



Sandowne Newsletter

June 2026

Dear Sandowne Families,

As we arrive at the final month of the school year, June offers us a meaningful opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate all that we have accomplished together as a school community.

This year, our students have experienced tremendous growth—not only in their academic learning, but also in their social and emotional development. We have seen kindness deepen, resilience strengthen, and connections flourish. Classrooms have been places of curiosity and discovery, but also spaces where empathy, collaboration, and a true sense of belonging have taken root.

We invite you to take a moment to reflect on your own important role in this shared journey. Families, staff, and students have worked hand in hand—supporting one another through both challenges and celebrations. It is this collective commitment that has allowed our students to thrive and our community to grow stronger together.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated staff at Sandowne. Your tireless devotion, care, and passion have made a lasting difference in the lives of our students. Your work does not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do each and every day.

June is also a joyful and busy time in our school. Students will enjoy a variety of upcoming field trips and school events that celebrate learning beyond the classroom. We look forward to gathering together at our always-anticipated Fun Fair, cheering on our students during Jump Rope for Heart, and celebrating creativity and energy through our Hip Hop activities. We are also excited to recognize and appreciate the important role of families during our Parent Appreciation initiatives.

Special moments ahead include our Grade 5 Graduation, where we honour our students as they transition to middle school, and opportunities to support all learners as they begin preparing for this next step. We will also come together to recognize Indigenous Day, an important time to reflect, learn, and celebrate Indigenous cultures, histories, and contributions. Our end-of-year Fun Day will provide one more chance for students to connect, laugh, and create lasting memories with their peers.

June is truly a time to celebrate—not just accomplishments, but relationships, growth, and the spirit of community that defines our school. As the days grow longer and brighter, we encourage everyone to enjoy the beauty of our surroundings, cherish the friendships that have been built, and take pride in a year filled with learning and connection.

Wishing you all a joyful, reflective, and celebration-filled June.

Warmly,

Kelly Gage & Georgina Knox

Sandowne Elementary School

June 4th

Hip Hop
Performance @
1:00pm & Parent
Appreciation Day

June 5th

Fun Hat & Hair
Day

June 11th

Leadership Bake
Sale

June 12th

Jump Rope for
Heart-School-
Wide Activity &
Multiples Day

June 17th

Grade 5 Grad-
1:30pm

June 19th

Indigenous Day @
Sandowne

June 22nd

Beach Day @
Miracle Beach!

June 24th

Fun Day @
Sandowne

June 25th

Last Day of School-
Dismissal @ 11am

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.

Please ensure your child knows what their plan is after school. We have had many students come to use the phone during class time and it takes away from their learning. Thank you.

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

Parking Lot Reminders

- Please do not use the upper parking lot during school hours. This is staff parking only.
- Please do not idle in the lower parking lot drop-off loop.
- Please do not block or park in the fire lane & do not block parking lot entrance.
- Please drive SLOWLY & ATTENTIVELY through the parking lot– it's a busy place!

Scooters & Bikes

A reminder that, for safety reasons, students need to dismount their scooters and bikes and walk them once they are on school property. While reminders are given at school, it is helpful if you have this conversation with your children at home as well. Thank you!

Students Need To Have:

