



Sandowne Newsletter

May 2026

Dear Sandowne Families,

As the weather continues to improve, our classrooms are expanding beyond the school walls and into the outdoors. Students are embracing learning in our school garden and throughout our natural surroundings, strengthening their connection to the environment and deepening their understanding through hands-on experiences. These outdoor opportunities also allow us to honour and learn from Indigenous ways of knowing, emphasizing respect, relationship, and responsibility to the land.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community, and upcoming field trips will give students meaningful opportunities to learn throughout our local area. These experiences enrich classroom learning and help students see themselves as active members of the wider community.

Collaborative learning continues to be a strong focus at our school. Buddy classes are working together in ways that are mutually beneficial—older students grow as leaders and role models, while younger students gain confidence, support, and encouragement. These relationships strengthen our sense of belonging and shared responsibility.

There is much to celebrate as school events and learning celebrations take place throughout the coming weeks. These moments allow students to showcase their learning and successes, and they help build pride in our school community.

Your continued support and open communication play an essential role in your child's success. One of the most important lessons we can support children with is learning to take responsibility for their learning and for their behaviour. Accountability is a key part of growth and development, and together, school and home can help guide children in building these lifelong skills.

We are also looking forward to several exciting upcoming school-wide events, including Hip Hop, a cultural event with RupLoops, Canucks for Kids Floor Hockey Education Day, Welcome to Kindergarten, and transition activities designed to support our Grade 5 students as they prepare for middle school. These experiences promote wellness, inclusion, and smooth transitions for all learners.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to the learning and celebrations ahead.

Warmly,

Kelly Gage & Georgina Knox

Sandowne Elementary School

May 8th

Grade 5 Southgate
Tour

May 14th

District Track &
Field Meet @
Phoenix

May 18th

Victoria Day-
School Closed

May 23rd

Sandowne PAC
Yard Sale-
donations
accepted
morning-of

May 26th

Grade 5 Parent
Open-House @
Southgate-6:00-
7:30pm

May 28th

Welcome To
Kindergarten-
12:45-2:00pm

June 4th

Hip Hop
Performance @
1:00pm

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.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Crazy Bread Day	6 Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza	7	8 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars Gr. 5 Southgate Tour	9
10	11	12	13 Hot Lunch- Pretzel Day	14 District Track & Field Meet @ Phoenix	15 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	16
17	18 Victoria Day- School Closed	19	20 Hot Lunch- i-Wok	21	22 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	23 Sandowne PAC Yard Sale- 9am-1pm
24	25	26 Gr. 5 Parent Open House @ Southgate- 6-7:30pm	27 Hot Lunch- Dairy Queen	28 Welcome to Kindergarten- 12:45-2:00pm	29 Hot Lunch- Little Caesars	30
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Welcome to **KINDERGARTEN**

Date: Thursday, May 28th

Time: 12:45-2pm

Place: Sandowne Elementary
(meet at the main entrance)

Please RSVP to confirm:

Dianna.Mallory@sd72.bc.ca

Emily.Franceschini@sd72.bc.ca





SPRING CLEANING? SAVE YOUR STUFF!

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

SANDOWNE PAC'S FUNDRAISING

GARAGE SALE

Please drop off
donations May
23rd 7:30-8:30
AM

May
23rd
9-1

We will need **DONATIONS FOR BAKESALE** as well.

Contact sandowneparentadvisorycouncil@gmail.com

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

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**SANDOWNE
FUNFAIR**

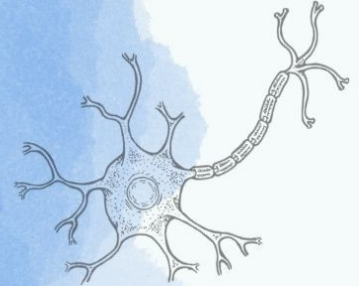
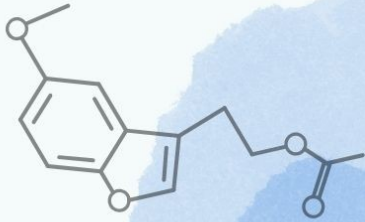
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**THURSDAY
JUNE 11
4-7PM**

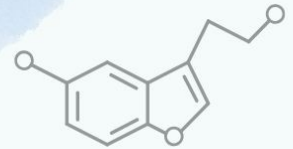
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**MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.
PAC WILL BE LOOKING FOR
VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORSHIPS TO
MAKE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
EVENT!**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S



Nervous System



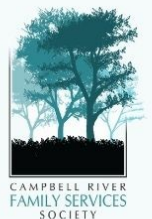
Integrated Practice Clinician at CYMH, Taryn Corrie (BA, MOT, NMT Certified), will be sharing helpful insights about how your child's nervous system works—especially when it comes to big feelings and emotional regulation. You'll learn simple, practical tools and strategies you can use at home to support your child and help build their resilience when facing everyday stressors.

