

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.



Celebration of Learning

Here we are with just over five weeks left in term one. Hopefully, you've been hearing of all the great things happening here at Kanaka from your children. If they are a bit short on the details, let me enlighten you on just a few things we've done this month. Our We Team organized a "We Scare Hunger" campaign. Our community donated a lot of food to the local food bank and Mr. Raible had to wear a pharaoh costume. We also raised over \$5,000 for the school through our Entertainment Book Fundraiser and Mr. Raible got to get a green mohawk. There seems to be a bit of a pattern here.

Further to the fundraising and donation campaigns, our school community participated in the annual cross country run, the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Day, enjoyed a Cougar Eye lunch, and had falcons come to the school. Individual classrooms have dissected owl pellets, explored Hallowe'en related crafts and activities, and learned about various ADST skills.

As we come to the final weeks, please remember that our first formal report to parents is through the student-led conference. This is an opportunity for students to share their strengths, reflect on their "stretches", and create goals that they wish to work on in the coming terms. Please know these goals, while initiated by the students, should be co-created and worked on by students, parents, and teachers.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Chad Raible, Principal



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Great Things @Kanaka



Our We Team had some ingenious ways of motivating our students this year to donate food for the annual "We Scare Hunger" campaign. At 500 cans, Mr. Raible had to wear a costume. Through their hard work and some good-natured competition, the school was able to donate over 1500 items to our local food bank!! A huge thanks to Ms. Tsia, Ms. Steil, and Ms. Moran for their leadership.



On October 23rd and 24th, our students participated in the annual SD42 Cross Country race. A huge thank you to all of the teachers who got the kids ready through DPA and Kilometer club. Further, we'd like to thank those teachers who organized and supervised on the day of the races. For a detailed list of participants, please see the weekly email for Oct 29th and Nov 5th.



On October 22nd, we participated in another DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Day. Around Kanaka, from our primary classes to our intermediates; from our secretaries to our librarian, everyone dropped what they were doing and read for 15 minutes. This initiative helps students understand the importance of reading – both for pleasure and for information.

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/>

Partners in Learning

Each of our teachers works hard to create learning opportunities for our students that are informative and engaging. Further, they look to the community for expertise to help them explore the curricular competencies and concepts they are teaching. If you have a particular skill or passion, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Raible. We would love to be partners with you in our students' learning.

A Hallowe'en Extravaganza!!



Well, it was a spooky and fun day today at Kanaka Creek Elementary. Our students had a great time as they dressed up in their favourite costumes. We all had a great time at our October assembly where we celebrated those that were involved in Cross Country. We also congratulated those students who won prizes for the Entertainment Book Fundraiser. Finally, we heard about how much food we had donated to the local food bank. The main event, however, was watching the costume parade as we walked and danced around the gym. Way to go, Kanaka!!



Student Inclusive Conferencing

Thursday November 29 (afternoon – no classes – 11:30am dismissal) and Friday November 30 (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.

Cold/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.

Planners & K-3 School 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.

Dress For The Weather

As we are now into the cold and wet weather so be sure to dress appropriately with coats, boots, umbrellas, etc. **We go outside at recess and lunch most days so a spare set of clothes in your child's backpack is a good idea.** If you have some spare clothing that your child has grown out of, donations to the office are greatly appreciated (especially pants and socks) during this soggy weather.

Student Verification Forms

In September, your child should have brought home a green 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.

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 7. 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.

Choir News

PERFORMANCE: The choir concert will take place on Thursday, December 6th at 7pm in the gym

FEE: There is no fee this term, but students will be asked to provide some items for their costume (a specific coloured t-shirt, bug antennae). Details to follow!

*It is important to sign your child up for choir on the portal for attendance /safety reasons.

If you have questions about the concert, please contact Miss Flanagan (Dawn_Flanagan@sd42.ca)

Hallowe'en Converted to Christmas

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!



Book Fair

Read! Imagine! Grow! The Enchanted Forest Book Fair is arriving on November 16, 2018 and everyone is invited to let your imagination grow! There will be a "fairy-tastic" Family Night Monday, November 19 from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring your family and be sure to enter the Family Night draw, you'll have the chance to win FREE BOOKS!

Nov. 16 – 20 8:30-3:00, Nov. 19 also hours above, Nov. 21 – 8:30-12:30

Please join our team in hosting this year's Fall book fair, Enchanted Forest. The book fair is an event our Kanaka Kids look forward to. Money raised will solely support our school library. Please note that some of our busiest times are at recess and after school. Please contact Jackolynn directly at greg5252@telus.net if you have any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DAEA922A3FB6-enchanted>

Gr 7 Entrepreneur Fair

This year's fair will be Wednesday December 5th 8:45-11:45 in the gym (closed at recess). As part of Career Education, all grade 7 students (and grade 6s in combined 6/7 classes) in term one are becoming entrepreneurs. They have learned about money management, financial literacy and entrepreneurship, with the culminating activity being a showcase of the businesses they've created where students sell their products to students and adults in the school. Ten percent of all profits will be donated to charity.

