



Sandowne Newsletter

March 2026

Dear Sandowne Families,

February has been a wonderful and meaningful month at Sandowne as our school focused on kindness, connection, and building a strong, supportive community. One of the key highlights this month was our Pink Shirt Day Anti-Bullying Assembly on February 25, presented by our incredible student leadership team. The assembly, titled **Stop Bullying: Speak Up, Stand Together, Make a Difference**, guided students through important learning about what bullying is, the types of bullying that can occur, why bullying happens, and the effects it can have on individuals. Students also explored what they can do when they see bullying and how we can all work together to create a bully-free environment. The leadership students encouraged everyone to “Be the Change,” reminding us that every student has the power to make a positive difference.

Throughout the month, classrooms across Sandowne took part in activities that encouraged kindness, empathy, and understanding. Students wrote letters to classmates sharing why they are glad to have them in their class and recognizing their strengths as friends and peers. Many classes read *When We Are Kind* by Monique Gray Smith and followed up with writing about their own acts of kindness. Students also created “Hearts of Kindness” for a schoolwide bulletin board and watched videos explaining the story behind Pink Shirt Day. Classrooms held discussions about how to lift each other up and developed anchor charts to support kindness in daily interactions. In addition, students worked on collaborative posters, participated in read-alouds about friendship, bullying, and empathy, and took part in interactive lessons distinguishing the differences between bullying, being mean, and being rude—helping them gain a clearer understanding of what is and is not bullying.

We also celebrated the 100th Day of School with a variety of engaging activities. Some classes created portraits of what they think they might look like at 100 years old, which led to lots of laughter and creativity. Meanwhile, our PAC hosted a very successful BINGO night, an event that families thoroughly enjoyed. Many attendees shared glowing feedback, and we are hopeful that this fun and lively evening will become an annual tradition at Sandowne.

Looking ahead, we are excited to cheer on our top chess players as they participate in the District Chess Tournament at Georgia Park on March 4. The following evening, on March 5 at 6:30 p.m., our school choir will perform at the Musical Showcase at Timberline. As we move toward Spring Break, which runs from March 21 to April 7, we hope all families find time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. Students will return to school on April 8.

As we reflect on community, we are reminded that strong schools are built on strong partnerships. As Joyce Epstein, a well-known researcher in family engagement, reminds us, “When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school and stay in school longer.” Your involvement—whether attending events, supporting learning at home, or simply staying connected—makes a meaningful difference in the experiences and success of our students.

As always, we deeply appreciate your continued support. Your engagement in your child’s learning journey strengthens our entire community, and we are grateful for the partnership we share with our families.

Warmly,

Kelly Gage & Georgina Knox
Sandowne Elementary School

March 4th

District Chess
Tournament at
Georgia Park

March 5th

District Music
Showcase-6:30pm
in Timberline Gym

March 9th

Crazy Bread
Fundraiser
Ordering Opens

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

April 8th

Back to School-
Hot Lunch
Ordering Opens

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

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.
- 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.

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hot Lunch- i-Wok District Chess Tournament @ Georgia Park	5 District Music Showcase- 6:30pm in Timberline Gym	6 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	7
8	9 Crazy Bread Fundraiser Ordering Opens	10	11 Hot Lunch- Pita Pit PAC Meeting- 6:30pm in the library	12	13 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	14
15	16	17	18 Hot Lunch- Pretzel Guys	19 Term 2 Learning Updates Go Home	20 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars Last Day of School Before Spring Break	21
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Spring Break, Easter, and Pro-D Day-School Closed March 21st-April 7th						
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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.



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

LITTLE CAESARS CRAZY BREAD FUNDRAISER

Please help us support the intermediate classes that are fundraising for a year-end field trip! We will be selling Crazy Bread once a week for 4 Tuesdays starting April 14th . Each order contains 4 pieces of Crazy Bread and costs \$5.00. You may order for as many weeks as you'd like!

To Order- Go to sandowneschool.hotlunches.net and sign in using your hot lunch account to place your order. If you have not yet made an account, follow the instructions on the home screen to set up an account. Ordering opens on Monday, March 9th and closes on Friday, March 20th.

Payment-Cash or EFT sent to sandowne@sd72.bc.ca
(please put your child's name, teacher name, and "Little Caesars"
in the notes section.



Little Caesars

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Reynolds @ sandra.reynolds@sd72.bc.ca

CRYSA | Campbell River Youth Soccer Association



Spring Community Soccer Registration is OPEN!