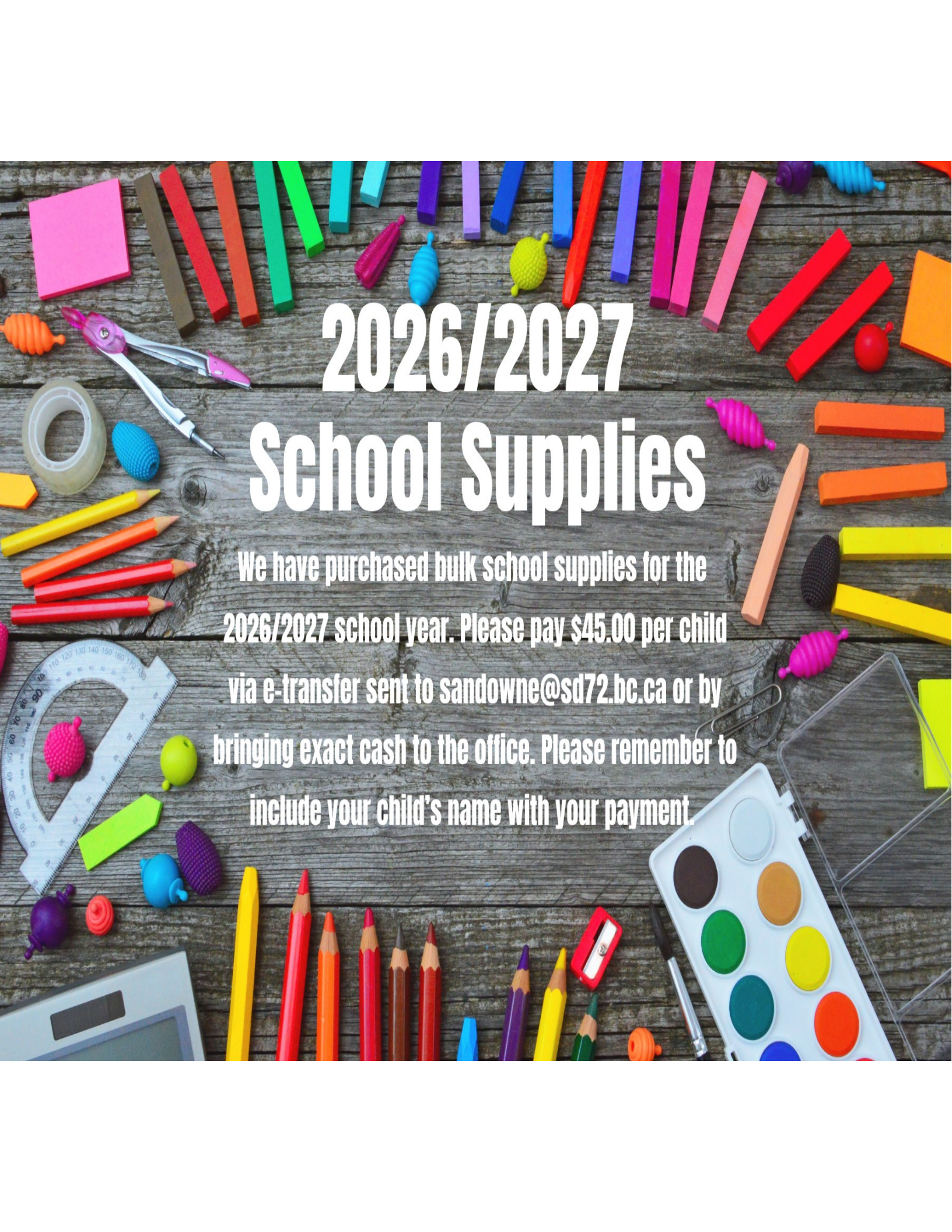
- **A full change of clothing in their backpacks. We go outside to play everyday, rain or shine.**
- **A water bottle to keep hydrated.**

Lost & Found

Please remember to check out our lost & found at the front of the school-it's really filling up! 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.



2026/2027 School Supplies

We have purchased bulk school supplies for the 2026/2027 school year. Please pay \$45.00 per child via e-transfer sent to sandowne@sd72.bc.ca or by bringing exact cash to the office. Please remember to include your child's name with your payment.

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Hot Lunch- Hot Dog Day	4 Hip Hop Performance @ 1:00pm & Parent Appreciation Day	5 Hot Lunch Little Caesars Fun Hat & Hair Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 Leadership Bake Sale	12 Jump Rope For Heart-School- Wide Activity Multiples Day	13
14	15	16	17 Grade 5 Grad- 1:30pm in the Gymnasium	18	19 Indigenous Day @ Sandowne	20
21	22 School-Wide Beach Day @ Miracle Beach	23 Grade 5 Fun Day @ Southgate	24 School-Wide Fun Day Summary of Learning Goes Home	25 Last Day of School – Dismissal @ 11am	26	27
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EVENTS

MAY 29

Anything but a
Back-Pack day

JUNE 4

Parent
Appreciation Day

JUNE 5

Fun Hat and Hair
day

JUNE 11

Leadership Bake
Sale

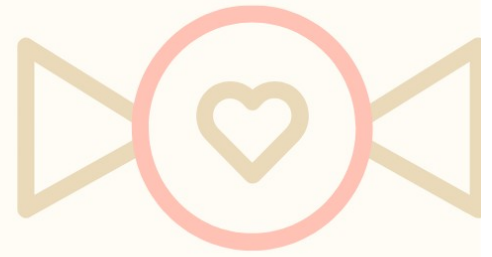
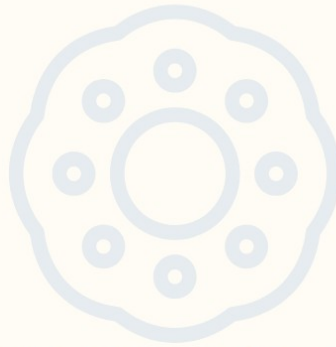
JUNE 12

Jump Rope for
Heart

JUNE 12

Multiples Day





CALLING ALL BAKERS

*Will you be a part of
our Bake Sale?*

Calling all parent volunteers! We are hoping you will help us by baking your favourite item and dropping it off the afternoon of June 10th or morning of the 11th for our annual bake sale! Please do not add peanut butter or nuts to recipes.

