

# Kanaka Creek Elementary

## SEPTEMBER 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.*



## Welcome!

First off, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Chad Raible and I will be the new Principal at Kanaka Creek Elementary. I have worked in a number of elementary schools in the past and am excited to join with your community in the coming months and years. I look forward to working with staff, parents and students to ensure our students reach their full potential. There are a number of important dates and informational items in the newsletter so please be sure to take a look through it. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### New Staff to Kanaka

- Ms. Robyn Dilley, Mrs. Lisa Birkett and Mr. Ben Beyer are new classroom teachers.
- Ms. Fen Hsiao is Mrs. Megan Lyman's teaching partner.
- Ms. Jenna Dumas is our new secretary/receptionist.
- Ms. Yin Tsia is our new English Language Learner Teacher

### Upcoming Events

Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:45am Welcome Back Assembly
Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>	Photo Day – Photo Express
Sept 19-21	Break Dance Workshops
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Pro D Day – No School
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 pm Terry Fox

Weekly updates will be available through the sd42 portal where you can approve field trips and sign forms.

Be sure to sign up at:  
<https://parents.sd42.ca>

### More Information Online

Updates, calendar information, and so much more can be found on our school and district websites:  
<http://www2.sd42.ca>  
<http://elementary.sd42.ca/kanakacreek/>

## Important Info for Parents

To avoid a call home, please contact the office if your child will be late or absent. Absences may be made via one of the following:

- Parent portal (online)
- Email [KC\\_Reception@sd42.ca](mailto:KC_Reception@sd42.ca) (*copy reception if emailing teacher directly*).
- Phone reception 604-467-9050 (24 hr. answering service).

Students need to sign in at the office when arriving after the morning announcements. New sign in procedures must include first and last name and time of arrival. Please review new instructions with your child.

### Bell Schedule



8:28	Warning Bell
8:30	Classes Begin
10:10–10:25	Recess
12:00 – 12:40	Lunch
2:20	Dismissal

### Learn about the W.I.T.S. Program

WITS is a pro-active program that encourages 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 the adults in their environment to solve social problems.

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

*“At Kanaka we strive to:  
Be Kind  
Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Safe*



## Medical Intervention Forms and Request for Administration of Medication

If your child has an existing medical condition you must yearly complete the appropriate medical forms which are available on-line and in the office. Forms may be sent home with your child.

As per School District #42 Policy, staff may not administer medication to students unless appropriate forms are completed and signed by a parent. These forms should be filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. If your child has a serious life threatening medical condition it is highly recommended they wear a Medical Alert Bracelet. If you are interested, please enquire at the office for further information regarding this matter.



## Student Information Verification Forms

These forms will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Carefully check the accuracy of the data and note any changes directly on the form. Please return to the office as soon as possible.

## Parking Procedures

Please assist in keeping driveways clear of cars and co-operative when asked to move to allow the homeowners to enter/leave their driveway. **It is important to be respectful and park legally.**

To drop off your child(ren) enter through the first white gate and exit through the north white gate on 234A Street. Due to safety concerns, the parking lot will be closed to traffic for the end of the day pickup from 1:50 to 2:25 pm, unless you have a designated pass. Street parking is available on Kanaka Way or 234A Street. Please notify all other caregivers who may be dropping off and picking up your child of these restrictions. Passes for daycare vans and for families dropping off students with mobility issues are required prior to 2:20.

You may consider the "Drive to 5" program, which is simply, to have a prearranged spot that is five minutes from the school where you can drop off and pick up your child(ren). The program helps to develop a healthier school, reduce the emissions and congestion from vehicles in our parking lot and make walking or cycling a safe and fun event.

*Volunteers are needed to help with the gate from 1:50 to 2:30 daily. Hopefully we will get a few parents so it can be done on a rotation basis. Let the office know if you can help.*

## Inside Shoes

Students need non-marking runners to use as indoor shoes. This will help to maintain our gym floors. Thank you for your co-operation!

## School Fees and Planners

Kindergarten to Grade 3 supply fees are \$45 plus \$5 for planner if required. Payments may be made on the parent portal starting next week. You can also pay the classroom teacher with cash or cheque. Cheques can be made out to Kanaka Creek Elementary School.

## Student Photos

Photo Express will be here on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. If your child(ren) is absent retakes have been scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteers and Visitors

In the interest of safety and security it is imperative we know who is on school grounds at all times. If volunteering or dropping something off for your child, please **FIRST** check in at the office (*do not go onto field or playground to find your child*).

## Lost and Found

Items will be displayed on the racks inside the front door to the right of the library until the end of November at which time they will be donated to a local charity. Smaller more valuable items will be held in the office. Please check regularly.

## Nut Free Lunches, etc.

A few students have life-threatening nut allergies; therefore, we encourage nut-free snacks and lunches.

As well, students do not have access to a microwave for heating lunches so please send hot foods in a thermos or food that does not require heating. Also provide spoons and forks if needed.

## Dress for the Weather

Students are outside for recess and lunch most days. Children need to be appropriately dressed for rainy west coast weather (e.g. water-proof jackets/pants, boots, umbrella, etc.). Students are encouraged to keep a spare change of clothes in their backpacks.

## Student Safety

Children should wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or rollerblades.

## Head Lice

To prevent head lice please remind your child to not share personal items such as combs, brushes or hats. Further, parents should regularly check your child's head for head lice. Early detection and appropriate treatment will significantly reduce the spread of lice.