



Sandowne Newsletter

December 2025

Dear Families,

Wow! We can't believe it is already December! It must be true that time flies when you are having fun because we have had some fabulous (and fun) learning opportunities happening here at Sandowne.

As we near the end of the calendar year, it is a great time to look back and reflect on all the learning and activities that have been happening at our school over the past few months. November was a particularly busy and exciting month:

Science World Visit – Students were inspired by a hands-on experiments and interactive presentation that sparked curiosity and creativity.

Field Trips – Many classes ventured out into the community, connecting classroom learning with real-world experiences and nature.

Remembrance Day Assembly – Our school came together to honor and remember those who served, with thoughtful presentations and student-led reflections.

Chess Club – Students are invited to challenge themselves and each other, building strategic thinking and teamwork skills every Tuesday afternoon at lunch recess.

Leadership Opportunities – Many of our intermediate students have stepped up to take on leadership roles, showing initiative and responsibility in supporting school events.

Library Monthly Prize Draws – Reading continues to be celebrated and encouraged, with Intermediate students eagerly participating in our monthly chapter book challenge draw.

A Huge Thank You to Our PAC — We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for generously supporting our students in so many ways. Our PAC provides financial support for field trips, our school garden, cooking programs, special classroom supplies, playground equipment, and much more. In addition, the Winter Ball is a PAC-hosted event and has become a special holiday family tradition for our Sandowne community. We truly appreciate our amazing PAC and want you to know that they make a huge difference in making Sandowne a wonderful place to play and learn. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful group, please let us know. Everyone is welcome and your support would be appreciated.

We are now busy getting ready for our Christmas Concert which will be held on December 10th and will include both a morning and afternoon performance and we look forward to singing you into the holiday season.

As this is the last newsletter before our winter break, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our students and families a wonderful holiday season. Enjoy the family time and the splendor of the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmly,

Kelly Gage and Georgina Knox
Sandowne Elementary School

Dec. 4th & 5th

Winter Plant Sale
Pickup @ 2:15

December 5th

Knights Of
Columbus Hamper
Donation Deadline

December 5th

Fun Hair/Hat Day

December 10th

Winter Concert-
9am and 1pm

December 12th

Festive Dress-Up
Day

December 17th

Grade 5
Entrepreneur Fair

December 18th

PJ Day and Hot
Cocoa Day

December 18th

Learning Updates
Go Home

Dec. 20th-Jan 4th

Winter Break-
School Closed

Absences

We appreciate all the parents who are reporting absences in the morning. Thank you!
There are two ways to report an absence:

- 1) Phone **250-923-4248**
- 2) E-mail-**Sandowne@sd72.bc.ca**



It is important to give the following information:

Students Name
Date of Absence
Reason for Absence



Bell Schedule

8:25am-Welcome Bell

8:30-Class Begins

10:15-10:30-Recess

12-12:45-Lunch and Recess

2:15-Dismissal

Supervision Before and After School

For safety reasons, it is important to not have students dropped off before our supervision times.

Before School—8:10 until first bell

After School—2:15 until 2:30

Office Phone System

Our phone system does not show missed calls unless a voicemail is left. If you have a message that needs to be passed along, or if you would like a call back, please leave a message, or send an email to sandowne@sd72.bc.ca.

District Cell-Phone Use Policy

Cell phones and other personal digital devices are not allowed at school. If brought to school, they must be kept in the students' bag and can only be used with permission from the teacher or principal.

Sandowne Corkboard

Upper Parking Lot

Please do not use the upper parking lot during school hours. This is staff parking only. Thank you for your co-operation.



Sandowne Elementary
Sandowne PAC

Students Need To Have:

- A full change of clothing in their backpacks. We go outside to play everyday, rain or shine.
- A water bottle to keep hydrated.

Speed Zone and Crosswalk Use

All streets that surround our school have a speed limit of 30km/hr all year round. These streets include Serengeti, Superior, Sandowne, Niluht and Eland. We have received complaints of excessive speed by road users during after school pickup. Please be sure to obey the posted speed limits, as there are many students that walk home after school.

We have also noticed that some children are forgetting to use the crosswalks when walking to and from school. Please remind your children that they need to use the crosswalks when crossing the street.

Thank you for your help with this!

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Crazy Bread Day	3 Hot Lunch– iWok	4	5 Fun Hat/Hair Day Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	6
7	8	9 Crazy Bread Day	10 Hot Lunch- Katie's Rice Box Winter Concert	11	12 Dress-up Day Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	13
14	15	16	17 Hot Lunch- Hot Dogs Grade 5 Entrepreneur Fair	18 PJ Day & Hot Cocoa Delivery	19 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
WINTER BREAK-SCHOOL CLOSED						
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Holiday Hamper Drive

Sandowne's Pasta Challenge

This year we will be doing a class pasta challenge.

The class that brings in the most bags/boxes of pasta will win a spaghetti lunch for the entire class!

Donations are gratefully accepted until Friday
December 5th.

