



# Sandowne Newsletter

## February 2026

Dear Families,

Throughout January, we've been lucky to enjoy wonderful weather, giving us the chance to head outdoors each day for fresh air and physical activity. This daily break helps us return to our lessons refreshed and ready to learn. January is always an energizing month, as it's when we notice remarkable academic growth and see how well students are settling back into established routines and expectations.

Throughout February, our school will be highlighting kindness as we celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School. Please keep an eye out for messages from your child's teacher about how their class will be marking these special occasions. Sandowne is also buzzing with other wonderful experiences, including reading sessions with Rotarians, intermediate snowshoeing and cross-country skiing trips to Mt. Washington, and drumming workshops with Will Henderson.

As you can see, we have many enriching activities planned for the months ahead, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support in your child's learning journey.

Warmly,

Kelly Gage & Georgina Knox  
Sandowne Elementary School

### February 2nd

Kindergarten  
Registration Opens

### February 12th

Family Bingo Night  
6-7:30pm

### February 16th

Family Day-School  
Closed

### February 17th

Pro-D Day-School  
Closed.

### February 27th

Deadline for Early  
Applications for  
Cross-Catchment  
for September

### March 19th

Term 2 Learning  
Updates Go Home

### March 21st-April 6th

Spring Break &  
Easter-School  
Closed

### April 7th

Pro-D Day-No  
School for Students

# 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](mailto: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.

## 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.



**Sandowne Elementary**  
**Sandowne PAC**

## Lost & Found

Please remember to check out our lost & found at the front of the school, and please remember to label your child's clothing. If items are clearly labeled, we can help get them back to their rightful owners.

## Permission Forms

Please remember to sign your child's permission form if they are going on a class field trip. Students cannot go on field trips without their permission form signed by a parent or guardian. Thank you.



# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Kindergarten Registration Week						
			Hot Lunch- Pretzel Guys		Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	
8	9	10	11 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen PAC Meeting -6:30pm in the Library	12 Family Bingo Night 6-7:30pm in the Gym	13 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	14
15	16 Family Day- School Closed	17 Pro-D Day- School Closed	18 Hot Lunch- Katie's Rice Box	19	20 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	21
22	23	24	25 Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	26	27 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	28



# 2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPENS FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Register online! [www.sd72.bc.ca](http://www.sd72.bc.ca)

## What you'll need:

- Child's birth certificate (Canada) or proof of citizenship;
- Child's Care Card;
- Proof of current residence (hydro bill, purchase/rental agreement or property tax notice); and
- Custody agreement, if applicable.



Scan or visit  
[www.sd72.bc.ca](http://www.sd72.bc.ca) for  
more information on  
how to register.

## Learning at Home

Choose eBlend when registering online or visit Sandowne Elementary for our elementary eBlend program.

## Liq'wala/Kwak'wala K

Register online with your neighbourhood school and upload the expression of interest form with your online registration.



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*FAMILY  
EDITION*

# BINGO

# Night

At Sandowne

**\$2 / CARD  
OR  
3 FOR \$5**

**MULTIPLE ROUNDS WILL  
BE PLAYED USING YOUR  
CARDS FOR MORE  
CHANCES TO WIN FUN  
NON-CASH PRIZES!!**

**DATE:**

**FEB 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**TIME:**

**6 - 7:30PM**

**LOCATION:**

**SANDOWNE GYM**



**Family event, kids  
are welcome!**

**BINGO CARDS MUST BE PURCHASED BY SOMEONE 18+  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**





# FEBRUARY EVENTS

STRATHCONA GARDENS  
RECREATION COMPLEX



Friday Nights are FUN  
at the Gardens!

## FEB 6

### FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES 5:15PM TO 8PM



Enjoy a relaxing skate on the leisure ice while watching "Mufasa" on the big screen. Movie starts at 6pm and pizza is served by 7pm.

Cost: \$7 Admission fee (\$24/family of 4.) and includes 2 slices of Little Caesars and a juice box. Skate rentals are an additional \$3.50, helmets are strongly encouraged.

## FEB 13

### FRIDAY THE 13TH SWIM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM

Join us if you dare! Get ready for a frightfully fun time. Dive in to a spooky spirit with ghoulish games, themed hunts, and more mysterious surprises. All ages, regular drop-in admission.

## FEB 16

### FAMILY DAY 1:30PM TO 4:30PM

Fun Swim, Everyone Welcome Skating & Pond Hockey.  
All ages, regular drop-in admission.

## FEB 27

### GLOW SKATE 5:15PM TO 8PM

Join us for a family friendly skate with our disco & glow lights during our Friday Night Glow skates on the Leisure Ice. Complementary glow stick necklaces will be provided for each participant and prizes for the best glow in the dark outfits! All ages, regular drop-in admission. Helmets are strongly encouraged.

