



Pinecrest Elementary

October 18th, 2021.

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THIS MONTH:

The Great Shake Out

Wednesday, October 20th

Hot-Lunch Day

Thursday, October 21st

Pro-d day

School not in session

Friday, October 22nd

Fresh to You forms are due back

Monday, October 25th

Drop Everything & Read

Monday, October 25th

Halloween Costume Day

Friday, October 29th



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Did you know that in School District 72, schools are guided by [four beliefs about learning](#). Click the link and you will find them. Today, we want to highlight the first belief “**Respectful relationships are fundamental to successful learning**” We believe that this belief is alive in our school and want to highlight a few examples.

- “Learning occurs at home and in the community as well as in schools. Therefore, parents are considered partners in their child’s education. Schools encourage and value their insights and support to further their child’s education”.

-Whether it is a face-to-face meeting, a phone call or a brief email, teachers are regularly connecting with parents as they look for ways to best support their students. Parents are often asked by teachers questions like “What works for you at home? What are your priorities for your child’s learning? What is your child great at?” You are truly a valued partner.

- Educators are sincerely interested in students and work to develop positive, supportive, and caring relationships. Every student needs to feel that they have a significant, supportive adult in their life. All learners are valued. They are respected for who they are, where they are on the learning continuum, what they think and believe, and how they learn best. Students’ strengths are acknowledged and celebrated.

All staff: educational assistants, teachers, our youth care worker and counsellor, custodians, our secretary, and student supervisors take time to intentionally get to know our students (Knowing their interests, cultural backgrounds, strengths, etc). This is reflected daily in our interactions with our students as well at the learning opportunities we create with them.

We are 100% committed to ensuring that our relationships with students and families are always respectful. Please know that we are very open to receiving feedback. Let us know when you see examples of our school living this belief as well as the areas you feel we can improve. Thank-you.

Yours sincerely,

The Pinecrest Staff

Check Out These Great Learning Opportunities for Parents and Caregivers

“LET’S
CHAT”

SD72’s District Parent Advisory Council

... is proud to offer a seminar that will cover online safety and ideas parents can implement to keep their children safe.

WHEN: Today, Tuesday, October 21st
from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Focus: This session will help families create healthy **gameplay boundaries** based upon credible peer-reviewed research, stories, and first-hand examples of the positives and negatives of online gaming. It will also examine the research surrounding the debate of gaming addiction.

To Register: Please go to the following link to register for the session and receive the password to attend. The link will be live for 48 hours after the session so that for those who cannot attend on Tuesday, can still watch the recording of it.

<https://www.facebook.com/SD72DPAC>

Would you like to learn more about the transformation that is happening in education?

Would you like to learn about the resources available at school, in our community & online to support to your child's social-emotional needs? Would you like to find ways to help your child develop his/her critical thinking skills at home? Perhaps you have other topics that you would enjoy having conversations about with other Pinecrest parents. We will be setting aside some time on the third Thursday of each month for “Let's chat”.

In a relaxed environment, where tea and coffee will be provided, let's connect and have

conversations about topics that are important to you. Our first “Let's Chat” will happen Thursday, November 18th from 1:45 to 2:30. Please call the school to let us know you will be joining us! Nevenka and Tina are looking forward to the conversations with you.

Pinecrest's Learning Commons Update

By Jenaca Germyn, Pinecrest's teacher-librarian

DEAR is coming! Monday, October 25th

D.E.A.R. stands for “**Drop Everything and Read**”. It's a national celebration of reading designed to remind families to make reading a priority activity in their lives. We will celebrate by reading a ‘**spooky**’ Halloween story over the morning announcements, as well as continue with our daily reading routines.

A Resource you will want to use at HOME!

Our School District has subscribed to the **Sora App**, which gives students access to digital titles, both audio and eBooks’! Download the app or view it online at: <https://soraapp.com>

*School setup code is:

School District 72 Campbell River

We are getting ready . . .

. . . for another successful **Battle of the Books** at Pinecrest School! This friendly literacy competition is aimed at students in grades three, four, and five. Teacher Librarians in our district have selected five or six books that will encourage students to read then work as a team to answer questions related to the books. There has been great student interest and success here at Pinecrest which we know will continue. Look for more details in our November newsletter.

