



Pinecrest Elementary

June 2022 Newsletter

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Important dates

June 15th and 16th Beach days

Saratoga Beach

June 20th to June 24th

Indigenous Week

June 27th – Grade 5 Celebration

June 28th - Fun Day (am)

June 29th – Last day of School (11:30)

- Report cards go home today
- The Breakfast team at the United Church is treating students to hot-dogs at dismissal time. Students can swing by the church to pick up a hot-dog before heading home!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are already in the last few weeks of the 2021-2022 school year and **the learning hasn't stopped** ! Our start to the month began with three Hip Hop dance sessions for every class which the students absolutely loved! Our thanks go out to dance instructor, Kirsty from *Kathy Mascia School of Dance*, who did a fabulous job engaging and inspiring our students!

Teachers have been planning some **wonderful learning experiences** for your children outside of the school. Opportunities such as trips to Baikie Island, the Willow Point Reef, Camp Bob, Campbell River Museum and Saratoga Beach, give students hands on experience that allow them to apply what they have learned in meaningful ways. Thank you very much to the **parent volunteers** who have joined in on some of these field trips. Additionally, **experts from within the community** have also been invited into our school to share their knowledge. We are so grateful to have such rich resources!

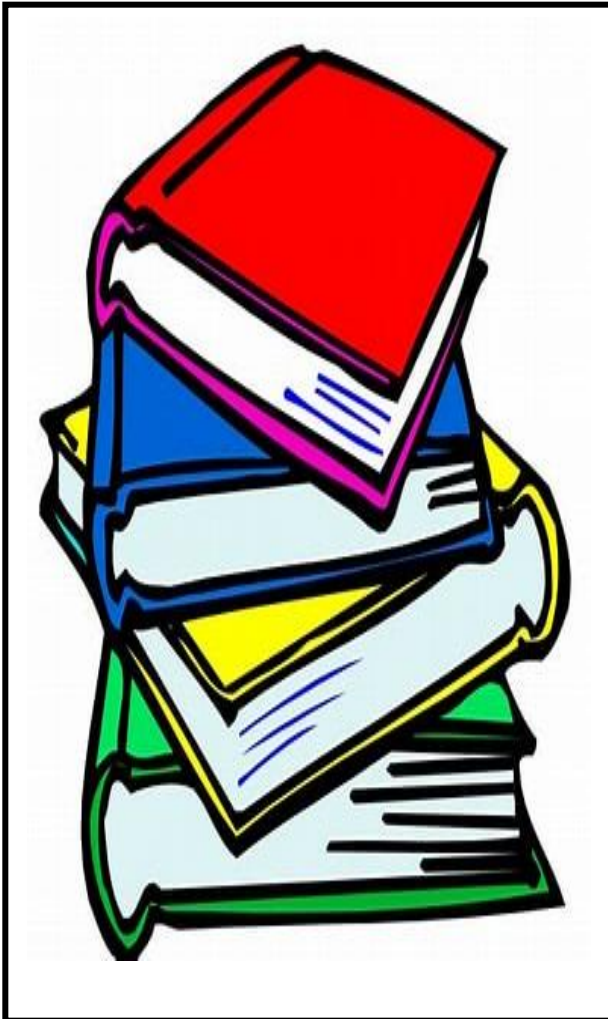
June is also the month when students and teachers take time to **reflect on the learning growth** that has been made this year. We measure growth from where a student started at the beginning of the year to where they are now in their learning. There is certainly lots to celebrate and you will notice this will be reflected in your child's report card.

And finally, much of what goes on in June is to **prepare for the next school year**. We have 45 grade five students who will be moving on to **middle school**! A number of strategies including a visit to the school (Southgate or Phoenix) have been occurring to help with the transition. Equally important is the transition from home or preschool to **Kindergarten**. Our WKT was very successful. We saw many students leave the event looking very excited about coming back in September!

And as always, know that we all **appreciate** all that you do to support your child's learning at home. Together, we make a difference.

Pinecrest Staff 

Pinecrest's Library Reminders:



- The last regular classroom book exchanges this year will take place the week of June 6th to 10th.
- All student books will be due back to the library by Friday, June 17th at the latest.
- Signed "Summer Reading" program permission slips will be due back to the library by June 17th. Watch for forms coming home.
- VIRL Librarian will be visiting our school to talk about "Summer Reading" programs at the VIRL on June 22nd. Presentations will be about 35 minutes for a group of two similar classes at once.
- Students will be able to check out books for summer on June 21st-June 23rd.

Congratulations to our Pinecrest Readers of the Month!

Mrs. Doherty: Violet, Gavin

Mrs. Preston: Machyla, MaKayla, Olivia & Robin

Mrs. Baker: Alexis, Everleigh

Ms. Sorba: Aaron, Jayla, & Xander

Mrs. Spooner: Anja, Alexander

Mrs. Quinn: Kesler

Mrs. Kennedy: Nevaeh

Mrs. Storrie: Luna

Mrs. Robertson: Silas, Zane

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."- Richard Steele

Getting Ready for the 2022-2023 School Year



HOWDY NEIGHBOUR!

Have you had any new families move to your neighborhood? Do they have school-aged children? Ask them if they have registered for school yet. If they haven't it, please encourage them to register with our school as there may not be room in September. This is especially true for kindergarten.

Now's the time to register your children for school!

Beat the September Rush . . .

You can pay for school supplies now!

Once again we have purchased school supplies in bulk to save you money as well as time. School supplies for the 2022-2023 school year will cost \$35 for all students (Kindergarten to grade 5).

You can pay by cash, cheque or through e-transfer

Here's how to e-transfer:

Step One: Add Pinecrest@sd72 to your contacts in your online banking set up. Password is not required.

