



JUNIPER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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October 15, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I trust you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend with your family and/or friends. We are continuing to enjoy a pleasant fall, but know the weather will progressively grow colder. Please ensure your children come prepared to enjoy daily outdoor recess and lunch breaks. Friday, October 22nd is our second of six Professional Development Days for staff. This is a provincial day, which allows staff to diversify and participate in a variety of high quality professional learning opportunities with educators around the province.

For your convenience, I'm adding a mid-month newsletter to assist with the flow of information between school and home. Below are highlights of learning experiences, upcoming events and general information.

Stream of Dreams

The *Stream of Dreams* is a project the PAC initiated last year which has students learning about the journey of the salmon. The project exists in two parts, the first is learning in the library about salmon and their journey from the ocean to the river. For the second part of the project, students paint their own salmon that will be placed on the fence in a stream for the community to see. To help cover the cost of the project, we are asking students to pay \$5.00. The rest of the financial costs will be covered by both our PAC, as well as, a grant our PAC applied for. We are grateful to our PAC for making this possible for our students and all of the effort and generosity from their behalf. This project will run next week. We are going to be looking for some parent volunteers for the morning (8:30 -11:00 am) to help with the hanging of these as well. We plan to hang the fish on the fence on Oct 22, 2021. Please let either Mrs. MacKinnon (PAC Chair) or Mrs. Mangell (VP) if you are able to help for a few hours for this project.



Our next monthly **PAC Meeting** is scheduled for Oct 18, 2021 06:15 PM
Please join by clicking on the Zoom link below or using the Meeting ID and Passcode.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88649381314?pwd=c0xLNG11SjUrcVFsdGZnQVoyR05QQT09>

Meeting ID: 886 4938 1314 Passcode: 960278

All parents/guardians of students attending JRES are considered to be a PAC member and are always encouraged and welcome to attend these meetings.

PICTURE RETAKES

We are scheduled to have our photo retakes done next Tuesday. However, with the Stream of Dreams project, both our library and gym are in use for the entire week. Our retake picture day has been moved to November 3rd.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

If you have outstanding school supplies, picture orders and field trip payments, please make arrangements to pay them ASAP. You may pay them by sending cash or cheques to the school, or register with Cashless Schools.

HALLOWEEN AT JRES

On Friday, October 29, we celebrate Halloween by encouraging everyone to wear Orange and Black at JRES. Costumes are saved for community parties and Trick or Treating. During COVID we are not permitted to share food, so that means no special treats such as cupcakes and cookies. Please check with your child's teacher to see if they are allowing children to provide individually, commercially packaged candy for classmates.



CASHLESS SCHOOLS

This is a new initiative with our School District. The School District has provided a full page of information on how to use this program to pay for a variety of school fees. Please click on the following link to learn more about Cashless Schools.

<https://www.sd73.bc.ca/en/community-parents-and-students/cashless-schools.aspx>

Key Tips Include:

The primary contact email's address with the school, must be the same as the person setting up the account.

You need to setup an account for each of your children.

FOUNDATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Each year our Grade 4 & 7 students participate in the Foundation Skills Assessment. The results of the assessment are used at both the district and school level to guide the development of planning and goal setting. Individual student achievement will be shared with families in late fall/early winter. Please click on the attached link for additional information <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/en-fsa-parent-brochure.pdf>



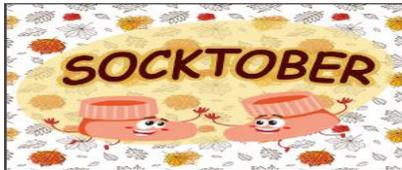
VOLLEYBALL

Within our district, a decision has been made for elementary schools to focus on intramural volleyball in schools this year, rather than the usual league play with the scheduling of games between school sites. We appreciate our staff and parent coaches who are committed to providing opportunities for students to develop their volleyball skills through intramurals. These decisions are not made easily and the disappointment for students is understood.

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL SAFE DURING COVID-19

It is important that we continue to all be diligent with the layering of control measures to keep our school a safe place of learning for students and work. Our key control measures continue to be: daily health checks, stay home if sick or go home if you become sick at school, limited gatherings inside, frequent hand washing, respiratory etiquette, and indoor mask wearing for all students in Kindergarten - adult. We will continue to make changes to our control measures as directed by the School District. When these occur, you will be informed.

This is a challenging time for all of us, creating a variety of emotional responses including stress and frustration. Please continue to make the necessary and difficult decisions for you and your family members.



Thank you for supporting our community by donating a new pair of socks between October 11 & 29th. All socks collected will be donated to The Mustard Seed Kamloops.

SOCIAL MEDIA AWARENESS Our School District is offering parents a free virtual session about social media and cyber-bullying on **Oct. 19, 2021**. To register and learn more about this workshop, please click on the following link.

<https://calendar.sd73.bc.ca/default/Detail/2021-10-19-1830-Social-Media-Awareness>

Our next school newsletter will be sent out electronically and posted to our website on Friday, November 5th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wood, Principal