Book Fair and other Updates

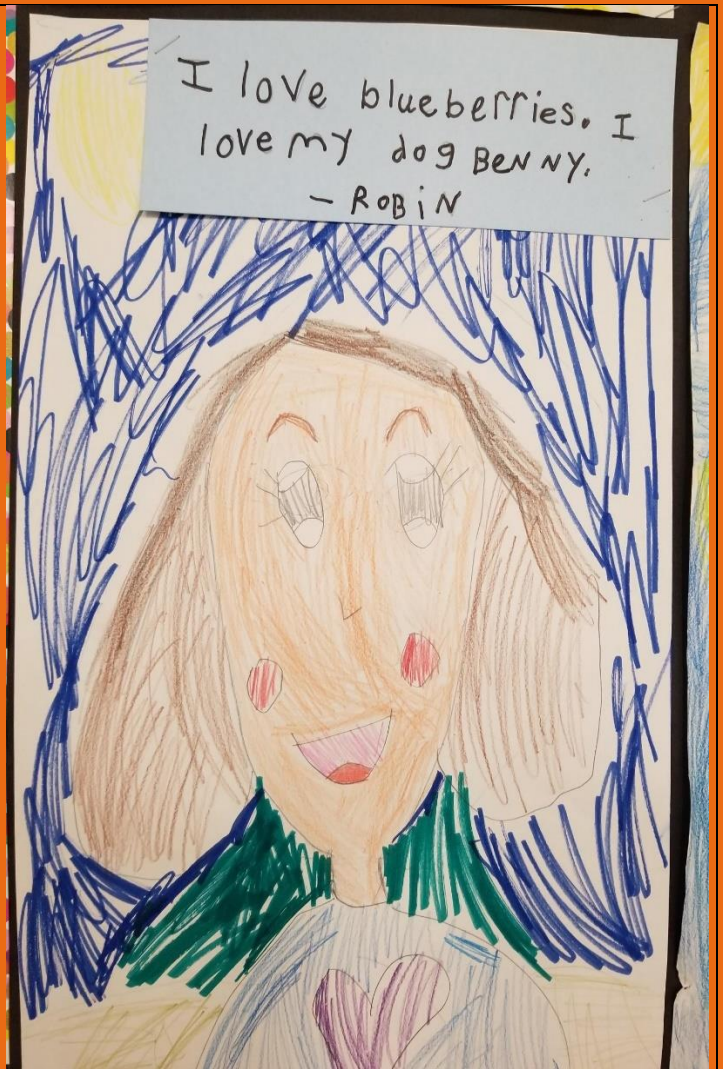
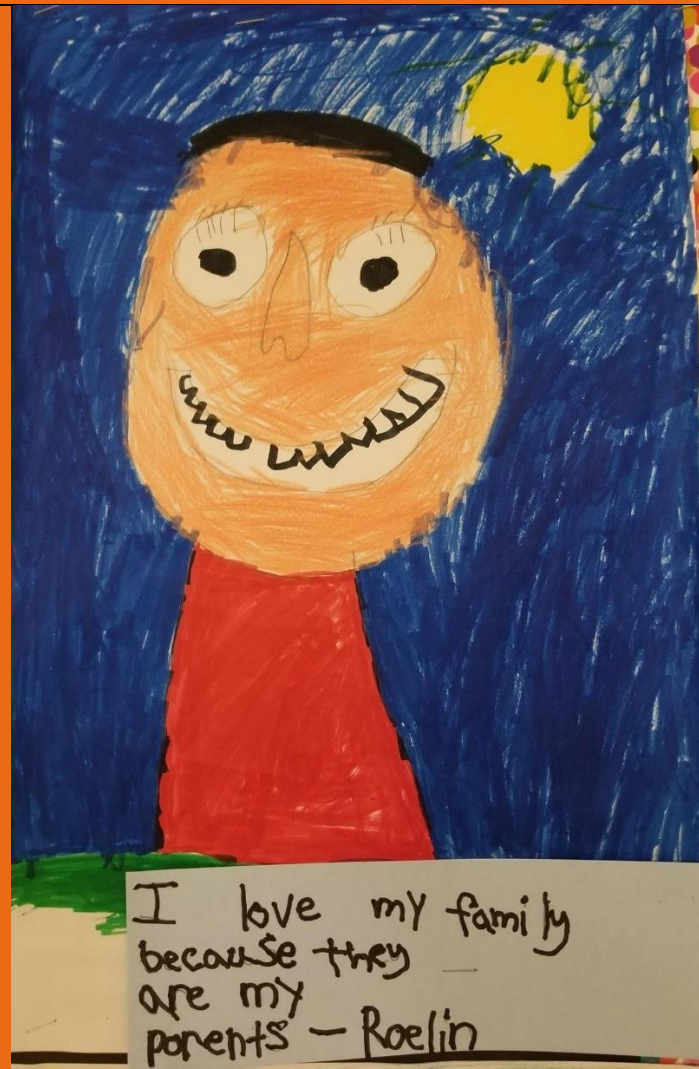
Our annual Scholastic bookfair is going to be held during the week of **Student-led conferences** (November 22-26th). This is a great way to purchase special books, start your Christmas shopping, as well as support our school library!

