

Kanaka Creek Elementary

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

At Kanaka we strive to develop a community of responsible learners who strive to attain their potential in a safe, cooperative and healthy environment.



Spirit of Giving

Where has the time gone? We are more than half way done our first term here at Kanaka and the community has grown together in so many ways already. I have been so impressed at the giving nature of our community. Already, we've raised funds for the Terry Fox Foundation, for BC families who lost their homes in the recent wild fires, to help the relief effort in Mexico City, and for the local food bank. Thanks for your generosity and caring nature. It is good to show our students through our example generosity and caring.

As we move in to November, we'll be starting to think about student-led conferences. This is a chance to highlight our child(ren)'s strengths, notice areas of growth, and create goals that will guide them in term 2. Students are creating portfolios of work that they will share with their parent and teacher as they highlight the areas above. Please remember these conferences are the first formal report of progress and, thus, a guardian needs to attend. If you have question, please contact me.

Chad Raible

Upcoming Events

Nov 1 st	Div 4 – Swimming – 1pm Div 2-6 – HUB Bike program
Nov 2 nd	Div 2-6 – HUB Bike Program
Nov 3 rd	Div 4 – Simming – 1pm Popcorn Day
Nov 6 th	Div 2-6 – HUB Bike Program Volleyball practice – 7:30,2:30
Nov 7 th	Div 2-6 – HUB Bike Program
Nov 8 th	Div 2-6 – HUB Bike Program Volleyball practice – 7:30am PAC meeting – 7pm
Nov 9 th	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:30am
Nov 10 th	Pro-D Day – No School
Nov 13 th	Stat Holiday – No School
Nov 15 th	Volleyball practice – 7:30am
Nov 16 th	Volleyball game @ home (3pm)
Nov 17 th	Bake Sale – recess – Div 2 Tissue Contest Draw Book Fair Starts
Nov 20 th	Div 18 – Young@Art artist visit (am)
Nov 22 nd	Grade 7 leaving ceremony committee meeting – 6:30pm Volleyball practice – 7:30am Book Fair Ends
Nov 23 rd	PAC hot lunch
Nov 24 th	Entrepreneur Fair – 9-11:30
Nov 28 th	Grade 6 immunizations
Nov 30	Conference – Dismis@11:30
Dec 1 st	Conferences – no classes

Great Things @Kanaka



Our teachers often engage students in “place based learning”. This is where teachers take the learning to where it occurs. This month, students enjoyed pumpkin patches, farms, art galleries, the fish fence, and even just nature walks in our surrounding forests.



The district annual primary and intermediate cross country meets were another incredible success. Participants names can be found later in the newsletter. A huge thank you to all of the staff who were involved organizing this and to parents who drove and helped supervise. Way to go, Kanaka!!



The halls of Kanaka were filled with clowns, Harry Potters, and many princesses this Tuesday as we celebrated Halloween for the day. Parties and parades were the talk of the day as students explored their learning as “spookily” as they could. Be sure to check out the TV by the library for great costume pics.

W I T S

WITS is a pro-active program encouraging children to make safe and positive choices when faced with peer conflict.

The WITS acronym – **Walk Away, Ignore, Talk It Out and Seek Help** provides a common language that children and adults can use in their environment to solve social problems.

Please visit the WITS Program website for more information. <http://www.witsprogram.ca/kids/>

BC ShakeOut Drill – Oct 19

Our annual BC ShakeOut drill was another success for Kanaka. On October 19th, Kanaka joined thousands of participants across BC as we practiced what to do in the event of an earthquake. The students “dropped, covered, and held on”. Then, after they waited a minute, they evacuated our building



Diversity Morning

Our teachers on a daily basis look to capture our students’ imagination through various ways. One important tool is the power of personal experiences. Last week Mr. Beyer’s class showcased their learning to parents and our school by hosting a “diversity morning” in our library. Division 9 entertained parents and students alike as they shared the cultural history of their families with us. There were some great posters, presentations, and even some wonderful food for students to partake in.