*Thank you for your support of the
Campbell River community!*

Please check the expiry dates!



SANDOWNE

WINTER CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

PERFORMANCES AT 9AM AND 1PM

PLEASE PLAN TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PERFORMANCE

Please choose one performance to attend. We respectfully ask that whichever concert time you choose, that you stay for the duration of the performance.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WINTER FUN DAYS

DECEMBER 5th – Fun Hat and Hair Day!



DECEMBER 10th – Winter Concert for families 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please join us for one of our shows as students share their winter performance with you!



DECEMBER 12th – Dress-up Day! Students are encouraged to dress in their favourite December outfit, as a winter animal or a holiday character! Let your style shine!



DECEMBER 17th – Entrepreneur Fair! Grade 5's have been busy crafting and will be selling their products in the gym on December 17th. Send your child with cash to buy some amazing products from their peers.



DECEMBER 18th – PJ day and Hot Cocoa delivery! Bring your own mug and wear your favourite cozy jammies or clothes.



SANDOWNE ENTREPRENEUR FAIR

SANDOWNE GYM
FAMILIES WELCOME TO SHOP
BETWEEN 10:45-11:45



WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 17
During
school hours

HANDMADE PRODUCTS, GIFT
IDEAS ALL MADE BY OUR GRADE
5 STUDENTS

EVERYTHING UNDER \$5.00

Surprise bags, candles, jewelry, key chains, bath products, tie-dye, art, greeting cards, slime, games and so much more

SANDOWNE ELEMENTARY

PAC

Who?

A Parent Advisory Council (PAC) consists of parents, guardians, and school staff who collaborate to ensure open communication between parents and the school.

Where?

Meetings are held in our school library

What?

The PAC meets regularly to offer input on issues like curriculum, policies, and school events.

Why?

The PAC advises the school principal and staff on parents' feedback, organizes activities and events, promotes parent involvement, and fosters communication between parents and the school. It also advocates for parents and students, and provides financial support for PAC goals.

When?

Meetings are once a month, on the second Wednesday evening of the month, with additional planning meetings if necessary.



Did you know...

Everyone in the family is welcome to join PAC. We have moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and older siblings participating.



Did you know...

The majority of parents engaged in PAC activities work full-time. Our goal is to accommodate everyone's schedules with flexibility.



Did you know...

Children are welcome at our meetings! If childcare is a concern for you, feel free to bring your kids along!

Did you know...

You don't need to show up for meetings to be part of PAC! We appreciate any help you can offer, whether it's volunteering at events, gathering donations, delivering hot lunches, or whatever else you can do. Your support makes a difference!



Contact Information



sandowneparentadvisory
council@gmail.com



Sandowne PAC

Got questions?
Please reach out!



ONGOING PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Boston Pizza

If you (or anyone you know) go to the
Campbell River Boston Pizza to eat in or
take out, write "sandowne" on the back
of the receipt and leave it with the server.
Boston Pizza will donate 10% of the food
total (before tax and tip) back to the
school!

Sandowne Elementary

ONGOING

Bottle Donation





PAC has an account at the Island Return It on 1580 Willow st. If you are bringing bottles in and would like to donate all or part of your money, please let the cashier know prior to the start of your order to put it in the Sandowne school PAC account. They are unable to add it to our account after it gets paid out.



