

Principal's report for
October 18, 2022 PAC meeting

What's going on?

- **Cross Country** running club has been going well! Students are running each Tuesday and Thursday morning. They enjoyed the mini meet held October 11th. Sunshine Hills Elementary is hosting a bigger meet on October 26th and our team has been invited to attend.
- Thank you to parents for participating in our **EQ - Full release drill** last week. We are continuing to fine-tune the process with input from the District and are taking into account parent's suggestions.
- Our staff is looking forward to a great day of learning during the **Pro. D day** this coming Friday. Staff have the opportunity to select from workshops and conferences in an area of interest. Some staff are working off-site, others are planning to be at the school.
- We are planning a few classroom activities to celebrate **Diwali** this coming Monday, October 24th. Students are encouraged to wear bright coloured clothing.
- **Carpeted wall replacement project** - we are going to be undergoing this project from Oct. 31 - after Spring Break. Many of the classrooms will be affected. What happens is the teacher packs up everything she and the students need for a 2-week time period. The rest of the classroom items are placed in the middle of the room (and covered). Carpenters come and take everything off the walls and cover the carpet with boards. This takes one week. Then, a painter comes and paints followed by the carpenters putting everything back in place. Temporary classroom spaces are being set up for classes to move to. The boys change room is being used as a workshop space.
- The grade 7 **poinsettia fundraiser** begins in Nov. Profits will off-set costs for the annual Ski trips. Please consider supporting this worthwhile endeavor and enjoy getting ready to celebrate Christmas!

Upcoming Events

Oct.

- 18 - PAC General meeting @7:00 pm in the Library
- 21 - Professional Dev. Day (no classes)
- 28 - PAC sponsored Movie Night at Holly
- 31 - Halloween celebrations in classrooms. Costume parade will be in the afternoon (around 2:00pm). Parents are invited to watch from the Gym.

Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day assembly @10:45.

11 - Remembrance Day stat (no school)

19 - Holly Family Christmas market in Gym

Dec. 2 - PAC sponsored Pancake Breakfast

7 - First Term report cards available on-line for parents

8 - Early dismissal (2pm) for informal P/T conferences

13 - Christmas concerts (1:30 and 6:00pm)

16 - final day before Winter Break (regular dismissal time)

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In person dpac meeting last night

Doug Shepherd superintendent didnt have much new to report as they are in between trustee boards and the new trustees will be sworn in on Nov 8th. Val Windsor, returning school trustee gave a run down of who was voted in and we hope to meet them at the next meeting.

Doug talked about the 2nd annual truth and reconciliation day and the piece created by the first nations people that sits in the district office remembering the missing indigenous women and the residential school children.

Also talked about the first journey canoe that has been given tot he district as well and the 32 smaller canoes that are available for schools to use, Many staff have been trained on these.

We have some sessions coming up on Mental health and will let people know when the dates are confirmed

Selema Noon, can only combine on parent nights and get dpac to fund that night. Pretty booked up but there are alternatives. Beach Grove recently has Christie Able who is a great alternative and has openings.

Presentation from ministry of children and family development

Need for foster families in south delta

Try to keep kids in their local area, schools

May be short or long term.

Try to place with family but if not possible with foster families that provide safety and stability.

There are misconceptions about fostering but they will work with you to get a good fit. It truly can change lives.

Other topics

-zoom licences can be gotten through the district

-Movie licences, often pac shares with school/principal so teachers are covered to show in classroom.

-online harassment pamphlets

-childcare being moved to school district jurisdiction, will be canvassing families re needs.

More availability and access as needed hopefully

Pancake breakfast volunteer needs, school set up, teacher volunteers, play list, santa, people in need etc...