One of the areas that we have been trying to transform is our library or “**Learning Commons**”. We have moved from the traditional Dewey decimal system to an easy “themed” bin browsing for students. It has been a great success so far!

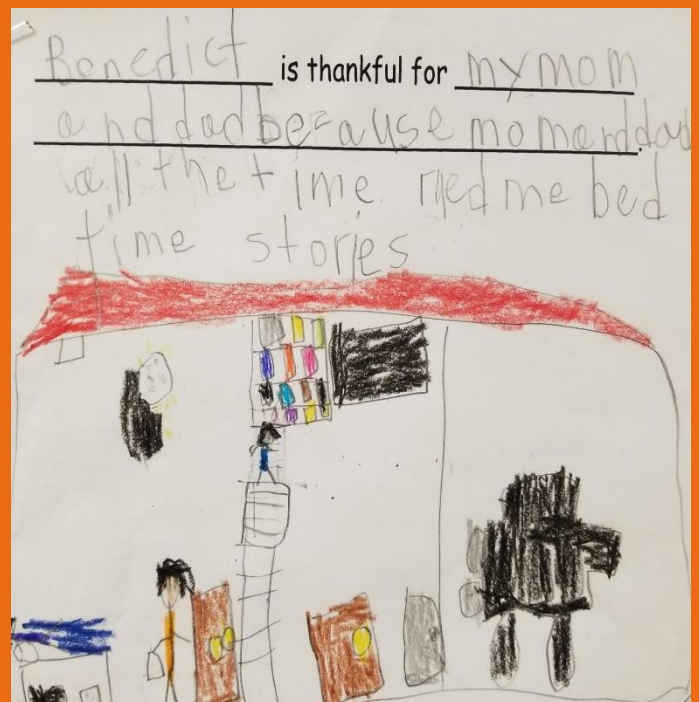


Check out some of the new bookshelves and cozy furniture we have recently purchased for students to enjoy.

Celebrating student learning . . .



The Best Part of me
is my heart. I love my heart
because it represents
Love. With my heart I
can be good and kind.
If I didn't have my heart
I wouldn't be alive.
by Dawson



One of many activities done during Orange Shirt Day . . .

