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## PENFIELD ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Penfield Families,

What a change in the weather! For most people, the rain has been quite a pleasant surprise and the trees and school garden are sure looking more refreshed.

Our students and staff are off to a running start and it is very exciting to see all the new learning that is happening in our classrooms. Our Kindergarten classes celebrated their alphabet learning with an alphabet parade throughout the school and their excitement was evident to all the classes they visited. Our grade 4/5 classes shared their learning in a pumpkin launch with catapults that they designed in small groups. It was amazing to see the different designs and to listen to the conversations before, during and after the launch. We can't wait to see what they come up with next year.

We continue to work with our students to ensure that we are being kind to all members of our community, both children and adults. We are also encouraging everyone to remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we will be going outside rain or shine for a fresh air break and time to play.

We would like to send our best wishes to our vice principal, Mrs. Kelly Gage, who will be covering at Sandowne Elementary for the next 6 weeks as the acting principal. We will miss her here and look forward to her return after the winter break.

We welcome parents to attend our school Remembrance Day assembly on Thursday, November 10 at 10:45.

Take good care and be safe,

Jolene Krell and Kelly Gage



## Smith & Lee Fundraiser

Order forms went home for the Smith & Lee fundraiser. Orders are due November 10th.

## Shopping Day

Thank you for all the shopping donations, keep them coming! We are still in need of tape and wrapping paper if you have any to donate.



# PAC NEWS

## **NEXT PAC MEETING**

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 23rd at 5:30pm in the the multi purpose room. PAC is still looking for more parents that would like a PAC role. If you have any PAC related questions, you can contact them at [penfieldpac@gmail.com](mailto:penfieldpac@gmail.com)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO THE FOLLOWING PENFIELD STUDENTS WHO HAVE  
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JONATHAN O

WESTON R

KYLAN A

LIAM V

CHRISTOPHER C

LIAM C

VIOLET S

MACI C

CAYSE G

BENJAMIN S

VICTORIA SC

BYRON M

RILEY H

ANNA U

JACKSON G

ALI M

WYATT G

AVA J

JAYDEN D





## Student Led Conferences

**NOVEMBER 24TH**

Thursday, November 24th is Student-Led conference day. This year, Penfield will be doing open house style conferences, unless you get different information from your child's teacher. All teachers will send out information for their class in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher directly.

School is not in session for students on this day, other than when they attend with parents/guardians.

## Library NEWS



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Penfield this month!

**DATES:** Wednesday, November 23rd to Friday, November 25th

**TIMES:** Wednesday: 8:00am to 6:00pm (open late Wednesday only)

Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Friday: 8:00am to Noon

**Location:** Penfield Library

Please contact Mr. Haines if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering at the fair.

**Battle of the Books** will be starting this month, more information to follow soon

# Weather Closures of Schools



The Campbell River School District will try to keep schools open on every regular instructional day. Any decision to close schools is made by the Superintendent in consideration of the safety of our students

During an emergency, extreme weather, power outage or similar incident, the School District will strive to communicate quickly and effectively with parents, students, staff and the community.

In some cases, we must wait to receive information from official sources, including the RCMP and other authoritative organizations, to ensure that we communicate the most accurate and up-to-date information.

We will communicate status updates based on the confirmed information that we have at the time.

Decisions about school closures due to extreme weather (significant snowfall or windstorm) will almost always be made by the Superintendent in the early morning. This information will be communicated as soon as possible, generally before 7:00am. Even if schools are open, the Campbell River School District, and our schools, respect and support parents if they feel that it is unsafe to send their child to school or wish to pick up their child early. If you choose to keep your child home, please be sure to report your child's absence through the school's attendance line.

In most instances, no announcement will be made that schools are open; only cancellations, closures or delayed school openings will be announced.

Check the SD72 website home page. This is the official primary source of district information. An alert announcing the effected school(s) will display at the top of the district website and school website as soon as information is available. Listen to the radio or watch the morning news as we will share closure information there. Please note that sometimes these media outlets may be delayed in getting closure information.



