

Pouce Coupe Elementary School

FRIDAY NOTES
JANUARY 24, 2020

Dates To Remember

February 12 & 13

– **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Early Dismissal at 1:06 p.m.

February 17

– **Family Day - No School**

Polar Bear Club

We have received some questions and concerns about the Polar Bear Club and would like to address them. Firstly, it is optional. If you feel your child(ren) might benefit from going outside on days colder than -20, you may sign the permission slip. Second, on these cold days, students always have an option of staying inside, even if they have a signed permission slip. We will not force students outside on these cold days. Third, the students must be dressed appropriately; if they are not dressed appropriately, they will be told to stay inside. Lastly, there is no Polar Bear Club when the weather conditions are too extreme. There is no hard rule to when we go out, but generally when the wind chill is in excess of minus 30, we will not be going out. Student safety is our first concern!

Parents of club members will be advised by email when the Polar Bear Club is active. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Bricker at the school or via email abricker@sd59.bc.ca

Inside Shoes: All students must have inside shoes with non-marking soles. As our floors can get very wet when it rains or snows, they may also want to have spare dry socks in their backpacks.

Signing In and Out at the Office: If you need to leave early or arrive late, please make sure you sign in and out at the office so we know who is here.

Bus Students please let the office and or Bus Garage know of any changes in your after school pick ups

Welcome to Mrs. McWilliams!

She is our new half time grade 6/7 teacher, she shares a class with Mrs. Bricker. She also teaches gym class to the majority of our school.

Lost & Found

The school's lost and found has many items in it including winter jackets, snow pants and winter boots. Please come have a look if your student is missing any items.

Communication Process for Parents

Parents are the most important factor in students’ success in school. Working together with the classroom teacher, the principal and other school staff, parents are key to students achieving their best. Good communication between the home and the school is vital to that desired success.

When concerns arise, it is important to keep the lines of communication open. When issues occur at school, school staff will contact parents to inform and discuss the issues with them.

When a parent has a concern, it is important the matter is discussed so it can be resolved in a timely fashion.

SD59 (Peace River South) has a process for helping parents deal with concerns effectively. Here are the steps to follow:

- 1. The simplest and most effective way is to contact the teacher or staff member involved and share your concern. In order to problem solve together, it's important that both parties listen to each other to understand the issue from all perspectives. Most of the time, this is the only step needed, and a respectful team approach to solving the problem is successful.
- 2. If the issue can't be resolved at this point, the next step is to contact the principal who will facilitate a meeting to resolve the issue.
- 3. If the problem cannot be resolved after this meeting, the next step is to contact a District Principal, Director, or Assistant Superintendent who will review the matter, meet with the persons involved, and attempt to resolve the concern.
- 4. If the issue is still unresolved, the next step is to contact the Superintendent, who will further review the concern and work with the individuals involved toward resolving the issue.
- 5. If there is no resolution at this point, the final step is to make an appeal to the Board of Education. This step is covered under Board Bylaw 3-08: Student Appeals, which outlines the rights of students and parents to Appeal to the Board.

Open communication and maintaining positive relationships between families, schools, and the School District is always our goal, and is key to ensuring student success.

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PAC NEWS!

PAC is holding their next meeting on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the meeting room. Hope to see you there!

PJ Day

Jan 31, 2020

Bring a loonie or toonie and wear your PJs on the last Friday of every month to help support the breakfast program.

January School Spirit Days

Jan 15-crazy hair day

Jan 22-plaid day.

Jan 29-Hawaiian/beach day