

Sayward School News



January 2025



Welcome Back, Sayward School Community!

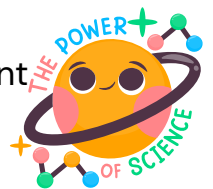
We hope everyone had an excellent holiday season filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends. As we step into the new year, our staff is excited to welcome students back and dive into another fantastic season of learning and growth.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Back to School



- **January 6th**~ First day back! We look forward to seeing everyone after a well deserved break.
- Professional Development Day: Mark your calendars for **January 17th**! This day is dedicated to professional development for our staff, which means there will be no classes for students. We appreciate your understanding as we use this time to enhance our teaching skills and strategies.
- Science World Visit: We are thrilled to announce that Science World will be visiting our school for two days at the end of the month, on **January 30th and 31st**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in hands-on science activities and explore the wonders of the scientific world. We can't wait to see the excitement and curiosity this event will spark!



We look forward to seeing all our students back in the classrooms, ready to learn and explore new ideas.

Reminders:



As the weather changes, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the conditions. It's important for students to have:

- **Weather-appropriate clothing:** Warm coats, hats, gloves, and waterproof boots for colder days.
- **Spare clothing:** A set of extra clothes in their backpacks for any emergencies or unexpected weather changes.



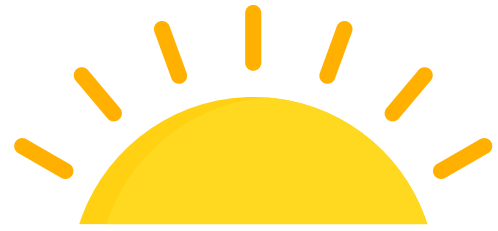
Thank you!



Food Allergies at School:

Sayward School is a **NO KIWI** zone!

Please **DO NOT** send kiwi in your child's lunch as our admin is VERY allergic. This is an airborne allergy that affects her airway even from down the hallway. Thank you for understanding.



DID YOU KNOW?

Download our parent portal app or check it out on your desktop for electronic notifications from the school and district!

parentportal.sd72.bc.ca

Appreciation Station!

To our wonderful volunteers,

We want to extend our deepest gratitude for your incredible support during our Winter Concert Concession and School Community Potluck. Your dedication and hard work made these events truly special and successful.

A special thank you to Debbie, Julie, Molly, and our amazing student volunteers who helped cook, clean, set up and take down tables and chairs, and made everyone feel welcome. Your efforts and kindness are what make our school community so welcoming and vibrant.

We truly appreciate you all wholeheartedly.



How to Get Involved

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact our school office at **250-282-3314** or email us at **Sayward @sd72.bc.ca**. Your time and effort will make a significant difference in the lives of our students and the success of our school programs.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Together, we can make a positive impact!

PAC Meeting Schedule

January 13th 245pm Monday
February 13th 245pm Thursday
March 10th 245pm Monday
April 7th 245pm Monday
May 8th 4pm Thursday
June 9th AGM 5pm
In the school Library



Dear Sayward Elementary School Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that your holiday season was filled with joy and relaxation. As we embark on a new year, I am excited for the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead for our students and school community.

January marks the beginning of a new term, and with it, a renewed focus on academic goals, personal growth, and community building. Our students have shown remarkable determination and resilience, and I am proud of the strides they have made so far.

This month, we continue to emphasize the importance of respect for diversity and inclusion in our school. Our Circle of Courage © assemblies will start this month with the focus of Developing a Sense of Belonging. The date for this assembly will be coming out soon but look for it closer to the end of the month. Focusing on the elements in the Circle of Courage © helps the students and staff engage in meaningful discussions to enhance our understanding and appreciation of different cultures and identities.

We also encourage families to stay connected and involved in their children's education. Your support and engagement are crucial to their success. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to contribute to our vibrant school community.

As always, my door is open for any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. Together, we can make this year a fantastic one for our students.

Warm regards,
Christine Middleton
Principal, Sayward Elementary School



Eagle



Orca



Raven



Beaver



Salmon



Butterfly