

Penfield Flyer January 2022

Penfield Elementary Home of the Flyers



The New Year is a season of reflection and action. More than ever in these everchanging times, our actions have a huge impact on our lives and those around us. This is especially true in education. Our school community significantly influences children's lives each day. We all have an awesome privilege and responsibility to work with our children because young people are our greatest resource. Making a positive impact in the lives of our students is vital because we know that their attitude towards learning influences their future.

As we work together, our primary goal at Penfield is to fully meet the academic and social needs of all our students. With your continued support, we can make a great impact on every child attending Penfield. We should always act as if what we do makes a difference - because it does!

All the best as we head into 2022 - a new, exciting year of learning!
Warm Regards,

Hendrick Horsthuis and Kelly Gage

PENFIELD BELL SCHEDULE

8:40am - *First Bell*
8:45am - *Class Begins*
2:30pm - *Dismissal*



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the 2022/2023 school year will take place beginning January 31st to February 4th. Children must be five years old before December 31st 2022 to be eligible for Kindergarten in September.

You must provide the following documentation, via email to penfield@sd72.bc.ca:

- ***Completed Student Registration Form which can be found on the School District website;***
- ***Copy of the student's birth certificate;***
- ***Copy of front and back of the student's BC Care Card***
- ***Proof of parent/guardian residency (BC Care Card, driver's license, utility bill, rental/purchase agreement)***
- ***Any legal custody, access and/or guardianship documentation***
- ***Any information to support special learning needs***

It is preferable that documentation is received via email. Should you not have computer access, you can register in person at the school, but you must call the school to book an appointment. You will be required to wear a mask and ensure you have completed the health check before entering the school.

Out-of-Catchment Kindergarten students will be accepted at their sibling's school (without a Cross Catchment Application) provided the sibling will still be in attendance when the Kindergarten student begins attending the out-of-catchment school. Parents or legal guardians are asked to register their child for Kindergarten at the sibling's school by February 4th.

CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 11TH

Applications to attend a different school for the 2022/2023 school year must be submitted by 4:00pm on February 11th. To request a school other than your neighbourhood catchment school, the student must be registered at their catchment school and then the application for Cross Catchment should be submitted via email to

student.registration@sd72.bc.ca.

Approval will depend on space and staffing resources. Requests will also be considered based on the date and time that they are received.

Parents should note that if their application is approved, they will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the school they are applying to, in accordance with the District's operational procedures for student transportation.

Parents or legal guardians may however apply to the transportation department for courtesy ridership each school year. Courtesy ridership requests are reviewed and approved on a year-to-year basis. The transportation department can be reached at 250-287-8808.

PAC NEWS

The next PAC meeting will take place over zoom on January 18th at 5:30pm. The Zoom link will be posted on the Penfield Elementary PAC Facebook group

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We require parents/guardians to notify the school EACH day if a child is going to be absent from school. If you are leaving a message on the attendance line, or emailing the school you MUST state the reason for the absence. You can call the school at 250-923-4251 or send an email to Penfield@sd72.bc.ca.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following Penfield students who have January birthdays

Macie	Nicholas	Ellarae	Ronan
Wesley	Finlay	Riley	Theodore
Gabriel	Ellie	Desmond	Faye
Ryler	Logan	Benjamin	Peyton
Nora	Carter	Hayden	Malaya
Willow	Aaliyah	Hudson	Theodore
Hailey	Kaden		



Penfield is Getting a New Website

After 10 years, our school and the school district will be getting new websites. *The new sites will go live on Wednesday, January 19 at 8:00 a.m.*

As part of this change, our school website address has also been shortened. **Our new school website address will now be www.sd72.bc.ca/penfield** . Please be sure to update any bookmarks you have to our school website.

To switch the websites over, **the current website will be unavailable from 8:00 p.m. on January 18 until 8:00 a.m. on January 19** when the new site comes online.

While the website is down, any important notices will be posted on the district's social media accounts. If you don't already follow the district, you may wish to start following @CRSD72 on either Twitter or Facebook.

