

Sayward School News

November issue 2023



Events this month:

1st~ Student led conference
day

9th~ PAC meeting 245pm in
library

13th~ Remembrance Day
Holiday-NO SCHOOL

18th~BINGO by PAC 1-4pm
school gym



Oh Hello November!

We hope you all had a great Halloween! This month brings us a calmer environment full of learning and levelling up those reading skills.

November 1st is student led conference day! We are using the handy dandy school appointment website again to secure the timeslot that best fits your schedule. The link can be found in your email, on the left of this page and in the PAC facebook group. Please let your child's teacher know if you need to arrange for another day/time.

Student Led Conference link:

<https://say.schoolappointments.com/>

If you have any trouble scheduling, please call the office 250-282-3314



Reminders

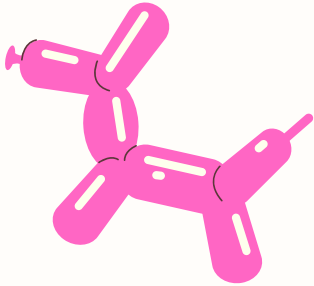
- Colder weather is upon us, please send students with weather appropriate clothing.
- Accidents happen and kids get messy; send in a change of clothes in case of emergency please.
- We LOVE how much our community utilizes the After school program! For safety reasons, please let us know when your child is attending ASP.





Birthday Corner!

Lucy!! November 30th



Holly Hill Farm Fun!

The first field trip of the school year was a full success! Thank you to everyone who helped in all ways. A great time was had by all!

We got to pet goats, horses, and a cow. We held baby chickens and ducks and the sweetest fluffy bunnies. And every student got to choose a pumpkin to take home. Thank you to our

incredible PAC for covering ALL costs of this field trip! We are so grateful to have such an amazing PAC!



Growing bodies need extra nutrition to learn at full capacity. We notice many students are eating through their entire lunch before lunchtime. Here's a quick short list of some filling (and nutritious) options to amp up those big eaters lunches:

- hard boiled egg-BIG fave!
- grapes/carrots/melon slices
- cheese and crackers

Big Trouble in Little Ears

Ear infections or middle ear fluid occur in nearly two-thirds of all children by the age of three years! Ear infections are the most common reason children see the doctor. Ear infections can lead to fluid behind the eardrum, leading to a temporary hearing loss. When the fluid is gone hearing usually goes back to normal. This can take up to three months. Frequent ear infections can cause difficulties with pronunciation, language and learning. If your child has an ear problem, be sure to let the teacher know. Ear problems can make it hard for your child to hear, listen and learn at school. If the hearing loss persists, contact a Public Health Unit Hearing Clinic to arrange a hearing test for your child. For more information: Your local Public Health Unit Hearing Clinic -Courtenay 250-331-8526





The Great Canadian Shake Out

This year we combined our Great Canadian Shake Out Drill with Fire Prevention Safety Week. What an exciting day it was! The day began with Sadie being picked up from home and driven to school in the Sayward Fire truck. Sadie was our honorary Fire Chief of the Day. She won this exciting title by having her name drawn from the bucket of entries that all students were eligible to earn by way of colouring contest (k-l students) and presenting a home fire escape plan (grade 2-6 students) . Just before recess, we started our drill. Our drill began with an earthquake drill, we all covered and counted to 60. Then the fire alarm sounded and our amazing school evacuated in less than 2 minutes! The volunteer fire department team was able to find and bandage up our honorary missing injured student fast and efficiently. What a great job done by all. Our morning was then spent learning about fire safety, topped with a pizza lunch. Then students got to split into their 'family groups' for an afternoon full of fire safety education and activities.

Another successful Fire Prevention Day in the books.





PAC news ~November

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Halloween Dance and BINGO!

PAC meetings 2023-2024

October 12 @ 5pm

November 9 @ 2:45pm

December 14 @ 2:45pm

January 18 @ 2:45pm

February 15 @ 2:45pm

Marxh 14 @ 2:45pm

April 18 @ 5pm

May 16 @ 2:45pm

June 13 @ 5pm AGM

**All meetings to
be held in the
school library**

**Join the PAC
group on
Facebook**

@saywardschoolpac



How to help

Volunteers are always welcome! Come to a meeting or join the group page on Facebook to see what and where you can help!

Hot lunch volunteers are ALWAYS welcome and encouraged! Please reach out to Caitlyn Vincent if you are interested! 250-850-9931

PAC is accepting donations for the annual Giant Stocking Raffle! Let them know if you would like to donate today!

Ph: 282-3314 email: saywardschoolpac@gmail.com

November Principal's Corner



After a wonderfully busy month of October, we are well settled into our school year. As a community we came together for a rainy but fun trip to Holly Hill Farms, we learned about salmon and how the hatchery in Campbell River works, and we celebrated Halloween and many, many small but important moments every day.

We continue to work on our goal of creating a safe and welcoming environment at our school and we have already come a long way. The students are responding in positive ways to the changes, and we are hearing them acknowledge mistakes as an opportunity to learn.

November 1 is Student Led Conference Day and I hope to see you here if it is at all possible. This is a great opportunity for your child to show off all their hard work! Please connect with your child's teacher if you need a different day to do this.

On November 10 we will have an assembly to honour Remembrance Day. Mr. Manson is taking the lead on this event and there will be more information sent home as the day draws closer.

I continue to love getting to know this beautiful area and all its wonders. I was truly awe-struck to arrive at the school one morning to see a large herd of Elk in our field - it was amazing!

As always, please feel free to pop if you have any questions, concerns, or an idea for our school. I am also available by email if that works better for you;

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