Step Two: Enter the combined costs for each of your children who will be attending Pinecrest.

Step Three: 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)

Parent Input . . .

As we begin the process of creating our classes for next year, we want to give parents an opportunity to share any information about your child that you would like us to consider when we create our classes. Please email Nevenka.Fair@sd72.bc.ca or make an appointment to see her.

MOVING? Please let us know!

To help us have a smooth transition into a new school year, it is helpful that we know if there are any students who will not be here in September. Please call Laurel (250) 287-8805 and let us know if your family is moving! **It makes a difference**

What does school start up look like in September?

First day of school: September 6th (partial day)
Grades 1 – 5 8:45 to 10:00
Kindergarten 10:45 – 11:45

Celebrating Learning

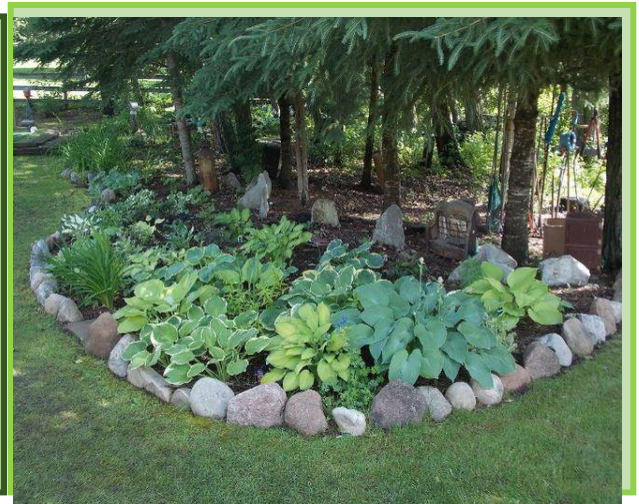
School-wide Write: As part of our assessment process in writing, our staff decided to do a 'school-wide-write' with all students writing on the same topic. Students went through the usual steps they follow in class when writing on a topic. The topic that was given was:

"Many people feel a special connection to a particular place.

Write about your special place, why it's special and how it makes you feel"

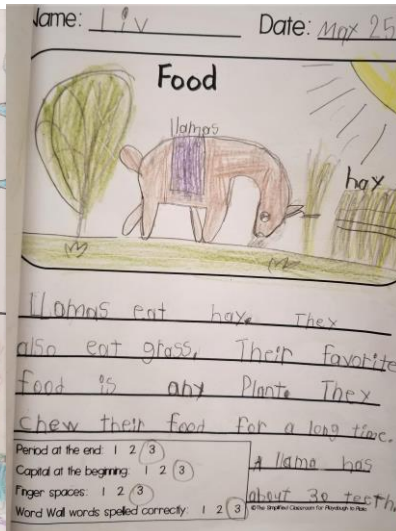
Here is what Chloe, a student in grade two, wrote:

I have a special place in my garden. It is very bright on sunny days. There is a tree that I sit under as I sit on my favourite rock. The rock is dark grey and it's flat. I hear the birds chirping in the tree. After a little bit, the birds fly over me with a chirp. It is very green here because of the leaves on the tree and bushes. I smell the sent of newly bloomed flowers on the tree. I feel relaxed when I lay here on my favourite rock. I feel happy when I am on that rock. Sometimes I feel like never going inside. (Draft writing sample, May 2022)



Wonderful research projects on their favourite animal, bird, or fish!

Completed by Ms. Spooner's grade one two students



Be sure to visit their hallway where you can view these projects. Each student researched and wrote about their animals:

- Characteristics
- Habitat
- Food
- Reproduction
- Interesting facts

Pretty Impressive!

THANK YOU, Parent Advisory Council

*Thank
You*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our amazing PAC and the parent volunteers who have been supporting our school in many ways throughout the year including providing funding for . . .

- ♥ Four free homemade lunches to all students
- ♥ Swimming lessons for all our grade 3's
- ♥ Hot-dog fundraising events in May which supported the purchase of student laptops
- ♥ Supporting Jaqueline's two photo shoots that brought more \$\$ for laptops
- ♥ Appreciation Salad bar for Pinecrest Staff
- ♥ Snacks and tents for our Beach days
- ♥ Finding a sponsor for our Grade 5 Hoodies!

Thank you, PAC and all Pinecrest Parents & Caregivers for supporting our school. We appreciate you all!





Pinecrest Elementary Learning Commons

Summer Reading Book Sign Out!

Are you interested in having your child check out books from our school library to read over the summer holidays? If **YES**, continue reading. **This letter is for you!**

Hello families!

Summer break is just around the corner. At Pinecrest, we recognize that reading is extremely important as it is linked to your child's learning success. To support student reading during the summer months, our school will take part in the **"Summer Reading"** program, with parental permission. Students will have the opportunity to select 4 books (with the exception of a few avid readers) from our school library collection. Your child must have no outstanding books or fines and must return the books to the library in September. If your child is going to middle school, they can return their books to either Phoenix or Southgate (please bring them to the Teacher Librarian).

Any books lost or not returned in September 2022 will be subject to a fine, and full payment will be required before your child has access to checking out books from the library in the fall. Please sign below and return this permission slip to your child's classroom teacher before **Friday, June 17st**.

Your child will be able to check out books for the summer on June 21st to June 23rd. You will also receive a printout copy of the books your child has checked out.

Please note that the last regular classroom book exchange will take place **next week**, and **all library books will need to be returned by June 17th, 2022.**

Sincerely,
Jenaca Germyn
Pinecrest Teacher Librarian

Child's name: _____ Grade in June: _____

I, (Parent) _____, understand that I will be charged the cost of replacing any books not returned in good condition in September 2022.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

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