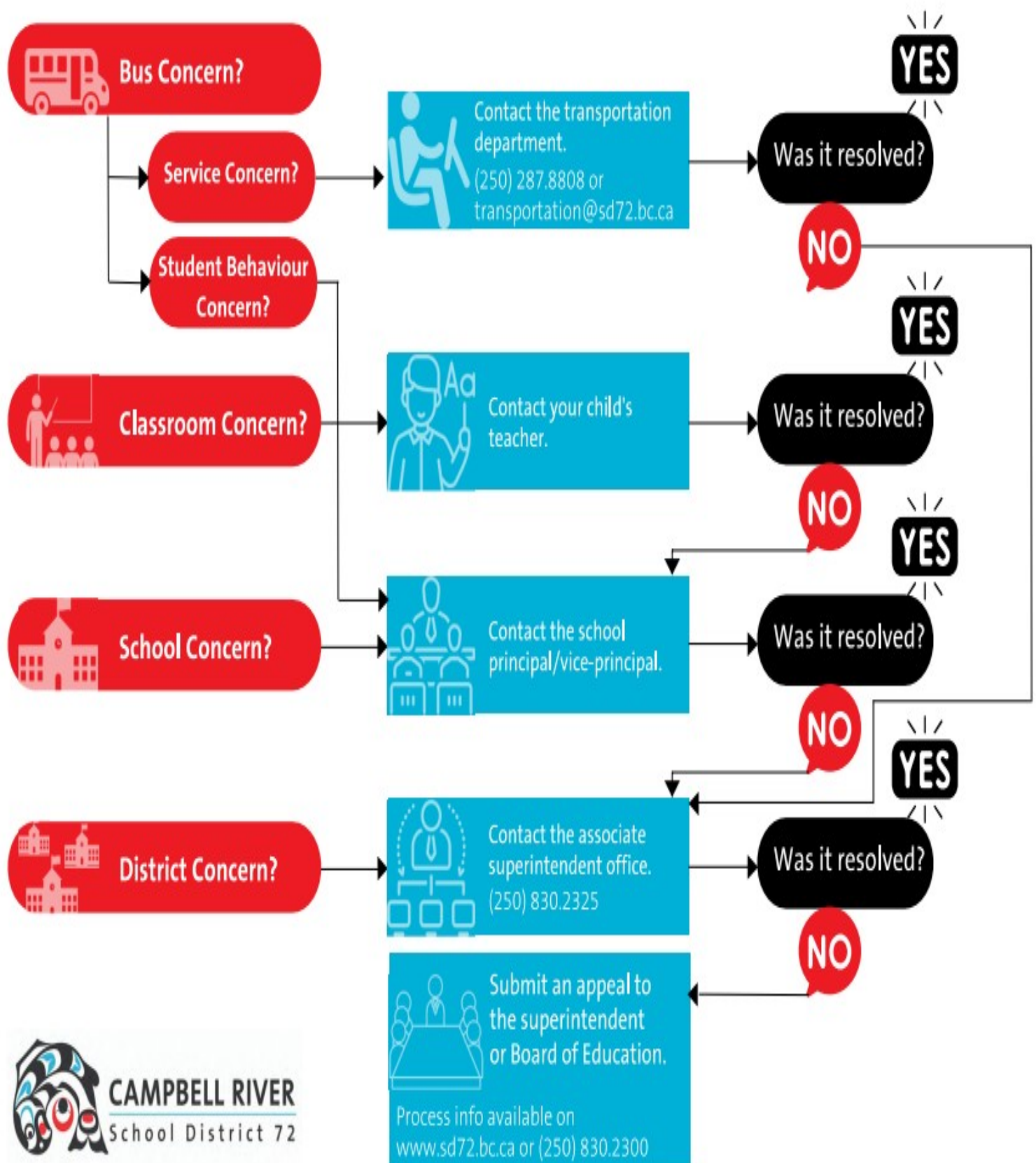


Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct

Working together, we create a safe and supportive learning environment for students and a work environment that is safe for staff. Parents, caregivers and any other visitors to our schools support a safe environment by ensuring communications and conduct at the school and at school activities are respectful.

<p>Communication</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use district communication process to address concerns – teacher first and if follow up is required then school administration. • Use respectful language whether in person or through email communication. • Respect staff time by accepting that they will respond to appropriate communication within a reasonable timeframe. • Seek to clarify your student's version of events with school staff in order to fully understand and have perspective. Seek a peaceful and reasonable solution to all issues. • Social media should not be used to voice complaints against the school or any staff member, parent/caregiver or student. This is no way to resolve an issue.
<p>Partnership</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to ensure your child attends school and reach out for support if needed. • Work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns. • Read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct with your student to help them understand and follow it.
<p>Conduct</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When coming to school please arrive safely and calmly without swearing, using inappropriate language, threatening behaviours, and/or verbal abuse.
<p>School Culture</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize that EVERY student is important to us. • Treat all members of our school community with dignity regardless of "Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression, or age" as protected by the BC Human Rights Code.







How to Get Help With a Concern



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72

Sandowne's Illness Reference Guide

I need to stay home if...

I have a fever	I am vomiting	I have diarrhea	I have a rash	I have an eye infection	I have been in the hospital
					
Temperature of 100°F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Redness, itching and/or 'crusty' drainage from eye	Hospital stay, and/or ER visit



I am ready to come back to school when I am.....




Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. ie. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 48 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 48 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Evaluated by my doctor.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 CAMPBELL RIVER

2025-2026 CALENDAR

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	Instructional
	Non-Instructional
	Vacation Period
	Statutory Holiday
	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
	Administrative
	Student led conference

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- Aug. 28 Pro-D Day
- Sept. 1 Labour Day
- Sept. 2 Schools Open
- Sept. 30 Schools Closed - Truth & Reconciliation Day
- Oct. 13 Schools Closed - Thanksgiving
- Oct. 24 Pro-D Day
- Oct. 30 Student-Led Conference Day
Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
- Nov. 11 Schools Closed - Remembrance Day
- Dec. 22 - Winter Break
- Jan. 2
- Jan. 16 Pro-D Day
- Feb. 16 Schools Closed - Family Day
- Feb. 17 Pro-D Day
- Mar. 23 - Spring Break
- Apr. 2
- Apr. 3 Schools Closed - Good Friday
- Apr. 6 Schools Closed - Easter Monday
- Apr. 7 Pro-D Day
- Apr. 30 Student-Led Conference Day
Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
- May 18 Schools Closed - Victoria Day
- June 26 Schools Closed - Administration Day

 Instructional  Non-Instructional  Vacation Period  Statutory Holiday



Ministry of
Education