Tissue Contest

Bring an unopened box of tissues to the office and have your name entered into a draw to win a \$50 Cineplex gift card (one entry per box) – you can bring more boxes for more chances to win. The draw will take place at the end of the day on November 17

Parking Procedures

At the expense of being repetitive, please be respectful of others while dropping off and picking up your child(ren). *We all recognize the frustration with the traffic congestion around the school, but everyone needs to be patient and behave in a courteous and considerate manner, not only to be good role models for our children, but to ensure their safety as well.*

Cold and Flu Season

If your child is ill please phone and leave a message with the office staff, log an absence through the parent portal or send an email to KC_Reception@sd42.ca. We are asking that you also let us know if they are suffering from flu like symptoms as we do report to the Fraser Health Authority if the number of absentees is unusually large. We would like to remind you that hand sanitizer is not a recommended replacement for hand washing. Please remind your children to wash their hands regularly with soap and water, to cough or sneeze into a tissue or into their sleeve rather than their hands, avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth, and to not share drinks with other children.

Student Planners and K-3 Supplies

If you have not already paid for your student planner (\$5) or your school supplies (\$45 - Kindergarten to Grade 3 only), please do so as soon as possible.

Student Inclusive Conferencing

Thursday November 30 (afternoon – no classes) and Friday December 1 (all day – no classes).

Kanaka follows the Student Inclusive Conferencing model for reporting. This model of reporting involves the classroom teacher, the parent(s), and the child having an in-depth, meaningful discussion about the child's learning. If you have not had a chance to visit the district website and learn about our new student inclusive reporting, click this link <http://www.sd42.ca/reporting-and-assessment/> Please remember to arrive on time for your conference and that we dismiss early at 11:30 am on Thursday November 30.

Lost and Found

There are many items in our Lost and Found currently. Please check for any items you may be missing **BEFORE** end of day on December 8. Items will be donated to charity after school that day.

Head Lice?

This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among students at school we ask that you remind your child not to share personal items such as combs and brushes and that you check your child's head weekly for the presence of head lice. If you do happen to detect head lice in your child's hair we ask that you let the school know. When discussing head lice in the classroom with your child, please remind your child to respect the feelings of others.

Student Verification Forms

Your child should have brought home a pink two sided form with all of your demographic and emergency contact information. If you have returned this to the office already, thank you. If not, it is very important that we have your most up to date information in the event we need to contact you during the school day. If you did not receive a copy of the Student Verification Form, please contact the office for a new one.

Choir News

Concert: Our Christmas Musical will be presented on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm in the Gym. The musical features the vocal talents of the KC Kids Choir and the theatrical skills of Mrs Macinnes's Grade 4 class .

Reminder: Each child is responsible for their own costume for the play: (a red or green tshirt and an elf hat from the dollar store)

Opportunity: The choir has been invited to come and sing a couple of numbers from the musical at the ACT on November 25th for the annual Country Christmas benefit for Meals on Wheels. The event starts at 1:30 on Sat Nov 25th- but we don't know the exact performance time yet. It's a great experience and a great cause! I hope that many children can take time out of their weekend to participate in this. Contact Miss Flanagan Dawn_Flanagan@sd42.ca for more info.



Hallowe'en – Christmas Bags

Once again, we are asking students to bring in a handful of their Halloween candy. This candy will be repackaged in Christmas bags and then given out at Christmas to seniors at several care homes, to the Maple Ridge Treatment Centre, and to the Friends in Need Food Bank. Any kind of candy is great, but please do not send in chips as they crush too easily. Thank you for your donations. Happy Halloween and Merry Christmas!

Grade 5 Active Pass

Maple Ridge Parks is once again offering The Grade 5 Active Pass, which provides all grade 5 students residing in Maple Ridge FREE ACCESS to a variety of opportunities including swimming, ice skating, drop in gym and skateboarding! Applications will be available at the school later this month or you can visit <https://www.mapleridge.ca/1474> for an online application. Students will receive a free water bottle when they submit their application.

Library News

Reminder: students get to borrow their books for one week. After that, the circulation system will automatically send out electronic notices about overdue items. Bring the books in to renew them, or hand them in at the Library.

PAC News

Your PAC executive are:

Chair: Angela Downey, **Vice chair:** Carla Neiva, **Treasurer:** Amanda Maliwat, **Secretary:** Louise Smith, **Fundraising Coordinators:** Sarah Bratt, Amanda Griffin & Danielle Mille, **Hot lunch coordinators:** Anthea Publow, Crystal Rogers & Sarah Bratt, **District PAC reps:** Christine Calvert & Sonia Baines, **Members at Large:** Angela McFadyen, Jackolynn Wright, Lynsey Pashley, Becky Coote, Kristi Tetzlaff, Deanna Lackey, Laura Kelly, Alexis Playdon

Congratulations to Mrs. McKeown's class and Mr. Rondpre's class for returning their entertainment books first and winning a pizza lunch.

