Dance. There was a fantastic turnout with lots of families in attendance enjoying the music and the chance to dress up in costumes.

Next PAC Meeting

November's PAC meeting is scheduled for next Monday, November 7th at 6:30 in the Arthur Stevenson Library. As always, childminding is available.

PAC Craft Fair

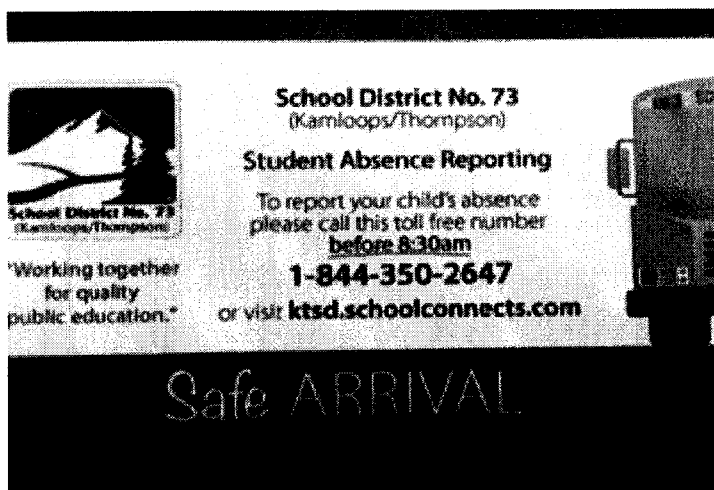
A reminder that the PAC Craft Fair is coming soon! The Craft Fair will take place in our school's gym on Saturday, November 12th starting at 9 am and running until 2 pm. The Craft Fair is a great place to start (or finish depending on how organized you are) your holiday shopping.

Lost and Found

Two months into the school year and our school's lost and found racks are full. If your child is missing an article of clothing, please take the time to come in with your child and look over the lost and found collection. If you are looking for a way to keep better track of your child's clothing, you may want to look into Mabel's Labels, which is a PAC fundraiser. There is more information about Mabel's Labels on the lost and found racks.

Safe Arrival System

By now families should have received an email from the Safe Arrival system with instructions for how to verify your account and how to report your child's absence (If you have not received this email, please inform either Mr. Reilly or Mrs. Scharien at the school). As well, an information letter with the Safe Arrival card was sent home to all families. We have some extra cards in the office, so please contact Mrs. Scharien if you need another card.



Healthy Eating

I can't believe how much candy my daughter routinely comes home with every Halloween. Unfortunately for both her and I, her Halloween candy ends up becoming our Halloween candy, which doesn't help my goal for living a healthy lifestyle. Please support the school's work around healthy eating by ensuring your child does not bring Halloween candy to school. Many children experience natural peaks and valleys in the school day, and extra sugar can exacerbate these waves of emotions.

Picture Retakes

Student picture proofs should arrive in the next two weeks from last Thursday's student pictures. If you would like your child to have retakes, or your child missed the first picture day, please note that the photographers will be back on Friday, November 18th for picture retakes in the afternoon.

Assessment and Reporting

The Ministry of Education is seeking information from parents regarding possible changes to student report cards. The Ministry of Education wants parents to share how they want to learn about their child's progress from Kindergarten to Grade 9. To help facilitate this conversation, there is a community meeting on Monday, January 30th from 5pm to 8pm at the Henry Grube Education Centre. For more information you can visit: engage.gov.bc.ca/yourkidsprogress/

You Can Count on Me

On Wednesday, November 23 our Kindergarten students and their families will have the opportunity to participate in the "You Can Count on Me" program offered by our district. The purpose of this parent/child session is to give parents the opportunity to learn some simple, positive strategies to help their children with math at home. Parents will have the opportunity to practise the strategies with their child at school before leaving. More information will be coming home soon from Mrs. Head and Mrs. Sorensen.

Lunch Hour Activities

Although school staff expect all of our students to go outside during breaks to breathe in some fresh air and to reinvigorate themselves with some exercise, we realize that during the cold winter months in January and February students are looking for activities to do inside the building. Unfortunately we don't have the staffing to provide activities for all of 300+ kids during these breaks. To try and provide more alternatives for our students, the school is looking for parents who may be willing to volunteer their time during a lunch hour or two or more during these cold months. If you are available and interested in possibly volunteering your time, please contact Mr. Reilly via email, greilly@sd73.bc.ca.

Upcoming Events

- November 3 - Grade 7 Leadership Students Me to We with Mr. Scott
- November 7 - PAC Meeting @ 6:30 in ASES Library
- November 8 - Blazers Visit/Jersey Day - Wear Your Favorite Jersey
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9 am
- November 11 - Remembrance Day Holiday - School Closed
- November 12 - Arthur Stevenson Craft Fair (9am - 2pm) in our Gym
- November 14 - Grade 6 Immunizations
- November 15 - City of Kamloops (Grasslands Blvd Mtg) @ 4-8 pm in Library
- November 18 - Picture Retakes (pm)
- November 18 - Sorensen/Head Skating
- November 23 - You Can Count on Me (am)
- November 24 - Recognition Assembly @ 8:45
- November 25 - Simpson/Kovacs/Sorensen Skating
- December 2 - Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- December 2 - Scott/Styles/Day Skating
- December 5 - Non-Instructional Day (No School for Students)

