



Pinecrest Elementary

September 21, 2021.

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Events to Remember

Tour de Rock

September 22nd

Terry Fox Run

*This Friday,
September 24th*

Potential Open House

Tuesday, September 28th

Orange Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 29th

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Day

Thursday, September 30th



A Wonderful Start to the School Year

Thoughtful planning does pay off! We were happy to be able to place students into their classes on the second day of school. We have 11 classrooms and a total of 238 students. We have welcomed **19 students** new to our school with most of them coming from communities outside of Campbell River. We are so happy to have you join us ❤️. We are also excited to welcome 38 Kindergarten students who began full days last week! In addition to getting to know our students as learners, the focus of September is reconnecting & building relationships, establishing routines, and creating a culture of safety and learning. The positive tone in our school already tells us that we are in for an amazing year of learning!

Tina Gordon, our new Vice-Principal, wanted to send out a **heartfelt** thank-you to families for the warm welcome. She has enjoyed getting to meet parents outside before and after school. The students have all been very eager to help Mrs. Gordon learn their names and also seem happy to engage in conversations. She told us that she is quickly learning that Pinecrest is an amazing school filled with heart. **We are certainly happy to have you here at Pinecrest, Mrs. Gordon** ❤️

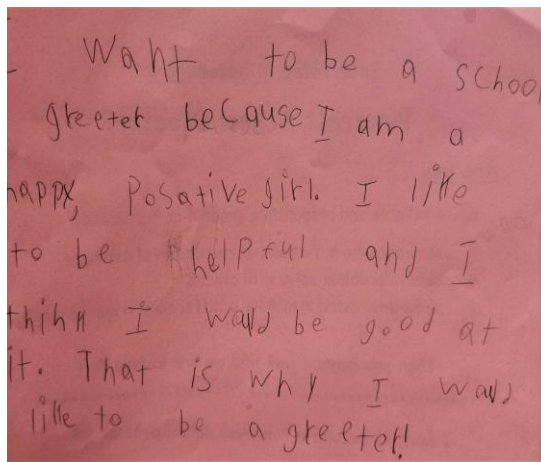


Did you know we are offering free hot and healthy lunches this year?

Stay tuned. . .

What a great school start- up . . .

.... looks like?



Want to be a school greeter because I am a happy, positive girl. I like to be helpful and I think I would be good at it. That is why I would like to be a greeter!

Grade 4 and 5 students were given **an invitation** to become a **School Greeter**. We had **36** students who said, "Pick me!". This is what Audrey wrote to let us know why she would make an excellent school greeter. If you know Audrey, you will also know she is perfect for this role just like the others who volunteered.

Additionally, twelve grade five students applied to become a member of our **Morning Announcements** team. Last Friday, each of them read aloud a few announcement examples. They did an amazing job reading both fluently and with a tone appropriate for the message. Well done, students! We are

considering taping these announcements (voice only) and putting them on our website so families can hear what is happening at the school each day 😊

Collaboration is a key ingredient for effective teamwork and it's alive and well with our Pinecrest Staff. We spent part of our pro-days in September doing some visioning. Staff members were asked to respond to the question, "**How do we create a school a where everyone leaves feeling safe, happy and successful; a school you can't wait to go to the next day?**"

Students and parents will be invited to collaborate with us this fall as we co-create of vision for Pinecrest school. Some teachers have already been doing some work around this with their students. Once the process is fully developed (with some PAC members included) we will share our plan with all of you.



Mrs. Quinn has been building classroom community the last few weeks. Creating Lego self-portraits were one of the activities her class engaged in to create community. Her students were very proud of their **"Everything is AWESOME in the grade 4/5"** hallway display.

What a great school start- up . . .

. . . sounds like?

When asked how school start up was like for them, this is what we heard:

Luna: “It was amazing coming back to school because I got to see my friends again!”

Oscar: “School has been great because I signed up to be a School Greeter and am on the Announcement Team”

Mrs. Valentyik: “I am already looking forward to a fun year!”

Navy: “School has been fun because we are already learning in fun ways!”

Delainey: “It’s great because I have a great teacher!”

Preslee: “I am new to Pinecrest and already like this school. I have made some friends!”

