



NORTH CANOE ELEMENTARY

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Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect Property, and Respect the Learning Environment

Dress for the Weather



We expect the weather will soon be changing. It is time to bring out those boots and coats! We will be going outside under most weather conditions and don't want to see children cold and wet. Thank you for ensuring your child is dressed appropriately each day for current weather conditions.



Cold/Flu Season

The cold/flu season has started and we are already starting to see students absent from school. Although good attendance is very important, please keep your child at home if they are not feeling well. We have been finding that when students are home when they are sick, we see better attendance rates at school because the illnesses are not being spread.

Terry Fox Run

North Canoe sent a donation of \$107 to cancer research. Thank you to the Canoe community for your contribution!

Orange Shirt Day

On September 29, 2022, we recognized the legacy of the residential school system. As part of our steps towards truth and reconciliation, we sang the Secwepemc honour song and planted hearts on our front lawn with messages of love and kindness. Every Child Matters.

Verification & Consent Forms

Forms have gone home regarding student information. Thank you for providing the up-to-date information that we need in case of emergency. Please be sure to return these forms to the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

School Photos

This year's photo day is set for Monday, October 17, 2022. It is recommended that students don't wear a lot of green as the photographer uses green-screen technology to put in backdrops.

Photo retakes are on Monday, November 7, 2022. As it was last year, if you wish to have retakes or your child was absent on photo day, packages must be prepaid to have a retake. If for any reason the retake isn't to your satisfaction, a refund will be made.

Student - Teacher - Family Conferences

Our first informal reports will be October 26, 2022. Please look out for information coming soon from your child's teacher about setting an appointment time.

The Student-Teacher-Family conference is an informal learning update. It provides an opportunity for students, teachers, and families to have strength-based conversations that focus on student strengths and progress. Setting some learning goals will be part of this process.

School Fees

Thank you to parents who have already sent in their school fees either by cheque or e-transfer (school supplies and activity fee totaling \$55). These fees cover the supplies that parents would otherwise have to provide for their children and school activities throughout the year.

PAC Meetings

Thank you to those parents/guardians able to attend our informal PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. The next meeting is November 2, 2022 @ 6:00PM.

Halloween

We are a Nut Aware school. Please remember that treats with peanut butter or tree nuts of any kind should not come to school.

Please limit the number of treats your child brings to school. Learning is much easier with nutritious foods as opposed to sugar and salt.

Students will have the option to dress up in their Halloween costume on Monday, October 31, 2022. We will have a costume parade in the gym so everyone can show off their costumes. A few reminders on Halloween costumes:

- Costumes cannot be too scary (we don't want to scare younger students). If unsure, discuss with Mr. Wellingham prior to October 31, 2022.
- Costumes cannot be inappropriate; must be respectful; must be culturally appropriate. If unsure, discuss with Mr. Wellingham prior.
- No fake (or real) weapons at all.
- Keep the costumes simple. Students still need to be learners during their day at school.
- Students need to be aware that costumes may tear, get damaged or break. Please have a discussion with your child about this before they wear the costume to school. Parents may wish to have a simpler or even a different costume than the Halloween night costume.

Soup Days

On Wednesday, September 28, 2022, we hosted a free soup day. Thanks to the Shuswap Food Action Society for supplying the soup! We will be having another soup day on Wednesday, November 12, 2022. This will be another free lunch!

We are in discussions to have many more soup days at minimal or no cost to parents.

Important Dates

OCTOBER

7	Friday	Student fees due
10	Monday	Thanksgiving – No school
12	Wednesday	Soup Day
15	Saturday	Civic Elections in gym
17	Monday	Student Photos
21	Friday	Professional Day – No school
24-28		Book Fair

NOVEMBER

2	Wednesday	PAC Meeting @ 6:00PM
7	Monday	Picture retakes
9	Wednesday	Remembrance Day Assembly

10	Thursday	Professional Day – No school
11	Friday	Remembrance Day – No school
30	Wednesday	Term 1 Reports go home