

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 10
Whole School Assembly
8:15 am

PAC Meeting 2:30 –
library

Monday, Sept. 15
Full day kindergarten
starts

Thursday, Sept. 18
Welcome Back to School
Event (PAC) 5 pm

Terry Fox Run in the
afternoon – more info to
come

Tuesday, Sept. 23
Fire Drill 1/6

Friday, Sept. 26
Orange Shirt Day at HPE

Monday, Sept. 29
PRO D Day – No School
for Students

Tuesday, September 30
Truth and Reconciliation
– School Closed

Wednesday, October 1
Assembly 8:15 am

[FSA](#)
[Administration](#) starts
today (Grade 4)

Thursday, October 2
Fire Drill 2/6

Monday, October 13
Thanksgiving – School
Closed

Tuesday, October 14
School Photo Day –
Individual student photos

Friday, October 17
Fire Drill 3/6

Other Information:

14. **2025-2026 School Calendar** – [CLICK HERE](#) for your planning.

15. **Communicating Student Learning** – Our Student/Teacher/Family Conferences (first learning update) are scheduled for Monday, October 20th. This is not a regular day of instruction. Students ONLY attend for their scheduled conference time.

16. **Providing Input to your child's placement** – Input was requested in the April Newsletter and the deadline was May 30. Parents can provide input for our team to consider. It doesn't mean it will happen. Staff consider a variety of scenarios based on class size and composition constraints. They prioritize a variety of factors to create balanced classrooms to prioritize student learning.

17. **Volunteers in Schools** – Any visitor/volunteer in our building 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 elevates the importance of confidentiality while working as a volunteer in school.

18. **FSA (Foundational Skills Assessment)** – 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 the Ministry of Education and Childcare online. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the parent brochure. There is also FSA Samples if you choose to practice at home. Parents will receive their child's assessment and a copy of their results before Christmas Break. It is important information for our data, that connects to our School Learning Plan, that all students write, unless excused by the Principal.

19. **Meals Programs** - Our meals worker in our Breakfast Club is Shona Creighton. This is a space where all students are welcome. The more the merrier. We hope this inclusive approach reduces any barriers for those that need it. Open 7:30 am. Supervision starts at 7:40 am. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

20. **HUSKY STRONG** – We had our first whole school assembly this morning and an outline of upcoming assemblies with be forthcoming. Our focus this month is INDEPENDENCE from the Circle of Courage, particularly doing what's expected, as we reviewed school wide expectations and routines. We are working on developing words that are important to being HUSKY STRONG, using the acronym, S.T.R.O.N.G. Here are some ideas that have been generated by students and staff so far...

Safe, stick with it, stand up, speak out, stick up, stick together, self-determination, self-awareness, self-directed, solve problems, sit and eat stay in your seat, shine bright, smile

Try your best, try to be kind, try new things, talk it out, take off your hat take care of your belongings, tidy your mess, team work, tell the truth

Respect everyone , responsibility, responsible choices, reach for goals, rise to the occasion, report unkindness, resilience, reconciliation, radiate joy

Offer kindness, optimism, own your actions, own your mistakes, offer forgiveness, outstanding, open your mind to opportunity

Never give up, noble (doing the right thing even when it's hard) , nice, notice others' feelings.

Goal orientated, give to others, generosity, gentle, grit, groups are better together, gratitude, growing strong,

Principal Report PAC

Wednesday,
September 10, 2025

**Problem solving
process—**

<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

1. **Land Acknowledgement** – K'wsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw.

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
- on Secwepemc land

2. **Enrollment** – Our enrollment is at 293. About the same as last year.

3. **Class Placement Process** – Update provided. See April [NEWSLETTER #9](#) and [NEWSLETTER #11](#) with reminders of how to submit input and what NOT to include in your input. This was also reiterated in our first [Newsletter](#) made available to families on August 25.

4. **Kindergarten Gradual Entry** – [CLICK HERE](#) for more information regarding kindergarten

5. **Parking Lot UPDATE** – [CLICK HERE](#) to read more about the new Parking Lot routine. It will take EVERYONE'S cooperation to help improve the flow of traffic and safety for our children. Meetings have occurred with RCMP member and City of Armstrong to coordinate improvements for safety. **Crossing Guard Volunteers needed please.** A sign up will be made available soon to those who have been trained by RCMP.

6. [CLICK HERE](#) to access previous Newsletters. [CLICK HERE](#) to review Newsletter 1 for the 2025 – 2026 school year.

7. **School Learning Plan/Student Learning Survey Data:** New draft SLP to be reviewed. [CLICK HERE](#) to access our Learning Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. 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.

8. [Staffing](#) – Welcome to Erin Reid, additional counsellor every second Tuesday.

9. [Welcome Back to School BBQ](#) – Thursday, September 18th 5 – 7 pm

10. [Student Code of Conduct](#) – to be shared at the start of each year

11. Permissions and Verification Forms – should be sent home today. [CLICK HERE](#) for instructions regarding how to complete it online. Thank you!

12. [Student Threat Assessment Fair Notice information 2025 – 2026](#) – if you become aware of any threat making or violent behaviour that may affect the tone of the school (even if it happens outside of the school), please report it to the RCMP or contact Shelly Cull.

13. [School Fee Notice 2025 – 2026](#) – due Oct. 15



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

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