All items will be sold for \$2.00!

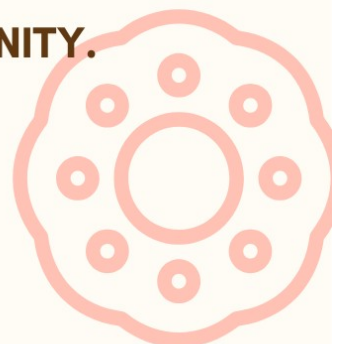
Every class will have the chance to purchase a treat during our sale on June 11th.

**ON JUNE 11, SANDOWNE LEADERSHIP CLUB WILL BE HOSTING
A BAKE SALE!**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS RESOURCES THAT
PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN OUR SANDOWNE COMMUNITY.**



\$2.00 each



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SAVE THE DATE!

A blue ticket-shaped graphic with a yellow dashed border and a scalloped edge. It contains the event title in large, bold, yellow letters.

**SANDOWNE
FUNFAIR**

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**THURSDAY
JUNE 11
4-7PM**

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**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.
PAC WILL BE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIPS TO
MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
EVENT!**



Sandowne Elementary School

699 Sandowne Drive, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 5G9 Ph: (250) 923-4248 Fax: (250) 923-3625

Dear Sandowne Families and Community Partners,

The Sandowne PAC is thrilled to announce that we will once again be hosting our annual **Fun Fair on Thursday, June 11th, 2026!** Our students and staff work incredibly hard all year, and we can't wait to come together to celebrate, have fun, and build our amazing school spirit!

While the Fun Fair is a wonderful celebration, it is also one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Every dollar raised goes directly back to our students to fund field trip bus fees, extra school activities, classroom supplies, and the revitalization of our playground areas. Have you heard?! Our PAC will be funding the installation of swings over the summer!

To make this fundraising event a success, we are looking for support from our incredible school families and local businesses. If you own, manage, or work for a local business that would like to make a financial contribution, we would love to partner with you.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

BBQ (Food and Supplies) - \$500-\$1000

Popcorn- \$150

Bouncy Castle - \$800

Petting Zoo - \$500

Prizes- \$200

General Monetary Donation – \$ Any value

Magician - \$200

In return for your generous sponsorship or donation, we will proudly advertise your business on our social media page, prominently display your logo at the event, and feature you in our post-event school newsletter sent home to all Sandowne families.

Have questions, concerns, or want to support us with a donation? Reach out anytime at sandowneparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com. E-transfers can also be sent directly to this email.

Heather Kennedy

Fun Fair Co-Coordinator



**Located in the
Sandowne Gymnasium**



2026-2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

OPENS FEBRUARY 2, 2026
Register online! 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 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.



CAMPBELL RIVER
School District 72

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Website: www.sd72.bc.ca Phone: 250.830.2300 Email: info@sd72.bc.ca

Are you interested in caring for children & youth?

JOIN OUR FOSTER CAREGIVER COMMUNITY.

We are seeking nurturing homes that can offer temporary inclusive care to children and youth, including those with support needs.

Caregiving is a rewarding position, and you won't be alone; additional financial resources and support are available to help you provide care.

Every child and youth deserves a safe place to belong, a home where they feel valued, understood, and cared for.

Make a lifelong difference to a child and youth today.

If you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver, please scan the QR code or visit:
[Foster Caregiving - Province of British Columbia](#)



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.