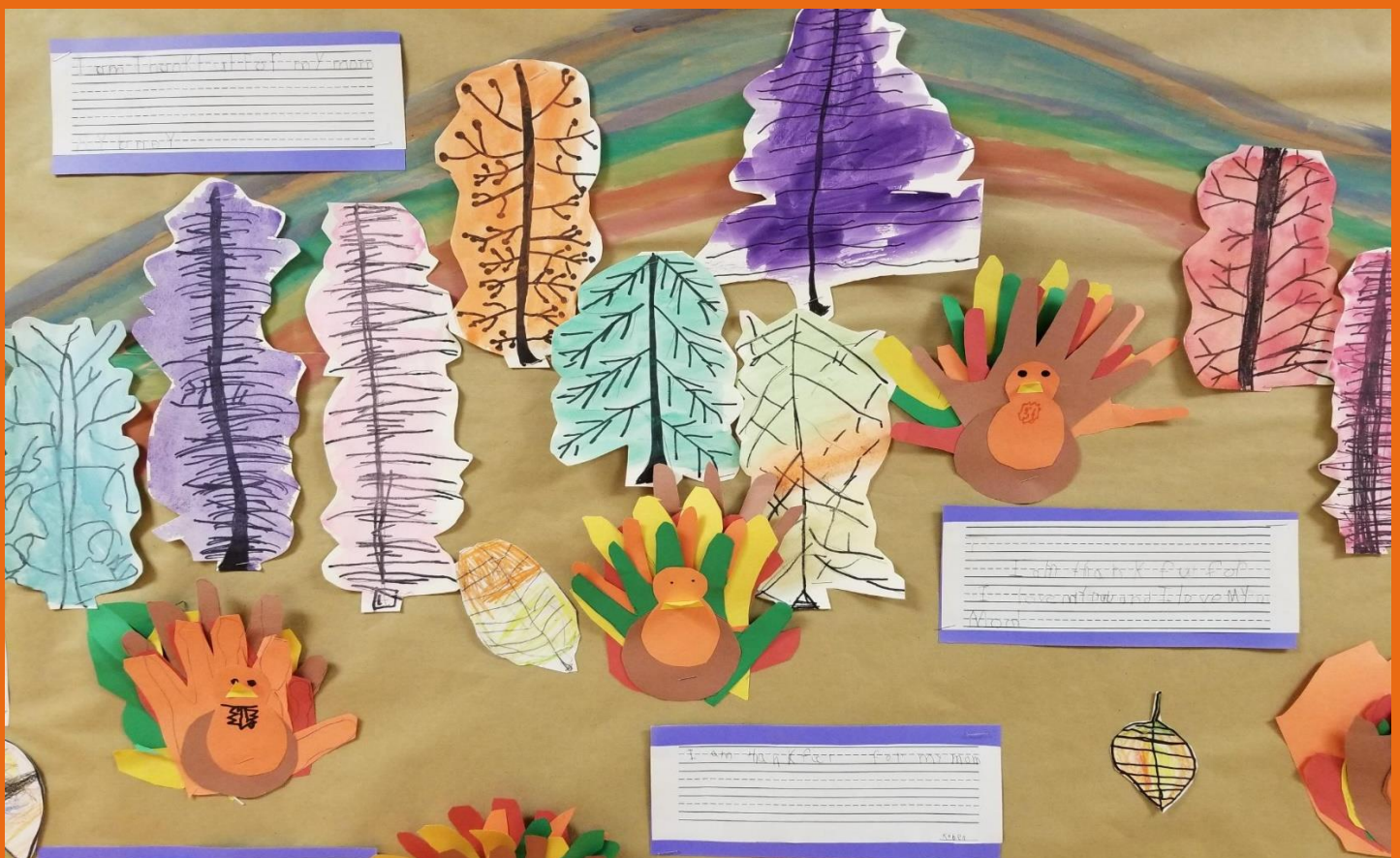
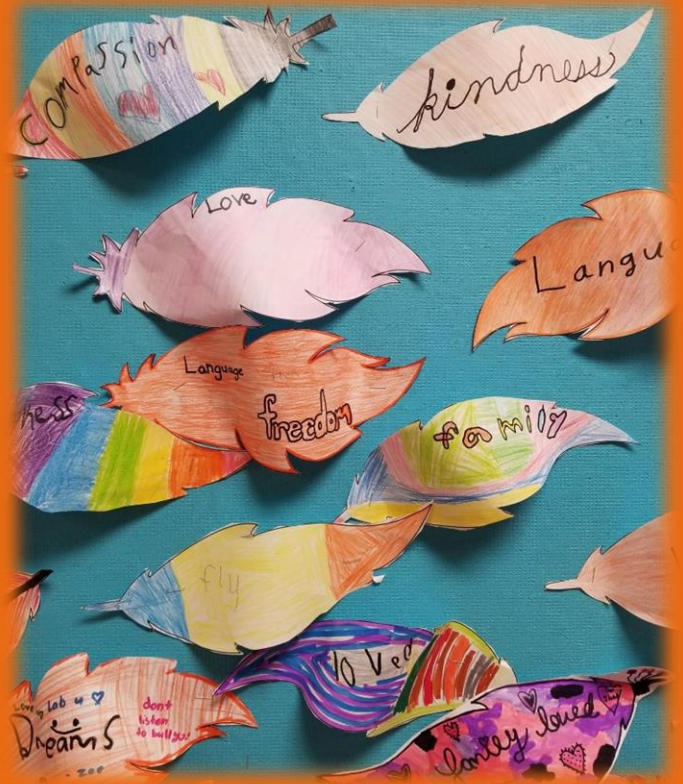
Stolen Words

Orange Shirt Day is a day where communities come together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because "every child matters."

To promote awareness of the Canada's residential schools, the grade 3, 4 and 5 students read the book, "Stolen Words" by Melanie Florence.

In the story, a girl learns about her grandfathers' lost language due to residential schools. With the help of the girls' teacher she is able to bring back the grandfather's language and help her grandfather heal.

In class the students discussed what school would have been like for the grandfather and compared that to our own experiences of school. We then came up with words to describe what we are grateful for in our school community. The feathers' words describe what we feel is important in our schools and communities so that "every child matters."



Art and Thanks-giving from students in Mrs. Clarke's/Spooner's class

Fall is in the air . . .



"Down at the Pumpkin Patch"

A multi – step art project by some students in Mrs. Bakker's class

STUDENT WRITING

Arianna
The best part of me
is my kindness.
I like my kindness
because it is cool.
With my kindness
I can spread love.
If I didn't have my
kindness I would be rude.
These are the reasons
I think my kindness
is the best.

