



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

November 3, 2025

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As November brings cooler weather, please ensure your child is dressed for the weather, including mitts and toques that are labelled with your child's name.



Safety Reminders

With the shorter days upon us, arriving safely to and from school is paramount in our minds at DWE.

- This is a reminder that **helmets** while on wheels (bikes and scooters) are not only a smart choice (reducing head injuries by 48%) but also mandatory.
- Bikes and scooters must always be **walked** on school grounds.
- Please DO NOT drive into our **staff parking lot** between 8am-3pm. Students are often crossing the parking lot before and after school. We have had several near-misses!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At DWE, supervision begins at 8:05am. It is a great opportunity for students to connect before the morning bell at 8:20pm. Parents may avoid peak traffic by dropping off closer to 8:05. Supervision ends at 2:40pm

Please use the SchoolMessenger App to report student absences, for early departure, or for late arrival. The Safe Arrival system (via SchoolMessenger) processes all reported absences and promptly calls parents or guardians of students who have not yet been accounted for in class. If a parent / guardian receives an automated call or text, they can provide a reason for the absence. This program helps ensure that all students are safely accounted for each day.

Three ways to keep us up-to-date:

- SchoolMessenger App (easiest)
- Website - <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>, or the
- SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival phone system

LUNCHES

We have been noticing that some of our students are coming to the office to let us know that they are still hungry after they have finished eating their lunch. Now that the colder weather has arrived, we ask that you and your child pack a few extra healthy snacks each day to keep their growing bodies fuelled! This includes hot lunch days as well. Thank you!



Mark Your Calendar

November 3 Light / Stokes to Museum

November 6 MacDonnell / Rivet to Museum

November 10 Remembrance Day Peace Assembly

(Assemblies are for students and staff only unless otherwise indicated in an email home)

November 11 Remembrance Day / No School

November 13 UBCO visit - Rode, Nicholls, Morden, Lebbon/Lutz, MacDonnell, Stokes

November 14-28 Excellence in the Arts Program - Janice Henning, watercolour artist will be working with classes

November 19 - Grade 3 (& 3-4 split) 9am Norman Foote Dress Rehearsal

November 20 - **Harmony Day**

November 22 - **Norman Foote Show** at Community Theatre 7pm (performed by Gr. 3 & 3/4)

November 26 - Cultural Performance 8:45-10:30am, Axé Capoeira (sharing culture of Brazil)

December 1 - **DWE MAR-CAT**, Entrepreneur Fair (by Grade 5 English Program / Grade 6 French Imm.)

December 10 - **Winter Performance** (more information to be announced soon!)

December 22- January 2 - **Winter Break!**

Principal's Message



Dear DWE Community,

As we approach Remembrance Day, our school community takes time to reflect on the importance of peace, gratitude, and the sacrifices made by those who served.

Being appreciative goes beyond saying "thank you." It means recognizing the freedoms and opportunities we enjoy today and understanding that they were made possible through the courage and dedication of others. By learning about the stories of veterans and their families, we help our students develop empathy and a sense of responsibility to contribute to a peaceful world.

On November 10th, we will hold a **Peace Assembly** for our students to honour this important day. Thanks to Mme Light, we will share stories and photos of veterans connected to our DWE families, creating a meaningful connection for our students. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Ball and Ms. Newell for their leadership in organizing the Peace Assembly and coordinating volunteers to make this event possible.

Together, let us continue to nurture a culture of gratitude and peace within our school and beyond.

Warmly,

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Principal / Directrice





We have **temporarily** placed current Lost and Found Items just outside of our library. Please remind your child to take a look at the lost and found the first week of November, as **all remaining items will be donated after Remembrance Day.**



DWE PAC Facebook Page

The DWE PAC is on Facebook! Follow us for the latest news, reminders, and events – everything you need to stay connected with our school community.

A gentle reminder that our school is making every effort to be a **PEANUT / NUT AWARE** environment. We have students with life threatening nut sensitivities. Thank you in advance for your help by not sending peanut / nut products to school to keep everyone as safe as possible.



On the second day of school this year, each DWE student created a personalized Wildcat Paw, symbolizing their commitment to our school values as we **R.O.A.R.** into the school year. Qualities we strive to embody every day in our learning and interactions:



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 was sent 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

EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS PROGRAM

We are excited to welcome water colour artist, Janice Keirstead Hennig, who will be working with each of our classes in November. Each student will have the opportunity to create a unique water colour piece as we explore the theme of Winter in preparation to display our art at DWE in December. Many thanks to Mme Morden for organizing this program for our students! For more information,

you can visit

Janice's website: artbyjanice.ca



DWE Winter Performance Night – December 10th

Join us for our Winter Performance on Tuesday, December 10th in the school gym! (Time TBA) Each class will have the opportunity to share a song, poem or dance on stage as we celebrate the season together.

This will be an informal and casual evening filled with student voices, creativity, and community spirit. Families are encouraged to come, relax, and enjoy a fun night of performances. Stay tuned for more details about the event as we get closer to the date.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Joanna Ball
ELL/Music

Register Today!

Big White Ski Club BLAZERS:

- 10 week program
- Starting early January, choose Saturdays or Sundays
- An introduction to ski racing
- For skiers aged 6-11 (*not a learn to ski program*)



*payment plans available

www.bigwhiteskiclub.com/registernow



Is your child too sick for school?



Deciding when your child is too sick for school is not always an easy decision.

Children should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If you have questions and concerns about your child's health, talk with a qualified healthcare professional.

Keep children at home if they have:

- a fever, and keep them home for **24** hours after the fever is gone away without the help of medication (see reverse page on how to take a temperature).
- vomiting or diarrhea, and keep them home for **48** hours after the last episode.
- a severe sore throat.
- a rash with no known cause.
- a severe cough especially with other symptoms like a runny nose and headache.
- redness, swelling or discharge of the eyes, ears or skin, unless treated.
- been acting unwell and have little energy to join in school activities.

For questions about your child's health you can:

1. Dial 811 or go to HealthLinkBC.ca to speak with a:
 - Registered Nurse **24 hours a day**, every day of the year.
 - Registered Dietitian every **weekday** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST.
 - Pharmacist every **night** from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. PST every day of the year.
2. Contact an Urgent Care, Walk-in Clinic or Doctor's Office.
- See the reverse page on when to go to the emergency department.



Seasonal Respiratory Illness

In the fall and winter, we can expect to see more respiratory illness. This is an annual occurrence, but there are measures we can all take to prevent illness and manage symptoms while at home. Here is some information that may be helpful: [It's respiratory illness season](#).

For more information on specific illnesses see: [A Quick Guide to Common Childhood Diseases](#)

ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools



Central Okanagan
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Central Okanagan Public Schools

is pleased to offer the "School Bus Stop" which is located on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of 10 minutes will be posted on the "School Bus Stop"

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay.

You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

transportation@sd23.bc.ca

STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!

New! Mental health resources for families

New videos and information are available by mental health experts at BC Children's Hospital who share your culture and language.

Resources are available in many languages to support diverse families, including Arabic, Cantonese, English, Mandarin, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Ukrainian, and for Black communities. Topics include anxiety, substance use, family transitions, and more.

When it comes to your child's mental health, you are not alone. Check out these multi-language mental health resources [here](#). New content will roll out until late Fall 2025. This campaign is a partnership between BC Children's Health Bridge, BC Children's Kelty Mental Health Resource Centre, and Our Kids' Health.