

November Newsletter



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November Principal's Message

Welcome to November!

This can be a time of big emotions as the weather changes and the days get shorter. At school, we will continue to focus on social emotional learning and regulation strategies. It's a time of year when we all need to hold a little space for each other - kids and adults!

This month we will finish up our last four weeks of the Belonging part of our Circle of Courage work, looking mainly at Belonging and Community. This will include looking at conflict resolution, and digital citizenship along with more reminders about strong team work. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for ideas about how to connect with the weekly theme every Thursday!

Teachers are now starting the process of writing the first Learning Update of the year. This is a lengthy process as they look at student work and observations, then summarize to share with families. We know there is often anxiety about Learning Updates but please keep in mind that every child is on their own learning journey. Babies don't all learn the same skills at the exact same time or in the exact same order - the same goes as they get older. Our job is to work as a team (school and home) to provide rich learning opportunities, space to make mistakes, and encouragement to keep trying.

Thank you again for being strong partners in your child's education!

Kirsten & Shawn

Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 - PAC Meeting at 5pm in the library

Nov. 10 - Indigenous Veterans and Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11am

Nov. 11 - No School Remembrance Day

Nov. 15 - Feel Good Friday (school in session)

Nov. 17 - First Lego League Tournament

Nov. 20 - Aspen Class to Boundary Lodge

Nov. 27 First Term Learning Updates November Assembly

Affordability Fund Support

We are aware that families may be impacted this fall by shifts in local industries and workplaces. SD51 schools have all received Affordability Funds over the past several years to help support families with various needs including gas cards, food cards, and other expenses. We know this is a time when these funds may be particularly needed so please contact the office for more information.



November 24, 2023

Shawn Lockhart

Learning Update
Reporting up to: November 24, 2023

Shawn Lockhart
PER: 00000000
Grade: 00
Classroom Teacher(s)

Student Plans and Programs
Individual Education Plan: ☐

Students Self-Assessment of Core Competencies
Attached separately in student report.

Teacher Overall Comment
This is where teachers will share about who your child is as a learner in their classroom. This is where you will hear about your child's work habits, attitude, and effort along with their social emotional learning.

ARTS EDUCATION 4 - MUSIC
Teacher Name(s):
This is where you will find the proficiency scale indicator for each subject that your child has explored at school. An IE indicates there was insufficient evidence to assign proficiency at this time. This is also where teachers will share specific information about what your child is able to do in each content area and also what they need to work on. Teachers will include ideas for supporting at home, too!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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MATHEMATICS 4
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Learning Updates

November is Learning Update season (formerly known as Report Cards) so teachers are busy preparing written updates to document where children are in their learning now that we are finishing Term 1. Updates include a description of who your child is as a learner along with what they are currently able to do in each content area. You'll also find their current proficiency level, areas for growth and ideas for how to support their learning at home. As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns at any time!

Below is a brief explanation of the Proficiency Scale that you will see for each content area on the update.

Emerging	Developing	Proficient	Extending
When we are a new driver, before we get behind the wheel, we need to learn the basic rules of the road requiring significant support and supervision.	As a newly licenced driver, we can drive independently and more competently, but with some restrictions and further practice.	Drivers demonstrate proficiency by showing an accumulation of skills that allows them to drive with ease and confidence in a variety of contexts.	Some drivers use skills in a variety of increasingly more sophisticated contexts, with different vehicles, and possibly exploring different terrain and weather.

Winter Weather

We are an outdoor school and as things get colder, we will continue to take learning outside throughout the day. Please help your child wear the clothing necessary to be comfortable outside even when it's cold. We have lots of extras at the office if they need something!

We do bring students inside on days where it is especially cold and this year we have plans to adjust our morning walk routine during the darkest, coldest parts of the year. Stay tuned for details on that!



Criminal Record Checks

If you would like to volunteer for field trips and other school events, please complete a criminal record check. In case we ever need parent drivers, you can also have a driver's abstract completed.

The links are on our website (<https://ddapes.sd51.bc.ca/>) or you can call the office for more information!



Hot Lunch Program

The Boundary Food Hub hot lunch program has had a few successful weeks already. Our day is Thursday (including the week we are here on Friday). If you want to opt in, orders are due the Thursday morning a week ahead of the scheduled meal. Follow the link for more info:

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/daperley>

Soccer and Volleyball

Congratulations to our 4/5 and 6/7 soccer teams for a great season! Huge thank you to coaches Amy Perry, Lena Danyluk, and Meagan Gorman for giving up their time to help these athletes build their skills!

Our volleyball season is just starting so stay tuned for details about practices, games, and play days.



See you at the PAC meeting on Monday!

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