Spring Community Soccer (Formerly House)

Open to all children and teens born from 2022 - 2011

Discovery u4/5 - Saturday Morning only
(Birth Year 2022/2021) April 18 - June 13

Discovery
\$95

Boys and Girls Teams:

u6/7, u8/9, u10/11 & u12-15

Practice once per week and have a Game Day Saturday

Season Runs April 13 - June 20

**REGISTER
HERE!**

Register Before
March 25

\$200

After March 25

\$250



For more info:
www.crseawolvesfootball.com
778-300-1231
info@crseawolvesfootball.com

CR Sea Wolves Football Club 2026 SPRING FLAG & CONDITIONING

April 9th - June 13th

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

**\$130 + \$28 membership
fee**

All Skill Levels

AGES 5-18

(2008-2021)

Phoenix Middle School Field

Practices:

Monday & Thursday 6pm - 8pm

(Tiny Tykes & Atoms 6pm-7pm)

Games:

Saturday 1pm - 5pm

(game schedule will be released early April)



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.



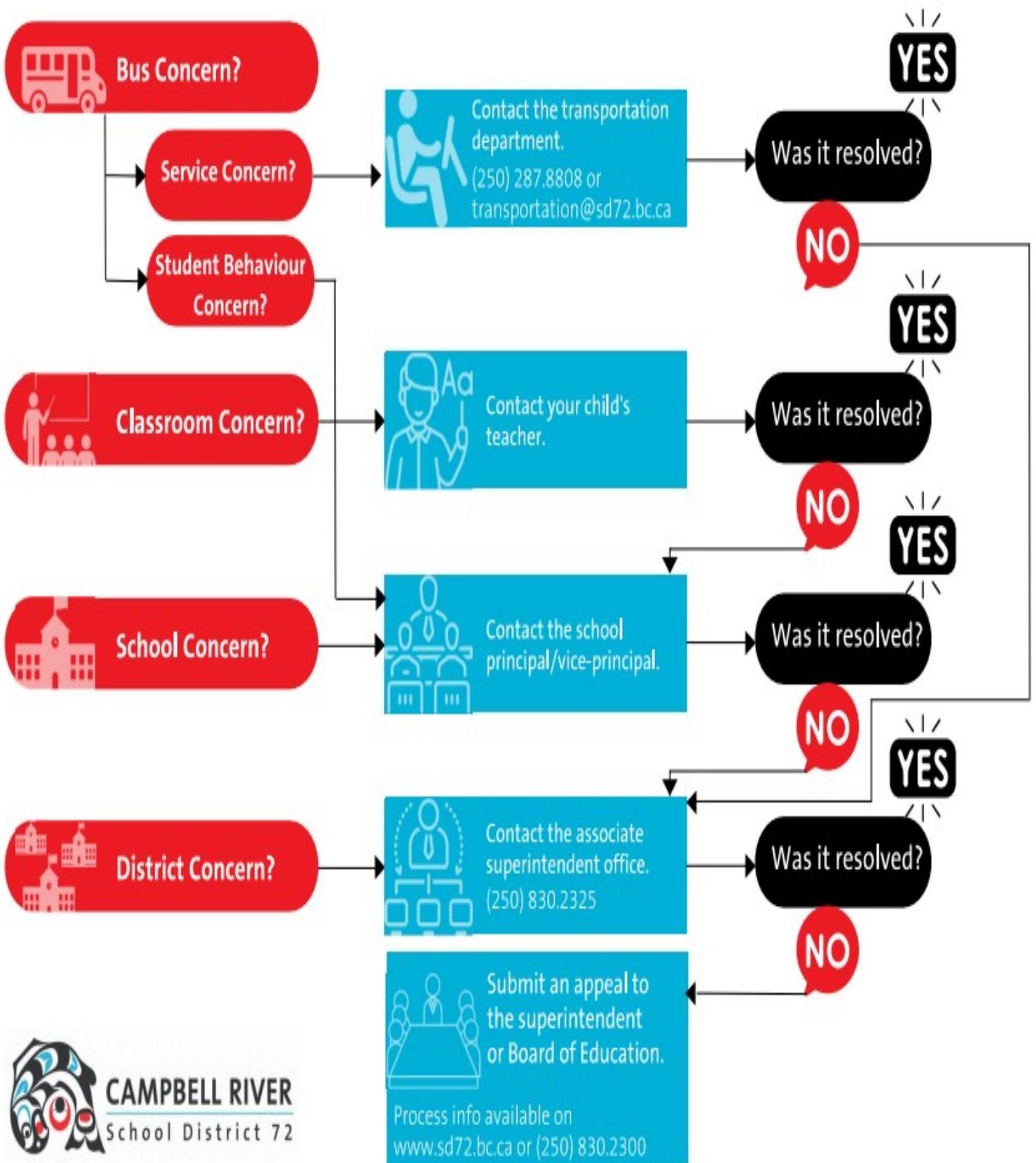


Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct

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.

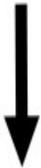
How to Get Help With a Concern



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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