



Sandowne Newsletter

January 2025

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We hope all of you had a restorative winter break. We are happy to be back into our routines at Sandowne and the school is buzzing with beautiful energy once again. January is always an exciting time when we see significant growth in learning as routines and expectations are well established. We look forward to exploring exciting learning opportunities with all our students as we dive into 2025.

At Sandowne we do try to go outside every day even though we have now entered the time of year when the weather can be unpredictable. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather and has a change of clothes at school.

As we work together, our primary goal at Sandowne 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. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Kelly Gage and Georgina Knox

January 6th

Hot Lunch
Ordering Opens

January 16th

Hot Lunch
Ordering
Deadline

January 17th

Pro-D Day-School
Closed

February 3rd-7th

Kindergarten
Registration

February 17th

Family Day-
School Closed

February 18th

Pro-D Day-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

With mornings becoming darker, 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

Drop off Loop Reminder

Please do not park in the student drop-off area, it creates a hazard for our students and other drivers.

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.

School Telephones

Our office phone is not to be used during or after school to make play arrangements. Please ensure your child is certain about after-school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise. Thank you.

Sandowne Corkboard

Parking

Please ensure you are not blocking any residential driveways during drop-off and pick-up.



Sandowne Elementary
Sandowne PAC

Lost and Found

Please remember to label your child's clothing. If items are clearly labelled, we can get them back to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your help with this!

Don't forget...

- ♦ Dress for the weather
- ♦ Send your child with a water bottle to keep hydrated.
- ♦ Have an extra change of clothes and pairs of socks in backpacks.

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.

Basketball Practice-Grade 4's & 5's

Basketball practice starts on Thursday, January 16th and will be every Thursday and Friday until Spring Break. Practices will take place during lunch recess. Remember to bring proper gym shoes.

January 2025

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5	6 First Day Back -Hot Lunch Ordering Opens	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline Gr. 4 &5 Basketball Practice @ Lunch	17 Pro-D Day School Closed	18
19	20	21	22	23 Gr. 4 &5 Basketball Practice @ Lunch	24 Hot Lunch-Little Caesars Gr. 4 &5 Basketball Practice @ Lunch	25
26	27	28	29 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	30 Gr. 4 &5 Basketball Practice @ Lunch	31 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars Gr. 4 &5 Basketball Practice @ Lunch	

Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex

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JANUARY ARENAS

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT



Hop on the Skating School Bus!

The Skating School Bus program is back!
Students ages 7 and up can get a ride to the rink after school and join the Everyone Welcome & Pond Hockey session for only \$15/day. Visit strathconagardens.com/skatebus for more information. Registration starts two weeks in advance and can be done through our front desk staff anytime up to noon of the same day.



Join us after school



Fun on the Leisure Ice

January 10 - Friday Night at the Movies. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Movie is Toy Story 4. \$7 admission includes 2 slices of pizza and a juice box.

January 24 - Friday Night Pajama Skate. 5:15pm to 8:00pm. Wear your favourite pajamas or onesies! Disco ball, glow lights, and music will be on and prizes for the best onesie/pajamas! Regular admission.

Drop-in for Skating & Pond Hockey

- ✓ Monday to Friday - 2:45pm to 5:00pm
- ✓ Saturday - 1:30pm to 4:30pm
- ✓ Sunday - 3:00pm to 5:30pm

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JANUARY POOLS

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT



Lifeguard Programs

Lifeguard Programs for Ages 8 to 13

Junior Lifeguard Club: Fridays - 4pm to 6pm

NEW Lifesaving Sport Fundamentals: Tues & Thurs - 7:30pm to 8:15pm.

Find out more online:

strathconagardens.com/special-aq



Lifesaving Sport Program

Fun Events in the Pool

January 12 - Water Wars. 2:00pm to 3:00pm during the public swim. Bring your own water guns and get the lifeguards wet! All ages, regular drop-in admission.

January 25 - Youth Glow & Pizza Swim. Ages 11-15, 6:00pm to 7:00pm. \$11 admission includes a glow item, 2 slices of pizza, snacks and a drink. Music will be bumpin' - bring your friends!



Drop-in for our Public Swim

- ✓ Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- ✓ Saturday & Sunday - 2:00pm to 3:30pm

ANNUAL BOOK SALE



\$1.00 PER BOOK

\$20.00 FOR A BAG OF BOOKS

CASH ONLY SALES

**THURSDAY,
JAN 16TH**

ÉCOLE WILLOW POINT SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

250 Larwood Road - Enter through the Gymnasium doors

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 2:30PM–7:30PM



NEED SOME
EXTRA CLOTHING
FOR YOUR CHILD?

MINI FREESTORE







FREE GENTLY USED CLOTHING
ROBRON CENTER RM A119

Request a package to be put
together or arrange a time
to select items

Contact your child's school or Erin at
erin.stephens@sd72.bc.ca

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

2024-2025 CALENDAR

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

Aug. 29	Pro-D Day
Sept. 2	Labour Day
Sept. 3	Schools Open
Sept. 30	Schools Closed - Truth & Reconciliation Day
Oct. 14	Schools Closed - Thanksgiving
Oct. 25	Pro-D Day
Nov. 1	Student-Led Conference Day
	Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
Nov. 11	Schools Closed - Remembrance Day
Dec. 23 -	Winter Break
Jan. 3	
Jan. 17	Pro-D Day
Feb. 17	Schools Closed - Family Day
Feb. 18	Pro-D Day
Mar. 17 -	Spring Break
Mar. 28	
Mar. 31	Pro-D Day
Apr. 18	Schools Closed - Good Friday
Apr. 21	Schools Closed - Easter Monday
May 1	Student-Led Conference Day
	Schools Provide Details About Student Attendance.
May 19	Schools Closed - Victoria Day
June 27	Schools Closed - Administration Day

 Instructional  Non-Instructional  Vacation Period  Statutory Holiday



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