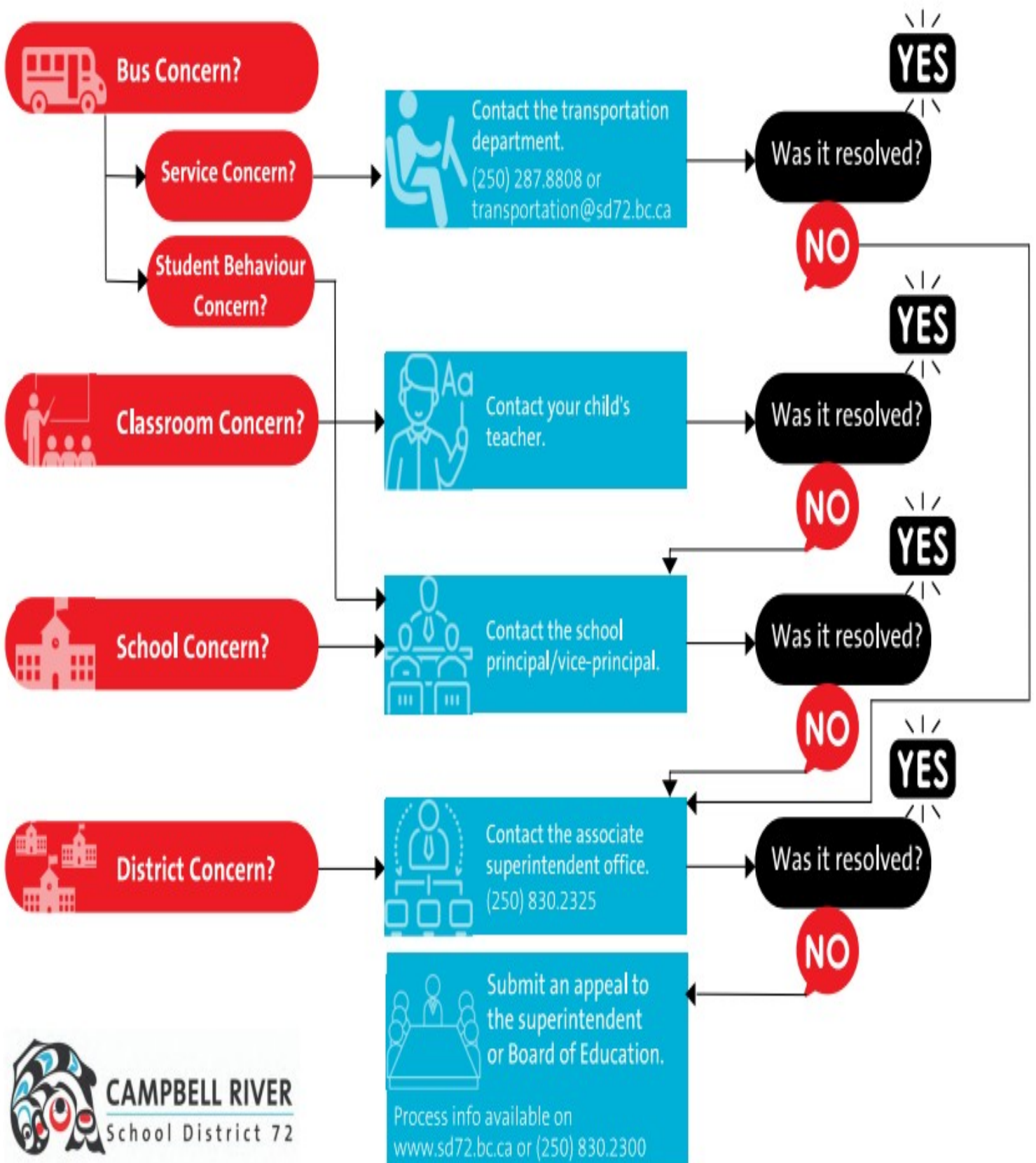


Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct

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.

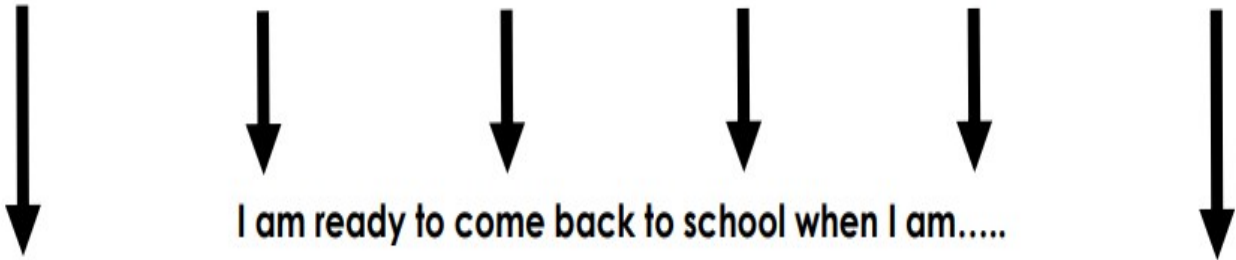
How to Get Help With a Concern



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. I.e. 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

- 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 Pro-D Day
- Jan. 16 Pro-D Day
- Feb. 16 Schools Closed - Family Day
- Feb. 17 Pro-D Day
- Mar. 23 - Spring Break
- Apr. 2 Schools Closed - Good Friday
- Apr. 3 Schools Closed - Easter Monday
- Apr. 6 Pro-D Day
- Apr. 7 Student-Led Conference Day
Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
- May 18 Schools Closed - Victoria Day
- June 26 Schools Closed - Administration Day

Instructional
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