Vince: “Pinecrest’s gym is bigger than Cortes’ gym. I am happy that I have already made a friend named, Caleb.”

Mrs. Baker: “School start up has been amazing. I have a class full of keen, engaged and excited to learn students!”

Ms. Sorba: Start up has been fun because we got into our classes right away. It has been a few weeks of reconnecting, daily check-in and team building activities that are loud, messy, and fun!

Mrs. Quinn: “It’s so fun being back in school and seeing everyone again especially since I get to teach the BEST class in the school!”

Mrs. Andrews: “School start up has been FANTASTIC! I love seeing everyone’s happy faces 😊

Jaxon: I love Math in Mrs. Baker’s class!

Other things we’ve heard:

- Pinecrest parents at their first Parent Advisory Council meeting were eagerly volunteering for executive PAC positions!
- Students laughing and playing cooperatively as they have a basketball game at recess.
- Students asking our school counsellor, Tim, if he wants to come outside to play Man-tracker with them on the field and he enthusiastically said, “Yes!”

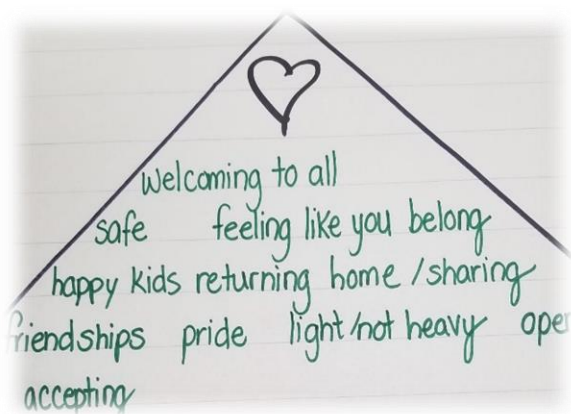
What a great school start- up . . .

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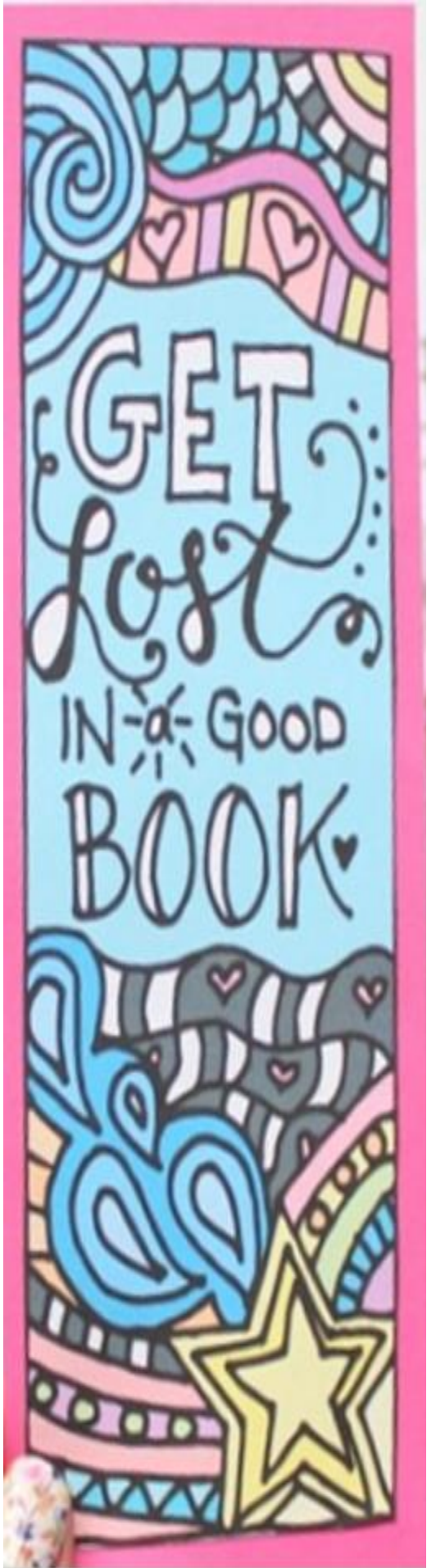
Nevaeh, a new student to Pinecrest, was feeling **comfortable** enough to bring in her pet lizard to share with her classmates and other students in the school. Here she is with Queen Elizabeth, her new pet. Thank-you, Nevaeh. Some of us never touched a lizard before.