Name: Navy
Thankful
I'm thankful for food and water.
I am thankful for food because
if I did not have food then I
would not be alive right now,
same with water if I did not
drink water then I also would not
be alive now. I'm also thankful for
my family, love and the world. I
am thankful for my family and love
because my family gave me a life
and my family also gives me love.
I'm thankful for the world because
if the world was not here then no one would
be alive.



Students are welcome to wear a comfy costume to school (without the accessories and with little make-up), **their PJ's or regular clothes on Friday, October 29th!** Your child's teacher may be sending more information about the activities that will happen that day in their class that day.

Pinecrest's Smile of the Month:



This is Sylvia Chan. For those who do not know her, she is our amazing custodian. Sylvia has been working in our school district and at Pinecrest for over 30 years. Sylvia is a hard worker and does an amazing job keeping our school clean. Her excellent work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to making a difference for both students and staff contribute greatly to our school culture. Thank-you, Sylvia ❤️



Don't
Forget

Friday, October 22nd

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Monday, November 1st

School will not be in session

These are professional learning days for all staff in the district. In our November newsletter we will highlight some of our key learnings!

It's not too late to pay for your child's School Supplies!

We've worked hard to keep the costs down to only **\$30** for kindergarten students and **\$35** for students in grades one to five.

You can pay by **cash** or **cheque**. Remember to address your cheque to ***Pinecrest Elementary School***. This year you have the option to **e-transfer** these fees!

Here's how!

1. Add ***Pinecrest@sd72.bc.ca*** to your **contacts** in your online banking set up. **Password not required.**
2. Enter the combined costs for each of your children.
3. In the **notes section** of the e-transfer, be sure to include:
 - **Each of your children's names**
 - **Purpose of the e-transfer** (School Supplies)

Daily Health Checks Keep Everyone Safe

We would like to thank all parents and care-givers for conducting a daily health check with your children. When you are unsure whether to send your child to school when they are not feeling well, you might want to go online and go to K-12 Health Check



K-5



6-8



9-12

This site will help you make the best decisions for your child based on the current health guidelines. If still unsure, please do **call 811**

WE REALLY NEED YOUR COOPERATION TO KEEP OUR PARKING LOT SAFE.

If you plan to stop your car and go directly to your child's classroom door to pick up your child, please park in a parking lot space instead of leaving your car in the "Pick up and Drop off" lane.

Remember, there are parking spots in the second parking lot beyond the school's parking lot 😊

Pinecrest Parent Advisory Council are ready to give it their all for our students!

Here are your PAC Executive members:

Chair: Christina Scott **Vice Chair:** Janine Cox

Secretary: Lorena Parr **Treasurer:** Kari Bassett

DPAC Rep: Dino Pagliardi

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Lorena Parr

Please know you are welcome to attend PAC meetings on the third Thursday of every month starting at 6:15. You can join us in person or on ZOOM. Watch your email in November or visit our Pinecrest Facebook page for reminders of the next PAC meeting!

Why make a lunch on Thursday, Oct. 21st when PAC is offering this HOT LUNCH ?



If you would like to make donation for this Thursday's Lunch, please send a toonie to school with your child to give to their teacher!

FRESH TO YOU **FUNDRAISER**



The Fresh to You Fundraiser is a great way to promote healthy food choices while making a 40% profit for your school.

Here's What's in the Bundles



We love to eat fresh fruits and vegetables!

Bundle 1 - \$20

5 lb Pacific Sunset Potatoes
3 lb Carrots
3 pk Lovable Little Squash
3 lb Yellow Onions

Bundle 2 - \$25

5 lb Pacific Sunrise Potatoes
0.5 lb Shallots
2 lb bag of Carrots
5 lb bag of Red Beets
5 lb bag of Gala Apples

Our school is making a healthy choice in fundraising by selling top quality fruits and vegetables from BC.

Help us:

- 🍎 meet our school's fundraising goals
- 🍎 support healthy choices
- 🍎 support local growers and producers

Your order forms are due on Monday, October 25th

Thank-you, PAC, for all the wonderful playground equipment you purchased for our students to enjoy during recess.



School District 72's . . .

MISSION



Students who are
literate, numerate
and socially
responsible.

VISION



Personal excellence
for all members
of our learning
community.

VALUES



Learning is central.

Collegiality is
essential.

Respect is
fundamental.

LEARNING BELIEFS

Respectful
relationships are
fundamental to
successful learning.

Learning is an active
and social process.



All learners vary in
their learning styles,
prior knowledge
and experiences,
abilities and rates of
development.

Positive learning
behaviours and
attitudes lead to
greater student
independence,
success and lifelong
learning.