

Upcoming Events

[CLICK HERE](#) to view our school calendar on our website.

PAC Fundraisers:

[DeMilles Food Boxes](#) – due Monday, Oct. 26.

[Snow Cap Cookie Fundraiser](#) – due Monday, Oct. 26

[Askews Gift Cards](#)

[SOUPER MEALS](#) – hot lunch

SOUPER MEAL
Volunteer Sign up –
[CLICK HERE](#)

From SD83:

[From the Boards Report](#) – Sept. 29, 2026 (posted on Oct. 2)

[Strategic Focus Report](#) for September (posted on Oct. 6)

[Board Meeting Schedule](#)

[Student Support Services](#)
– [Updated Parent Guide](#)



Other Information:

14. Movies at the Centennial Theatre before Winter Break – Thursday Dec. 17 – 8:30 am – Johnson. Myhre, and Sandberg (K/1), 12:10 pm MacDonald, Byrnes, Bengé, and Vallance (Gr. 4/5). **On Friday, Dec. 18** – 8:30 am – Coombs, Kalf, Daughtry (Gr. 2/3), 12:10 Cooper, Terrell, Fassbender (1/2). PAC is encouraged to provide movie choices to classes. Please choose G rated movies.

15. SAVE THE DATE – Our Winter Concert is on Thursday, December 3 – exact times for each grade level grouping (as our school is too big for one concert) will be forthcoming.

16. Requests – Was there a motion to support LASS donation for grade 1 reading program? Is PAC willing to provide pizza again for winning classes as part of the Christmas Food collection. This activity directly connects to our HUSKY STRONG ways of being – Take Care of Each other and our Circle of Courage quadrant of GENEROSITY. Shelly will show previous communication.

17. Communicating Student Learning – Our **Student/Teacher/Family Conferences** (first learning update) are scheduled for **Monday, October 26th**. This is not a regular day of instruction. Students **ONLY** attend for their scheduled conference time **WITH** their family. Many teachers will be engaging families and students in the goal setting process. Additional CSL dates are in the calendar on our website.

18. Volunteers in Schools – Any visitor/volunteer in our building OR on school property is reminded please to sign in at the office. As per SD83 policy, anyone who will be provided access to students is required to have a current criminal record check on file at the site. Parents are asked to email Ms. Tammie for a link for a specific Criminal Record Check that can be completed online and SD83 will pay for. In order to drive children other than your own, for any SD83 event, please see Field Trip Policy 8050 and related regulations 8050.01 for more information of what is required for use of private vehicle. There is also a volunteer registration form that is required which ensures volunteers are assigned for a purpose and elevates the importance of confidentiality while working as a volunteer at the school. We have an obligation to protect the privacy of our students and as such, we depend on our volunteers to maintain confidentiality.

19. FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment) – As reported at our last meeting, this is an assessment mandated by the Ministry of Education and Childcare for students in grades 4, 7, and 10. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information from our Superintendent and the Ministry of Education and Childcare posted on our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the parent brochure. There are also [FSA Samples](#) if you choose to review and /or practice at home. Parents will receive their child's assessment booklet and a copy of their results before Christmas Break. We receive important information for our school data, that connects to our School Learning Plan. In order for this information to be most meaningful, it is important that all students write, unless excused by the Principal, based on very specific criteria.

20. Starfish Backpack program – If you or a family you know might be in need of extra groceries on a weekly basis, please see Shelly about the Starfish Backpack program.

21. HUSKY STRONG – Related to our school belonging and wellness goals, we had our second whole school assembly on Monday, Oct. 7 where we introduced our HUSKY STRONG focus area of Growing with Goals, which aligns with the upcoming student/teacher/family conferences. What does it mean to be Husky STRONG? It means, we S – Stay safe, seek safe solutions, T – Take care of each other, R – Respect EVERYONE, O – Own our actions, N – Never Give up, G – Grow with GOALS. Our next assembly is on Nov. 4.

22. Remembrance Day Assembly – [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about our guest speaker, Mr. Shawn Coady at our November 10, 2026 assembly. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about **Remembrance Day Youth Contests for kids**.

