



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2025

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Happy Fall!

Photo Re-Take Day is October 20th in the morning

Please see below for how to access photos:



Our school recently participated in photo day. Your child should have a sheet similar to the one on the right. If you do not have an *Express Proof* for your child, contact Photo Expressions at studio@photoexpressions.ca or 604-477-7399 to request your Online Code.

YOUR PHOTOS ARE ONLINE! Scan the QR code below!
(Or visit weblink below)



Visit photoexpressions.ca/orders and enter your Online Code



Your personal Online Code



Halloween at DWE

On Friday, October 31st, students will be invited to wear a Halloween costume to school if desired. Some classes will allow students to wear costumes all day, others may request that they are worn for the afternoon only. Some students may choose to not wear a costume, and that is okay too!

Please make sure that students **do not bring/wear:**

- **Pretend weapons** of any kind (and of course no real ones either!), even if they are part of their costume
- **No blood or gore**
- **No masks** (as they restrict vision and create hazards)
- **No excessively frightening** or revealing costumes
Students will hopefully have the opportunity to show off their costume to the entire school during a fun assembly
- **No inflatable** costumes due to safety concerns, visibility

If any of the above arrive to school, students will be asked to leave it with their teacher until the end of the school day. Please also consider in the days following Halloween to make sure not too many chocolates and candies come to school.

Mark Your Calendar

- October 1** Nicholls / Rode to Mission Creek
- October 2** Lebbon / Lutz / King to Mission Creek
- October 7** French Immersion Cultural Assembly Presentation with H  l  ne Nicole
- October 8** Johnson / Peters / Hayward / Jensen to Farmer's Market for Entrepreneurial Project Learning
- October 8** Hot Lunch Begins (orders closed for Oct.)
- October 9** PAC Meeting (AGM) 6:30pm in Library
- October 10** **Implementation Day / No School**
- October 13** **Thanksgiving / No School**
- October 16 / 17** Parent / Teacher Conferences (**Early Dismissal 12:25**) * *Your child's teacher will send home instructions on how to sign up.*
- October 20** School Photo Retakes
- October 21** Cultural Assembly - Mark Kroos
- October 24** **Pro.D. Day / No School**
- October 31** Halloween (a Friday)
- November 10** Remembrance Day Assembly (Assemblies are for students and staff only unless otherwise indicated in an email home)
- November 11** **Remembrance Day / No School**

Principal's Message

Dear DWE Community,

This past Monday, our school came together for a calm and respectful assembly in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day. I was incredibly proud of our student presenters, especially those who led us in land acknowledgements, shared their voices through song, and read heartfelt poetry. Our students truly embodied our **R.O.A.R.** attributes and specifically demonstrated **O**pen-mindedness and **A**ppreciation. It was a meaningful day for our school community.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and reflective day off in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. It's an important time for learning and growing together.

Looking ahead, Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 16th and 17th. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to check in on your child's progress before our first Written Learning Updates (report cards) go home on November 28th. Please book your conference time directly through your child's classroom teacher. You can expect an email from them this week with more details.

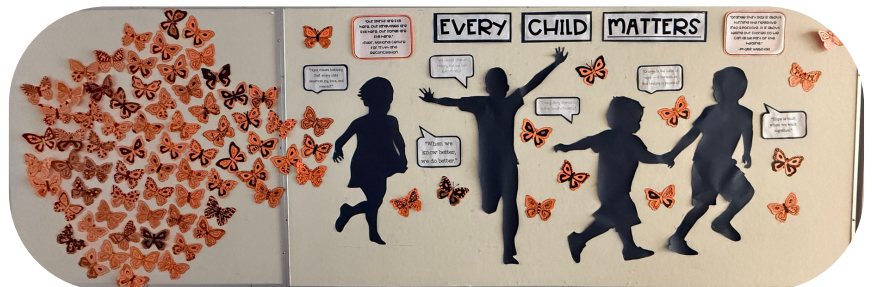
And yes, it's almost Halloween! How exciting that it falls on a Friday this year! We're looking forward to a fun and festive day. Please take a moment to review the costume guidelines on the first page of this newsletter, and don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued partnership. Our school thrives because of the strong connection between home and school. If you're able, please join us at the upcoming P.A.C. meeting on October 9th at 6:30pm in the library. I'd love to see you there!