# 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.









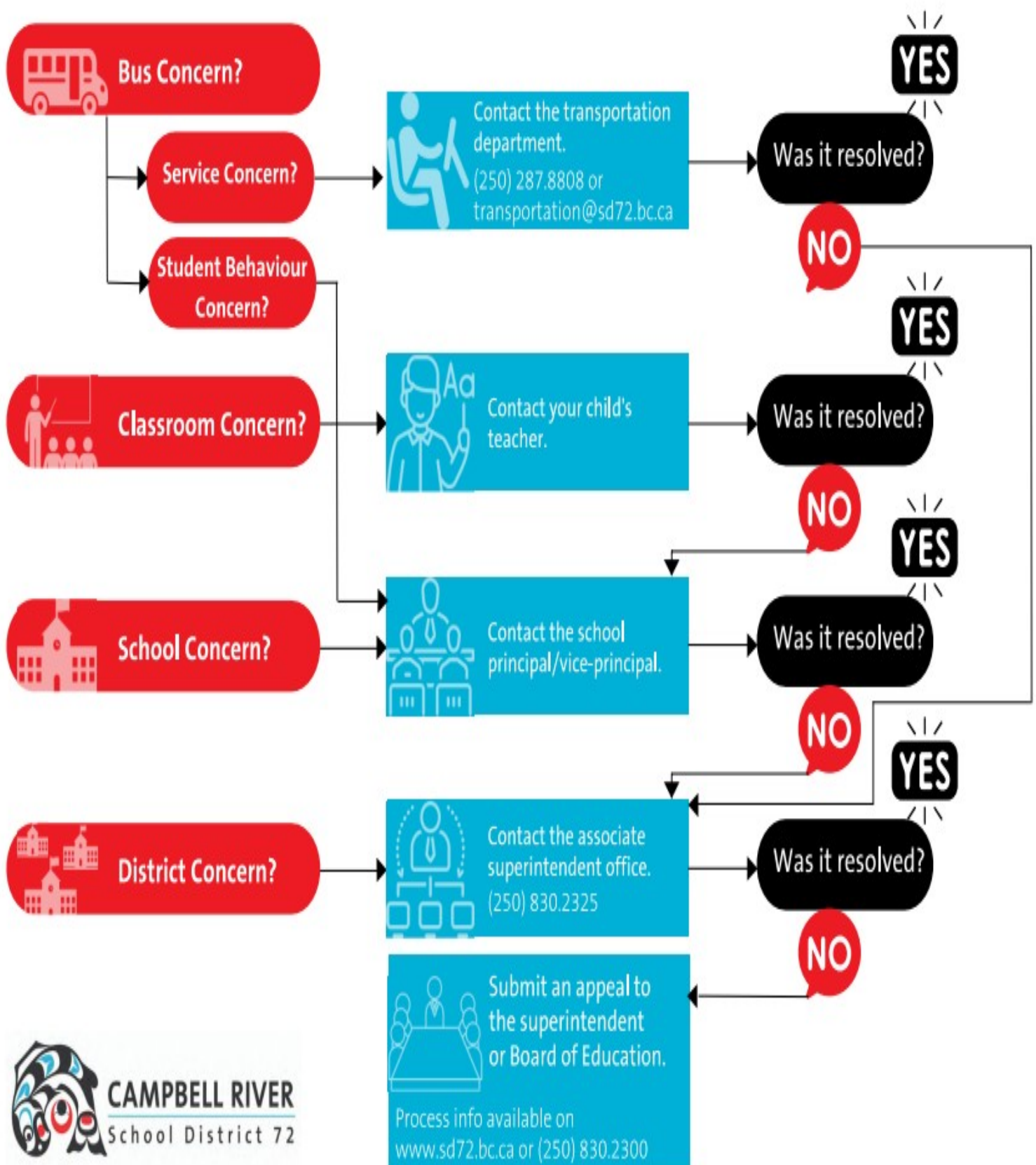


# Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct

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><b>Communication</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use district communication process to address concerns – teacher first and if follow up is required then school administration.</li> <li>• Use respectful language whether in person or through email communication.</li> <li>• Respect staff time by accepting that they will respond to appropriate communication within a reasonable timeframe.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Partnership</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Try to ensure your child attends school and reach out for support if needed.</li> <li>• Work together with staff to resolve issues or concerns.</li> <li>• Read and discuss the Student Code of Conduct with your student to help them understand and follow it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conduct</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When coming to school please arrive safely and calmly without swearing, using inappropriate language, threatening behaviours, and/or verbal abuse.</li> </ul>
<p><b>School Culture</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize that EVERY student is important to us.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

# How to Get Help With a Concern









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## 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



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