# November

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thurs

Fri

	1 <b>Professional Development Day</b>	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:45	11 <b>Remembrance Day</b> <b>Schools Closed</b>
14	15	16	17	18
21 <b>Lockdown Drill</b>	22	23 <b>Book Fair</b>	24 <b>Student-Led Conferences</b> <b>School not in regular session</b>	25 →
28	29	30		



- Dec 2 Winter Concert
- Dec 8 Young Entrepreneur Fair
- Dec 16 Last Day of School for Winter Break



**"Best field trip ever!"**



## MUSEUM AT CAMPBELL RIVER

# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### WEEKDAYS

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9:00AM TO  
2:30PM

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### PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

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**Now offering:** Guided Programs in the Museum, Digital Programs for distance learners, and Unguided Museum Visits.

For the 2022/2023 school year, we've added two new programs: *Bark, Roots & Berries* gives an up-close look at our native plant garden while *Grease Trails & Otter Tales* explores the coastal fur trade history.

- Historical presentations,
- Hands-on activities,
- Gallery tours



### CONTACT US:

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250-287-3133 ext. 234  
education.programs@crmuseum.ca

**To learn more and book online, visit**  
[crmuseum.ca/school-programs](http://crmuseum.ca/school-programs)

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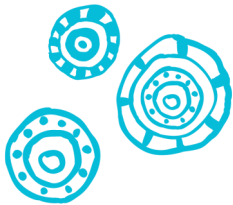
## Parent and Caregiver Peer Support Group

Hosted by:

**Shannon McKirgan** Youth and Family Counsellor

**Christopher Bennett** Clinical Coordinator and Program Manager

**Orsi Foldesi** Youth Outreach and Peer Support Worker



List of topics we will be focusing on:

*Emotional regulation, Communication skills, Social media and screen time, Substance use, Conflict management and other parenting related topics*

**Where: FOUNDRY, 140 10th Ave, Campbell River**

**Drop in based on availability. (12 parents max)**

**To register feel free to e-mail: [orsi.foldesi@jhsni.bc.ca](mailto:orsi.foldesi@jhsni.bc.ca)**

Dates in 2022:

**October 19th Wednesday 5:30-7 pm**

**November 16th Wednesday 5:30-7 pm**

**December 7th Wednesday 5:30-7 pm**

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## BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE EARS

Ear infections or middle ear fluid occur in nearly two-thirds of all children by the age of three years! Ear infections are the most common reason children see the doctor. Ear infections can lead to fluid behind the eardrum, leading to a temporary hearing loss. When the fluid is gone hearing usually goes back to normal. This can take up to three months. Frequent ear infections can cause difficulties with pronunciation, language and learning.

If your child has an ear problem, be sure to let the teacher know. Ear problems can make it hard for your child to hear, listen and learn at school. If the hearing loss persists, contact a [Public Health Unit](#) Hearing clinic to arrange a hearing test for your child.

For more information:

- ◆ Your local [Public Health Unit](#) Hearing Clinic

### Hearing Clinics:

Victoria	250-388-2250
West Shore	250-519-3490
Nanaimo	250-755-6269
Courtenay	250-331-8526

## PREVENTING COLDS AND INFLUENZA (FLU)

Cold and influenza season is here. As the weather gets cooler and we move indoors, so do germs. Children need reminders to decrease the risk of colds and flu at school and home by:

- ◆ Washing hands often
- ◆ Coughing and sneezing into their elbow
- ◆ Keeping hands away from nose and mouth
- ◆ Not sharing food or drink with others
- ◆ Not sharing facecloths or towels

To help limit the spread of germs, please keep your child home from school and activities if they are feverish, coughing a lot, have thick yellow or green discharge from the nose, or are otherwise unwell.

Remember:

- ◆ Viruses cause colds and influenza
- ◆ Antibiotics will not make a cold or other virus go away faster
- ◆ The most effective treatment for a cold is rest and fluids
- ◆ The influenza vaccine will protect against specific types of influenza
- ◆ Call your doctor if your child has an earache, fever higher than 39° C (102° F), rash, is very sleepy or difficult to wake, very cranky or fussy, has trouble breathing or a cough that will not go away.
- ◆ Handwashing is the most effective way to stop the spread of germs that cause colds, influenza, diarrhea, and other illnesses
- ◆ Wash hands, before and after eating or handling food, after using the toilet, handling pets, coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses

For more information:

- ◆ Your local [Public Health Unit](#)
- ◆ [HealthLinkBC](#) or dial 8-1-1 (a free call)
- ◆ Your doctor