



Sandowne Newsletter

September 2025

Dear Sandowne Families,

It has been a wonderful and busy week at Sandowne! The energy in the building has been incredibly positive, and we are thrilled to hear about everyone's summer adventures.

Today, our Grade 5 students led Field Fest 2025, and it was a fantastic way to wrap up a fun-filled week. We are so proud of their leadership and the joyful spirit they brought to the event.

Throughout the week, students have been settling smoothly into routines and reconnecting with their teachers and friends. These first few days have also given us the opportunity to observe peer dynamics as we prepared for permanent class placements. Our staff has engaged in thoughtful discussions to support each student's success.

We want to assure you that class placements have been made with great care and consideration. While we took parent requests into account, we also balanced resources and peer groupings to create the best possible learning environment for all students. We truly appreciate your understanding of the complexities involved in this process.

Class Placement Considerations Include:

- Individual student needs
- A balance of strengths, abilities, and skills
- Peer relationships and social dynamics
- Support staff availability and optimization
- Contractual class size and composition guidelines

Placement decisions are a team effort, involving teachers, the administration, and support staff such as our Youth Care Worker, Indigenous Support Teacher, Inclusion Support Teacher, and Counsellor.

We recognize that some students may feel disappointed about not being placed with certain friends or teachers. We encourage families to model hopeful, compassionate, and open-minded attitudes. Emphasizing resilience, new experiences, and a growth mindset will help students navigate this transition positively.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Kelly Gage and Georgina Knox

Principal & Vice-Principal, Sandowne Elementary

Sept. 2-11

Kindergarten
Gradual Entry

Sept. 18

Open House from
5-6pm

September 19

Terry Fox Run

September 30

Truth &
Reconciliation
Day-School
Closed

October 7

Picture Day

October 13

Thanksgiving-
School Closed

October 24

Pro-D Day-School
Closed

October 30

Student-led
Conferences-class
not in session

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

Parking Reminder

**A reminder to not block residential driveways during drop-off or pickup.
Thank you for your cooperation!**

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.

School Telephones

Our office phone is not to be used during or after school to make play arrangements. Please ensure your child is certain about after-school arrangements before leaving each day so that needless, worrisome situations do not arise. Thank you.

Sandowne Corkboard

Upper Parking Lot

Please do not use the upper parking lot during school hours. This is staff parking only. Thank you for your co-operation.



Sandowne Elementary
Sandowne PAC

Don't forget...

- ♦ Dress for the weather
- ♦ Send your child with a water bottle to keep hydrated.
- ♦ Have an extra change of clothes and pairs of socks in backpacks.

FORMS TO GO HOME



The following forms will be sent home and must be reviewed, signed and returned a.s.a.p.

Student Verification Forms—Please check information carefully and sign the bottom of the form. **Corrections can be written on the form. Send form back even if there are no changes.**

Emergency Release Form—This form is a list of who can be contacted in the case of a serious incident at the school or where your child might need medical attention, if you cannot be reached.

FOIPPA 2025/2026—This consent form will allow us to include your child's name or image on our school website or newsletter.

District Information Systems Acceptable Use Agreement—This is needed for students to use computers at school.

Walking Field Trip—This is a permission form to allow your child to go on neighborhood walks with their class.

School Supplies

School supply payments are now due. If you have not yet done so, please send \$45 per student to **sandowne@sd72.bc.ca**. Or send exact cash to the office.

This covers all supplies for the entire year.

Make sure to include student name with payment



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10:15—10:30 Recess

12:00—12:45 Lunch

2:15 Dismissal



Medication

If your child has any medical concerns, or is on daily medication, please ensure that all information is up to date.

If you wish to keep medication at the school for your child, a “Request for Administration of Medication” form must be completed and updated on a yearly basis.

Anaphalaxis

We have students in the building who are severely allergic to nuts.

Please check with your child’s teacher to find out if their classroom is nut-free.

Our school in general is nut aware.

Thank you for your help to keep our community safe.

September 2025

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

	1	2 First Day Back To School	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 PAC Open House-6:30pm in the Library	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Open House from 5-6pm	19 Terry Fox Run	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Truth & Reconciliation - School Closed				

The background is a vibrant collage of school-related items and abstract shapes. It includes a blue and yellow spiral notebook on the left, a yellow ruler, a pink eraser, a blue pencil, and a yellow pencil. There are also various colorful stars (red, yellow, blue, green), circles, and a large yellow lightbulb. The text is centered over this background.

SANDOWNE PAC

OPEN HOUSE

COME SEE WHAT PAC IS ABOUT!
Q AND A, TEA AND COOKIES AND
NO COMMITMENT!

Join us on Wednesday,
September 10th
6:30 pm at the school library

Stay up to date and join us on
Facebook! Look for Sandowne PAC.

sandowneparentadvisorycouncil
@gmail.com

WHAT IS THE SKATING SCHOOL BUS?



Kids ages 7+ can catch a ride on our SRD bus after school to our arena and join our Everyone Welcome & Pond Hockey session.



Cost is \$10/day and you can register up until noon of your desired pick-up day.



We pick-up from the following schools:

Mon/Wed: Sandowne, Penfield, Georgia Park, Southgate

Tues/Thurs: Ocean Grove, Willow Point, Phoenix

Friday: Ripple Rock, Ecole Des Deux Mondes, Ecole Mer et Montagne



Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

REGISTER TODAY!

Call or visit our front desk to get your child registered.

STRATHCONA GARDENS RECREATION COMPLEX

We're still open during construction!

Phone

250-830-6777

Email

info@strathconagardens.com

Website

www.strathconagardens.com

Strathcona Gardens SKATING SCHOOL BUS

Welcome on board!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDE?

- \$10 fee includes a ride to our arenas on an SRD bus driven by one of our professional drivers, drop-in admission, skate rentals, and a helmet.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT?

- Participants are welcome to bring their own skating and hockey gear on the bus.
- Alternatively, parents can drop off their child's equipment at our skate shop on the day of pickup.

WHERE DO PARTICIPANTS GET PICKED UP?

- Pickup from each school will be the same location as the SD72 buses.
- We communicate with the schools and provide them a list of students participating in our program.
- Our bus will be very visible with the SRD logo and blue/green colors on it for kids to identify easily.



WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS HELP WHILE AT THE ARENA?

- Our bus driver and skate shop staff will be on hand to provide general supervision and assistance with anyone who needs help with their skates or equipment.
- Our reception desk also has a public phone for kids to use if needed.

WHEN DO KIDS NEED TO BE PICKED UP FROM THE ARENA?

- Parents must sign-out kids with our staff member in Dressing Room E (beside the skate shop on the Leisure Ice) before the arena closes at 5pm.



How to Register

Ages 7+ Registration begins August 11



Online registration is currently unavailable, so give our front desk a call at 250-830-6777 and press 0.







You can also register in-person by visiting our reception desk in the front lobby of Strathcona Gardens at 225 S Dogwood Street.

Need to make plans last minute? You can register until noon of the pick-up day!



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. ie. 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

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- 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
- Jan. 16 Pro-D Day
- Feb. 16 Schools Closed - Family Day
- Feb. 17 Pro-D Day
- Mar. 23 - Spring Break
- Apr. 2
- Apr. 3 Schools Closed - Good Friday
- Apr. 6 Schools Closed - Easter Monday
- Apr. 7 Pro-D Day
- Apr. 30 Student-Led Conference Day
Schools to Provide Details About Student Attendance.
- May 18 Schools Closed - Victoria Day
- June 26 Schools Closed - Administration Day

 Instructional  Non-Instructional  Vacation Period  Statutory Holiday



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