Date: Wednesday May 13th 2026

Time: 5-6:30 PM

Location: Campbell River Family Services (487-10th Ave)

Who: Parents and caregivers of young children (2-10 years old)



To register please contact Sydnie Nauss at 778-346-9324 or sydnie.nauss@crfs.ca



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.



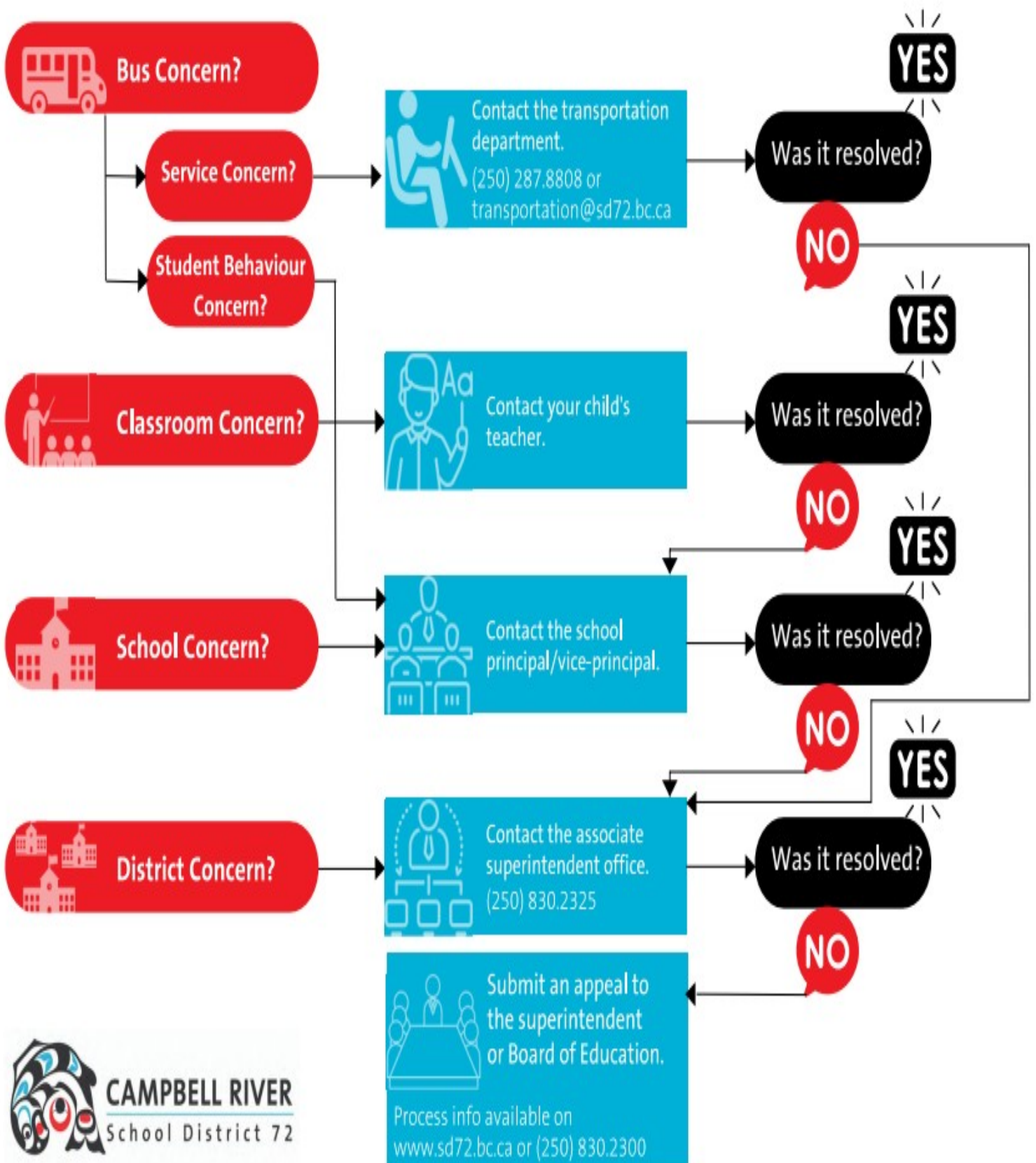


Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct

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

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