23. Scholastic Book Fair – **Nov. 23 – 27**. More information about scheduling will be available soon.

24. Volunteers – Safe Arrival Phone home program, parking attendant at entrance to daycare, Souper Meals volunteers. IS PAC willing to support Food Safe for some volunteers?

Principal Report PAC

Tuesday, October 20,
2026

Communicating with
your child's school:

<https://sd83.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SD83-Brochure-Inquiries-and-Concerns-for-print-FINAL.pdf>



HUSKY STRONG

RESPECT

of self, others, and
property

RESPONSIBILITY

for actions and
decision

RIGHT

of all to enjoy
lifelong learning



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1. Land Acknowledgement –

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K'wsaltktnéws: KWA-SEELT-K-NAWS

- We are all connected – land, air, water, people, and animals

ne Secwepemcúl'ecw: NAY SUH-KWEP-MUK-OO-LOO

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2. Enrollment – Our enrollment remains is at 288.

3. Parking Lot UPDATE – Shelly to check in. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

4. [CLICK HERE](#) to access previous Newsletters. [CLICK HERE](#) to review Newsletter 2 (posted on October 7) for the 2026 – 2027 school year. [CLICK HERE](#) for previous PAC minutes/information.

5. School Learning Plan/Student Learning Survey Data: Our goal areas will remain the same – Literacy specifically style and conventions in writing, Numeracy with grade level goals based on classroom data, Belonging specifically as it relates to student to student interactions (social responsibility), and student wellness as it relates to self regulation (personal awareness), and Career Ed specifically goal setting and self assessment. Morgen and Shelly will be hosting an information session for **parents only on Thursday, Nov. 26 at 6 – 7 pm** to share some of our data. Feedback is always welcome. Shelly to speak to importance of [Attendance](#).

6. [Staffing](#) – Welcome to Lisa Scott for Teresa Cooper – grade 1

7. [Student Code of Conduct](#) – to be shared at the start of each year. Choosing discipline that is most effective.

8. [School Fee Notice 2026 - 2027](#) – due Oct. 2. matter. We are at

9. Halloween Costumes as school –

[CLICK HERE](#) to review information shared in our NEWSLETTER #2 and [CLICK HERE](#) to review information on our website from SD83. Our costume parade will take place on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8:20am.

10. [Highland Park Elementary Apparel](#)

11. Thank you very much PAC for all your fundraiser efforts so far this school year. The teachers were very grateful to receive \$200 for each division for incidentals and access to up to \$225 to support grade level goal areas in math (in place of Mathletics) as motioned last PAC meeting. Here are a few examples of supplementary math items that have been purchased so far. We are in the process of completing the voting for the design on the grade 5 hoodie. Our playground remains a priority.

12. Information regarding **Skating** will be shared with families soon. Ms. Mac has been working on developing more suitable time with Parks and Rec and this has been beneficial to our school program. Our school and Parks and Rec have a joint user agreement.

Learn how to say it!



1. **NO weapons or weapon like items or accessories** – If it's meant to harm others, it's a weapon, please leave it at home. Weapon or weapon like items are not allowed on school property at any time. Even if fake.
2. **Masks are allowed in classroom spaces ONLY.** Please leave masks off while outside or in common spaces like the hallways and washrooms. This is to ensure students are identifiable and feel safe.
3. **Keep the gore to a minimum and content appropriate for a k-5 elementary school setting.** Blood splatters, gore and very scary costumes can be too frightening for some children.
4. **Be respectful of our existing dress code in SD83.** Choose a costume that does not limit your participation in school activities, including participating in gym, recess and lunch. Ensure your costume choice does not degrade, denigrate, incite hatred, prejudice or discriminate based on race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical status, physical or mental disability, sex or sexual orientation and gender identity or expression (prohibited grounds set out in the BC Human Rights Code).

Mission: Empowering students to become confident, curious, and caring individuals who thrive in their learning, relationships and community.

Vision: Preparing students to become educated citizens who contribute to a dynamic, sustainable, and diverse world.

Values: Belonging, Respect, Empathy, Equity, Perseverance, Reconciliation