With more parents connecting through mobile devices, we are modernizing our websites to make them mobile-friendly; sites will now resize automatically for mobile phones and tablets, without losing site functionality.

These new websites are also the first step towards us being able to launch a parent mobile app that will continue to improve how we communicate with families.

January Library News



Battle of the Books!

Our annual **Battle of the Books** for students in grades 3-5 is still proceeding and may look a little different moving forward. More details to follow soon.

- This month, students who have started reading the selected books will be forming teams of three and beginning practices at recess in the library. Please listen to the morning announcements for day and time for each grade.

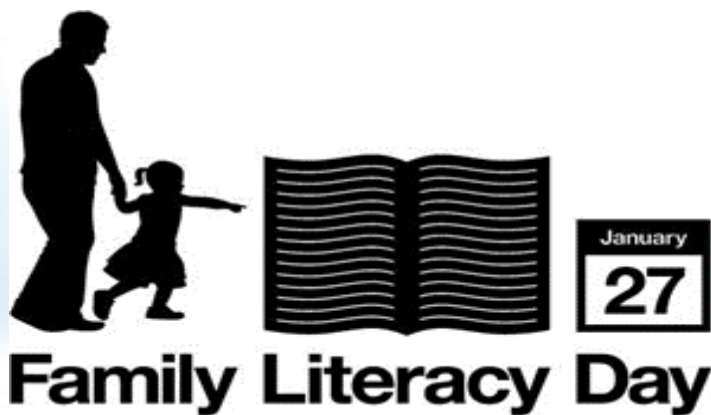
Family Literacy Week!

Our school will celebrate **Family Literacy Week January 24-30**. Please stay tuned for school events this week!

Here's some excellent resources for family fun activities:

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

<https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/>



Learn at Play, every day! Taking time each day to engage in a learning activity will improve your children's skills dramatically and also provide an opportunity to keep parent's skills sharp. Here are some fun activities from ABC Life Literacy Canada for your family to Learn at Play together:

1. Home Restaurant:

Spice up mealtime and have kids create a menu by drawing food items or using grocery store flyers - kids can take orders too!

2. Map it!:

Pretend your family is anywhere in the world - on a world map, point to a location. Find out more about that county. What language do they speak, what is the weather, what sports do they play?

3. Grocery Hunt:

Write a grocery list with your child and let kids find all the items in the store. A fun way to do the grocery shopping!

4. Where's that Shape:

Have a shapes scavenger hunt by taking turns to find shapes indoors and outdoors. Then together make each shape with your body - kids and adults work together.

5. Game Anyone?:

Playing a board game is a fun way to learn together as a family.

Find more ways to Learn at Play as a family at www.FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

You can celebrate learning together on Family Literacy Day this January 27, but you can practice family literacy every day!

At Penfield we are dedicated to celebrating west coast weather through outdoor play. Please help your child to be prepared for outdoor recess with appropriate clothing.

Additionally, please ensure students are prepared with a change of clothes in their backpack



EMERGENCY, UNSCHEDULED AND WEATHER CLOSURES

Whenever possible, Campbell River School District will try to keep schools open on every regular instructional day. Any decision to close schools is made by the Superintendent in consideration for the safety of our students.

During an emergency, extreme weather, power outage or similar incident, the School District will strive to communicate quickly and effectively with parents, students, staff and the community.

How to get information:

There will be an alert notice on:

- The top of **districts website**
- The top of **school's website**
- SD72 Facebook Page
- SD72 Twitter Account

School closure information will also be shared on 99.7 2Day FM, the Campbell River Mirror, 97.3 The Eagle, The Goat FM; Spirit FM, CBC Radio, CTV Vancouver Island News, Chek, Global and Shaw Cable

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
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17	18 Zoom PAC Meeting	19 New SD72 Website goes live!	20	21
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Family Literacy Week				
31 Kindergarten Registration Week →				



Upcoming Important Dates:

January 31 - February 4 - **Kindergarten Registration**

February 11 - **Deadline for Applications for Cross Catchment Transfer**

February 18 - **Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)**

February 21 - **Family Day (no school)**