Be sure to get your orders in for the Neufeld Farms and Kicking Horse coffee fundraisers. They are due back November 6.

Photo express family portraits will be offered again this year. Book online for sittings from November 4 to December 17. Click this link for more information:

<http://www.photoexpressions.ca/portraits/fundraisers/>

Popcorn Day – Friday, November 3. Volunteers are always needed - go to the gym after the first bell.

Hot Lunch – Subway November 24

Next PAC Meeting – Wednesday, Nov 8th @ 7:00pm

Cross Country Participants

Our students participated with the district in the annual district cross country meets on Oct 23 (intermediates) and Oct 24th (primaries). Below you'll find all of the students who participated and top 10 finishers for our intermediate students. Congrats to all of our runners!!

Grade 1 Girls	Grade 1 Boys	Grade 2 Girls	Grade 2 Boys	Grade 3 Girls	Grade 3 Boys
Emery D	Rylan D	Kate T	Charlie S	Ashleigh L	Jeremy J
Sama A	Angus L	Zairah B	Madden B	Paige D	Evan P
Valentina C	Brennan M	Daisy L	Dezi B	Ryenne F	Carson L
Sophia M	Connor B	Abigail P	Jaxon R	Caitlyn J	Jaxson B
Abbigail K	Emmett B	Trinity F	Oliver B	Whitney T	Will B
Elizabeth E	Cash D	Brynn S	Zachary G	Hannah N	Matthew H
Claire B	Harrison M	Abigail A	Max F	Rachael M	Oscar H
Kassidy A	Parth K	Sophia F	Ruben L	Kyla R	Oliver K
Mollie H	Ronan V	Ava D	Jaxon S		Hudson M
Naomi K	Cameron T	Teagan K	Nolan B		Owen N
Meeya G	Sawyer P	Katelyn O	Jack J		Owen K
Julia M	Linden M	Mackenzie K	Matthew F		Hayden D
Anjali P	Braeden M	Chloe W	Axel Z		Wyatt H
Angela S	Joshuah M	Ivy W	Asher D		Jack D
	Anthony M	Sarah F	Levi D		Lindah S
	Hayden B	Cailey B	Aaron K		Mateo C
	Easton T	Himani T			Cody P
	Wyatt H	Jill R			Nate B
	Brayden S	Sofi F			
	Aiden R				
	Easton V				
	Jordan J				
	Harman K				
	Marcus C				



Grade 4 Girls	Grade 4 Boys	Grade 5 Girls	Grade 5 Boys
Brooklyn T	Chris P	Janelle P	Brayden S
Sadie F (4th Place)	Riley V	Maggie J	Joseph A (1st)
Grace B	Brandon B	Taylor I	Brody P
	Keagan B (10th Place)	Brooke B	Cole B
	George L (4th Place)	Taylor M (9th Place)	Joshua S (3rd)
			Calvin C

Grade 6 Girls	Grade 6 Boys	Grade 7 Girls	Grade 7 Boys
Ava W	Markus C	Aliyah R (10th)	Owen B
Laina H		Mikaela A (6th)	Dylan A (6th)
Zoey B (4th)			
Bhavya J			
Sydney J			

Me 2 We News

We were able to take 17 enthusiastic, excited Me 2 We members to the annual “We Day” at Rogers Arena. Our students joined thousands of leadership students across the province as we recognized the incredible efforts individuals and groups are making to ensure this world is a better place for all.

Our “We Scare Hunger” Campaign is in the books. The We Team encouraged each class to bring in as much non perishable food items over the month of October. These items will be delivered to our local food bank. We thank all the parents and students for participating in this important campaign.

Dogs At School

We would like to remind all of our parents that we recommend dogs are not brought when they are picking up their child(ren). We have a number of students with allergies and fears. We thank you for your understanding.

Bikes/Scooters/Heelys

Bikes and scooters need to be walked while on school property. We have a number of families with small children and want to ensure everyone stays safe. Also, if your son/daughter has Heelys, the wheels can not be in while they are at the school. Our hallways are too congested to have students using Heelys while in them. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Raible.