Reconnecting with the staff during our early September pro-d days reinforced the importance of **teamwork**. Not only did we begin soliciting staff input on creating a school where everyone can't wait to go to everyday, we also explored the question, "How does where we live influence who we are and what we believe?" The result of the activities and conversations led to a deeper sense of **belonging and connection** with each other as well as the place where we live.



Parents are encouraged to start thinking about how they would answer the question, "**How can we create a school where your children can't wait to go to everyday?**" **What would that school look like** (what would you see happening>), **What would you hear** (in the school/outside the school) and **how would it feel to be part of that school?** We look forward to involving you in our visioning process ☺



Welcome back families,

It's been an exciting seeing students back in the library. Thank you to the families who have already returned their library books. We appreciate your effort to keep your child's library account up to date!

If your child hasn't already, they will be bringing books home over the next week or so. Please help remind your child to return their books on or before their library book exchange day. This helps with library shelving and allows your child to sign out new books each week.

Over the last year, we have changed our library back office. Once I have more detailed information on how your child can access the online database, I will send it out to you so you can view Pinecrest library books online! Our School District also has a variety of **online audio/e-books**. I will provide you with information on how to access it as soon as it becomes available.

Last year our school ran a **Readers of the Month** program. This program recognizes one student from every class who reads for 20 minutes or more each night. The student will have their picture on our **wall of fame** outside of the library, receive a certificate and a bookmark! Students who read 20 minutes a day, read 1.8 million more words per year and will have read for 851 hours by grade 6!

Lastly, our **Scholastic Book Fair** is scheduled for the week of Student-led Conferences (November 22-26).

Please let me know if you have any questions,

I am looking forward to a great year!

Thank you,

Mrs. Germyn

Doing our part to support Cancer Research & Camp Goodtimes!



We are welcoming the **Tour de Rock** team to our school tomorrow. Students have been busy making posters so that they know we appreciate and support their efforts. We are hoping students can bring a **toonie** tomorrow. Everyone who brings a toonie will enjoy an **ice-cream treat** later in the day. Our **Terry Fox** walk-run will be Friday. We are encouraging all students to bring a **loonie** that day if they can.

Don't
Forget

More ways to pay for School Supplies!

We are hoping that everyone can pay for their children's school supplies by **October 1st**

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)

Unless the winds are strong and the rain is heavy, we do take our students outside as much as possible during both short and long recess. **Please be sure your children are dressed for the weather!**

Daily Health Checks Keeps 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**





Pinecrest staff actively engage in **professional learning** throughout the school year. Some even take University courses. We are committed to our learning so that we can better support student learning. Congratulations, **Mrs. Bernard & Mrs. Robertson**, for completing your **Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership** late this summer! Way to go ❤️

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

We are grateful to the parents who came out (both in person or over Zoom) to the first PAC meeting of the school year. Elections were held and we want to thank the following parents for volunteering to carry out the following positions:

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

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

DPAC Rep: Dino Pagliardi

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Lorena Parr

Your PAC is inviting you to participate in their

Budget meeting this Thursday, September 23rd @

6:15. Come and bring your ideas 😊

We are so grateful to the volunteers at the United Church for providing “Breakfast to go” for Pinecrest students Monday to Friday! Students are welcome to pick up their breakfast from the United Church Monday to Fridays between 8:30 and 8:45




Six Critical Life Messages

... every child needs to hear everyday



1. I believe in you.
2. I trust you.
3. I know you can handle this (situation in their life). YOU CAN!
4. You are listened to and respected.
5. You are cared for.
6. You are very important to me and uniquely special.

How do you communicate these messages every day?

- ✓ With your eyes
- ✓ With your tone of voice
- ✓ With your actions
- ✓ With your sincere compliments and celebrations
- ✓ With your emotions
- ✓ With your forgiveness
- ✓ With your example and, of course...
- ✓ With your heart 

(Source: Barbara Coloroso, Kids are worth it, 1999.)

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.