Warmly,

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Principal / Directrice



Norman Foote Workshop



Grade 3 & 3/4 Students Take the Stage with Norman Foote!

In the month of October, our Grade 3 and 3/4 classes will be learning songs by Juno-winning musician Norman Foote and will have a chance to perform their songs onstage later this fall! On Wednesday, November 19th from 7–8 p.m., students will sing on stage with Norman Foote at the Kelowna Community Theatre! This will be a fun, memorable evening of music and laughter. Family and friends are welcome to come to the show! Tickets are available online, and parents can use the code “choir” for a 20% discount: (***ticket link will arrive via School Messenger email***)

Participation in the evening show and attendance are completely optional as we understand families may have other commitments. More details about arrival times on show night and what to wear will be sent home in October..

Questions? Contact Joanna Ball at Joanna.ball@sd23.bc.ca



Optional Student Accident Insurance

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for student injuries that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. Student Accident Insurance by StudyInsured is a voluntary plan that provides coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical expenses, and critical illness. To apply for the plan or to find out more, you may visit this website:

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com/

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held in classrooms on October 16th and 17th. On these days, we will have **early dismissal at 12:25pm**.

Please watch for an email from your child's teacher with instructions for signing up for a conference time with them on these days. If the offered times don't work for your schedule, please connect directly with your child's teacher to arrange a meeting or change your time. The office staff won't be able to reschedule conference times via phone.

IMPORTANT!

Thank you for paying your student fees:

A big thank you to all the families who have already paid their school fees. Please contact the office if you have not paid and need to arrange a payment schedule.

Please know that the school does not have a budget to cover the cost of unpaid fees.
Grade 3 - Grade 6 = **\$50.00**

School Fee Payment Online:

centralokanagan.schoolcashonline.com

PAYMENTS NOW DUE

In Central Okanagan Public Schools, no student will be denied participation in an educational program due to financial need. Our Board's Regulation 425R – School Fees (Financial Hardship Clause) ensures families can confidentially request support or alternative arrangements. If cost is a barrier for your child, please contact the school principal.

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## Safety First:

At DWE, we hold six fire drills per year: three in the fall and three in the spring. We also have an earthquake drill and a hold and secure/lockdown drill twice during the year. The earthquake drill provides students with a procedure to follow should they experience an earthquake anywhere, and anytime.

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Understanding the Importance of the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) - Grade 4s

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is a province-wide assessment that provides a snapshot of how well students in British Columbia are developing core academic skills in Literacy and Numeracy. This annual assessment for Grade 4 and 7 students, designed by B.C. educators, is an important tool for understanding student learning at the provincial, district, and school levels. It helps identify areas of strength and areas needing improvement, and it supports planning to enhance student achievement across the province.

Key Information for Parents:

- Once completed and marked, student assessments will be sent home for review.
- All students are permitted to use a calculator, dictionary, thesaurus, and receive extra time as needed to support their success.
- The results of the FSA do not count toward your child's term Learning Update (report card).

We encourage all parents and guardians to review the assessment results as they offer valuable insights into your child's foundational learning progress. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or the assessment process, please contact the school directly. We are here to support your child's educational journey.

We are hoping you can help us out by having a discussion with your child regarding **Pokemon** cards, **Hockey** cards, and **YuGiOh** cards for example. There have been instances where trades occur which may not be fair, and some can be considered valuable - resulting in a request to keep cards at home for now. We discourage trading cards at school and prefer that they be kept at home.