Students in the school from kindergarten to grade 6 will come to the gym on this day with their teacher (and possibly buddy class) to look at and purchase the products these students have made. Products include jewelry, games, bath products, Christmas decorations, and art with prices ranging from \$1-\$5. Parents are also welcome to attend. The creativity and hard work demonstrated by our grade seven students is very impressive. (Many of the products will be displayed in the case as you enter the school.)

Mark your calendars and remember to send your child to school on Wednesday December 5th with some money to spend.

November Hot Lunch

November 23 – Booster Juice

PAC News

Your 2018-19 PAC: Chair – Alexis Playdon, Vice Chair – Kristy Wyllie, Treasurer – Amanda Maliwat, Secretary – Christine Calvert, DPAC Rep – Marlene McCaffrey and Eva Mentz, Hot Lunch Coordinator – Anthea Publow, Fundraising Coordinator – Amanda Griffin, Danielle Miller, Members at Large: Cathy Josic, Jackolynn Wright, Angela Downey, Carla Neiva, Louise Smith, Allison Didrikson, Shane Gehring, Faiza Karim-Jadavji, Shayla Forster, Heather Lambert

Entertainment Book Update – We sold 422 books, just short of our 450 goal, and together we made a profit of \$5,174.00 for the Kanaka Creek PAC. As promised, Mr. Raible had his hair cut into a mohawk, and dyed it GREEN! We would like to thank Jackolynn Wright for all her hard work together with Sheree McNulty, Diane and Frank Sandor, Terina Kern and Pamella Vermerris. Also a special thanks to Jacki Harrison, the stylist who cut and dyed Mr. Raible's hair. The prize winners were: Sophia M, Division 19 – Pizza Lunch, Canaan M, Division 10 – Prize Pack, Cassidy A, Division 16 – Hoverboard

Popcorn Day– November - Our next popcorn day is Wednesday November 7th. You can pre-pay now for it and the remainder of the year's Popcorn Days by accessing the online payment system at www.kanakacreek.parentcouncil.net. Going forward, online pre-payment for Popcorn Day fundraisers will close 2 days prior (4pm on Monday).

Neufeld Farms and Purdy's Holiday Fundraisers

open on November 1.. All orders are due on November 16th and will be delivered at 2:20pm on November 28. Please note we do not have storage for the orders so we kindly ask for you to be able to pick up your orders or arrange with someone to pick up on your behalf. (Neufeld farms is a local company from Abbotsford that provides high quality products of frozen food, appetizers, and desserts.)

Emergency Kit Donations - PAC is evaluating the inventory of our Emergency Kits for students/staff in the event of a major disaster. While we have most of the items recommended by the District, there are some items we still require. If you have any of the following items you would like to donate to the school's Emergency Kits, please drop them off at the Office by November 8th or email us at kanakapac1819@gmail.com to coordinate. 2 Axes, 2 Shovels, 2 Crowbars, 2 Exacto Knives, 10 Tarps, 5 ropes, 5 rolls of duct tape

The Redesigned Curriculum at Kanaka Creek Elementary

CURRICULAR COMPETENCIES: Fostering deeper and more transferable learning

The **Curricular Competencies** are a combination of skills, strategies, processes and habits of mind that students develop over time. They reflect the “Do” in the Know-Do-Understand model of learning. Deeper learning is better achieved through “doing” than through passive listening or reading, and it immerses students in authentic tasks that connect learning to the real world.

Curricular Competencies are subject-specific, and they are linked to the curriculum-wide [Core Competencies](#). A focus on the development of competencies actively engages students in their learning, and helps them to become critical and creative thinkers.

Coming in December – Career Education.



In the picture on the right, we see grade 1 students engaged in learning the curricular competency “makes and records observations” from the Science curriculum as they explore the contents of an Owl pellet. In the picture on the left, two grade 6 students are sharing their learning of various natural fibres to the class. They are demonstrating the grade 6 Language Arts curricular competency “Exchange ideas and viewpoints to build shared understanding and extend thinking.”



Redesigned Curriculum: Know-Do-Understand

All areas of learning are based on a “**Know-Do-Understand**” model to support a concept-based, competency-driven approach to learning. In this model, three elements work together to support deeper learning: **Content (Know)**, **Curricular Competencies (Do)**, and **Big Ideas (Understand)**. BC’s new curriculum design enables a personalized, flexible and innovative approach at all levels of the education system. All areas of learning have been redesigned using this model.