

September 6, 2016

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Upcoming dates to note:

September 15	Open House, 5:45 – 7:00 pm
September 16	Picture Day
September 19	PAC Meeting and Band Rental Night, 7:00 pm
September 21	CPF (Canadian Parents for French) BBQ, 5:30 – 7:30 pm
September 23	Non Instructional Day – no school for students
September 29	Terry Fox Run – pm

Open House

Please join us for our Open House on Thursday, September 15th if you can. We will have a family BBQ (asking for a small donation per person if possible) and provide a brief time for you to meet your child's teacher. Please note this is not the time to discuss your child's progress/expectations privately with the teacher but rather a social event to meet staff and tour the school with your child. Should you wish to meet with your child's teacher at another time please call the teacher at the school. Thanks.

PAC

Our school PAC executives will be setting up a table at the Open House and will have a sign up sheet for any parents interested in helping out this year. As well, they will be providing information about the little coupon book sale which will be starting soon.

Picture Day

On Friday morning, September 16th, individual pictures will be taken of all our students. These will be used for Student ID cards and for our Yearbook. Please note: pictures this year will be done on a preview basis, i.e. every child's photo will be taken, the company will send you a proof and if you like the pictures you may purchase at that time.

School Meal Program

The primary purpose of the School Meal Program is to provide lunches to students who come to school hungry. This Program is intended to help feed children from homes where parents are struggling to provide food for their families i.e., Social Assistance recipients, low income earners, families who are experiencing financial hardship due to work shortage, medical reasons, or other. Scientific research provides compelling evidence that poor nutrition negatively impacts behaviour, school performance and cognitive development in children.

The School Meal Program is funded in part by a grant from the Ministry of Education and through contributions from parents. While we rely on parent contributions to keep the program going, no needy student will be turned away because of an inability to contribute. Students receive a nutritious cold lunch consisting of milk or juice, a sandwich or similar entrée and fruit or dessert. The menu has been developed with the assistance of the public health nutritionist to provide 1/3 of the daily nutrition requirements keeping variety and value in mind. Our meals are monitored on a regular basis.

If you feel your child or children qualify to receive daily lunches, please contact your school office (forms available at the office) or the School Meal Program Coordinator, Mrs. H. Duval, Centre of Resources for Education (C.O.R.E.) 604-504-4610, Local 1814.

School Sports

The Grade 8 volleyball team selection is about to begin. Please have your son/daughter listen carefully for tryout dates next week. (Please note that all announcements are posted daily on the bulletin board across the hall from the office.) Grade 6 and 7 volleyball will be starting later. If you are interested in coaching grade 7 boys or grade 6 girls or boys volleyball please contact Mr. Assmus. Chris_assmus@sd34.bc.ca

For Aboriginal Parents

I'm using Remind to send important updates, assignments, and information for the Chief Dan Aboriginal Program. Please click on the link below to join our class. (For reference, our class code is @chiefda.)

<https://www.remind.com/join/chiefda> Thanks for joining!

Ms. D. Huber, Aboriginal Worker

P.S. Remind is a free, safe, and easy way for me to reach you with important information. You can choose to receive notifications by text, email, or the app. Having trouble? Go here: <https://help.remind.com/hc/en-us/articles/203541849>

Babysitting Course

Course Focus: Child care skills with special emphasis on child safety. A Canadian Red Cross certificate will be issued upon completion of the course. This course is designed for students 10-15 years of age. It teaches the basics of babysitting, rights and responsibilities, getting along with participants, holding, diapering, feeding, bedtime, toys and activities, accident prevention and handling emergencies.

The Babysitting Course will be here at our school on the following Tuesdays: October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 2:40 – 4:40 p.m. Cost is \$50 per student.

To register for this 4 week course, please complete a registration form (available at the office) and return it complete with payment (cash or cheque made out to: Petersen's First Aid Training) to the school office by as soon as possible. **Please note the course only accepts 24 students and fills up very quickly!** If you have any questions about the course please call Petersen's First Aid at **(604) 613-1476**. Thanks.

Over the Counter Medication

Please note that according to District Policy we are not allowed to dispense over the counter medication such as Tylenol, Advil, etc.

Band Instruments For Sale (from ex-parents)

Basic drum. basic drum, with carrying case. Cost \$150 obo. Phone Rachel at 604-850-9580 if interested.

All of the items below were purchased in September 2015 and used only for the school band.

Excellent used condition: **KORG Clip on guitar tuner** (can be used for any guitar) purchased new from Long and McQuade, Abbotsford \$10

Excellent used condition: **Fender Rumble Series 15 bass amp** (use for bass guitar only) purchased new from Long and McQuade, Abbotsford. \$75

Good used condition: **Peavey bass amp** (use for bass guitar only purchased used from King's Music, Abbotsford \$40

Excellent used condition: **patch cord for amp and guitar** (good for any amp or guitar) purchased new from Long and McQuade, Abbotsford. \$5

Anyone interested please email at pnbegins@gmail.com.

District App

Have you downloaded the District App yet? It's a great way to be notified of upcoming events at our school – see here for further information: <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/news/new-abby-schools-app-released>

Pay School Trips/Fees Online

Reminder that our district is making it possible for parents to pay for items such as fees and field trips online at abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com

Abbotsford Community Services

Please see attached list of upcoming events for students

Community Events and Programs for Parent/Students

Check out the community/parent info page on the district website for lots of great activities for parents/students at <http://www.sd34.bc.ca/parents-students/CommunityInformation>

Gladwin Heights United Church Fall Fair
3474 Gladwin Road, Abbotsford
Saturday, September 24
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Garage sale, craft sale, jewellery, books, baking and preserves! Hot dogs, hamburgers, pie and refreshments! Free admission!! We invite the community to attend our annual Fall Fair – we look forward to meeting you and getting to know our neighbours!

