



# Sandowne Newsletter

## May 2025

**Dear Sandowne Families,**

We are very excited to welcome all of you to our school for Student-Led Conference Day on May 1st! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to proudly share their learning with you. Your involvement in your child's educational journey is so important, and we thank you for taking the time to be part of it. We hope you notice the incredible growth your child has made so far this year.

With the sunshine finally here, many of our students have been lending a hand to Ms. Fern in our school garden—thank you to our little gardeners for your hard work! Please wander out to the garden to see our beautiful outdoor learning space.

Track and Field season is underway for our Grade 4 and 5 students. We're looking forward to the Fun Practice Zone Meet at Southgate on May 5th, and our Grade 5s will attend the District Meet on May 15th.

Hip Hop Dance begins on May 13th! Each class will be learning a routine, and we invite families to join us for a special performance showcase on May 29th.

Our Grade 3 students are also preparing for swimming lessons this month—an exciting and important part of their learning.

We are also thrilled to continue our collaboration with Qwaya Sam, who joins us every Thursday. Students have been deeply engaged in the process of creating our beautiful cedar panel. It has been a joy to witness the evolution of this meaningful artwork.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant school community!

**Warm regards,**

Kelly Gage and Georgina Knox

**May 1st**

Student-led  
Conferences-  
School Not in  
Session

**May 3rd**

PAC Garage Sale-  
Donations  
Welcome From  
7-8:30am

**May 15th**

Grade 5 Track  
and Field Meet at  
Phoenix Middle  
School

**May 16th**

Class Photos-9am  
Start

**May 19th**

Victoria Day-  
School Closed

**May 26th**

Welcome to  
Kindergarten

**May 29th**

Hip-Hop  
Performance

# 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**

## 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

## 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.



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!

## Grade 5 District Track & Field Meet

The Grade 5 District Track and Field Meet takes place on Thursday, May 15th at Phoenix Middle School. Keep an eye out for permission forms being sent home next week.

## 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.

We're on the lookout for readers *in the wild!* Whether your child is curled up with a book under a tree, reading in a hammock, or flipping pages at the beach—send us a photo!

We'd love to showcase our students by putting these pictures up around our school.

Email your picture to [Laura.Brzovic@sd72.bc.ca](mailto:Laura.Brzovic@sd72.bc.ca), and help us spread the joy of reading throughout our hallways.

Let's show that great stories can be found *anywhere*.

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Student-led Conferences- Classes Not In Session	2 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	3 PAC Garage Sale- 9am to 1pm Donations Welcome 7-8:30am
4	5	6	7 Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	8	9 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	10
11	12	13	14 Hot Lunch- i-Wok	15 Gr. 5 Track & Field Meet	16 Class Photo Day-9am Start Hot Lunch-Little Caesars	17
18	19 Victoria Day- School Closed	20	21 Hot Lunch- Pretzel Guys	22	23 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	24
25	26 Welcome To Kindergarten 12:45-2:00pm	27	28 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	29 Hip-Hop Performance	30 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	31





# **SPRING CLEANING? SAVE YOUR STUFF!**

**TOYS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, CLOTHING,  
TOOLS, BOOKS, GAMES\***

**SANDOWNE PAC'S FUNDRAISING**

# **GARAGE SALE**

**Please drop off  
donations May  
3rd 7-8:30 AM**

**May  
3rd  
9-1**

**We will need donations for a bake sale as well.**

**Contact [sandowneparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sandowneparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com)**

***\*Please no large heavy items or child safety items***



CAMPBELL RIVER  
FAMILY SERVICES  
SOCIETY

# Helping Your Young Child Create and Respect BOUNDARIES

When: May 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:45 PM

Where: Campbell River Family  
Services  
487-10<sup>th</sup> ave

Cost: FREE

## Why Boundaries?

The skill of being able to set and  
hold boundaries with others  
impacts:

- Bullying
- Physical safety
- Emotional health
- Peer relationships
- Self-esteem
- Self-regulation
- and so much more...

Presenters Elspeth Nicholson,  
BA, ECE and Sydnie Nauss, MA,  
ECE will share strategies and  
tools for helping you teach  
your child to establish and hold  
boundaries and respect the  
boundaries of others.

To register please contact:



[sydnie.nauss@crfs.ca](mailto:sydnie.nauss@crfs.ca)



778-346-9324

Campbell River Family Services Society are offering a free session for parents/caregivers to share strategies and tools for helping to teach children to establish and hold boundaries and to respect the boundaries of others. The session is on May 6th from 5:30 to 6:45pm at Campbell River Family Services (487 10th Avenue).

Register by email at [sydnie.nauss@crfs.ca](mailto:sydnie.nauss@crfs.ca) or (778) 346.9324.



# CLASS PHOTO DAY FRIDAY MAY 16TH



PHOTOS START @ 9AM



# ATTENTION Parents and Guardians:

## Don't let your child miss out on a \$1,200 grant!

The B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG) is available to eligible children for a **three-year window only**. It can be used for their future post-secondary education and training.



### Is my child eligible?

- ☐ Parent or guardian, plus the child are B.C. residents and have Social Insurance Numbers (SINs)
- ☐ The child is between their 6th birthday and the day before they turn 9

### Make a plan today!

**Step 1:** Contact or visit your financial institution and ask if they offer the grant (most will).

**Step 2:** All you need is:

- ☐ Proof of residency: e.g. *BC driver's licence, BC Identification Card, BC Services Card, or recent B.C. utilities bill*
- ☐ Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- ☐ Your child's Social Insurance Number (SIN)\*  
\*Apply for a SIN: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

**Step 3:** During your appointment with your financial institution:

- ☐ Open a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child (skip if already done)
- ☐ Complete application for the BCTESG. No need to add any of your own money!

### If eligible, \$1,200 will be deposited into your child's RESP. Apply today!

Learn More: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG> or contact: [BCTESG@gov.bc.ca](mailto:BCTESG@gov.bc.ca).



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Services and Technology Division  
Student Certification Branch

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Victoria B.C. V8W 9T6



## BC YOUTH WEEK

**MAY 1 – 7 | 13–18 YEARS OLD**

Youth Week celebrates youth ages 13 to 18 and aims to help them connect with their communities.

Join us for our **FREE** Teen Open Courts at the Sportsplex on May 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 from 3:00–5:30 pm for ages 13–18.



## COLOURFUL RUN

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

**7–12 YEARS OLD = \$5 | 13–18 = \$2 | 19+ = \$10**

You can choose to walk, jog, or run through our 1K or 5K route. This is not a timed race—it's all about having fun, being active, and creating unforgettable memories! After the race, join us at the splash park for the colourful after-party full of refreshments, snacks, music, and more.

We'll be splashing colour everywhere, so please come dressed to impress in a white T-shirt and your favourite sunglasses. The dye is non-toxic but may stain some clothing, so dress accordingly.

We can't wait to see you for a morning filled with colour, laughter, joy, and community connection as we celebrate Youth Week!



**Register for all  
programs and  
events now.**

For more information, visit  
[www.campbellriver.ca/parks-recreation-culture](http://www.campbellriver.ca/parks-recreation-culture)

Follow us on social media (@cityofcampbellriver) to stay up to date on future programs.





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](mailto: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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