



September 2017

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Vice-Principal: Mr. Jarret Atkins
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Administration Message

Welcome back to our Davidson Road students and families. It doesn't seem that long ago that we were saying good-bye to the students and wishing them a great summer! The two months have gone quickly and we hope everyone was able to find opportunities with family and friends for some fun, rest, and relaxation. The much anticipated first day of school has now come and gone. School beginnings are always filled with so much excitement, curiosity and desire to embrace all the new opportunities that exist.

We have a wonderful school community with a rich, diverse student body, coupled with a dedicated staff, exciting community school opportunities for families and a supportive community of parents. We welcome all of our new students and families to our school. We are excited to meet our new Kindergarten students, as well as students who will be new to the school this year. We look forward to meeting you during the first few weeks of school!

While we hope everyone had a wonderful summer, we would like to also recognize that some of our families, and our community at large, were impacted by the fires. Our thoughts and support go out to those families, as well as recognition and admiration for the strength our community demonstrated during this time. We were reminded of the power of community, which was evident by all of the ways people came together and extended kindness and compassion to one another. We were also reminded that these are some of the same values that we wish to act as the foundation of our school here at Davidson Road. We have kind and compassionate students and we hope our students continue to build upon these values during their time at Davidson Road.

The entire staff is anxious to make your acquaintance and find an opportunity to put a face to a name. Please consider joining us for the Welcome Back BBQ on Thursday, September 21st from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It is perfect way to join family and friends to start off the new school year feel connected.

Once again, welcome back! We are so looking forward to a great year full of learning, growth, and laughter.

Mrs. Janet Slaney and Mr. Jarret Atkins

Principal;

Vice Principal



SCHOOL FEES ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 29TH

Once again we are able to offer our school supply purchase plan through the School District at a great price. The prices have not changed from last year.

The supply fee for Grades K to 6 is \$30.00. The cultural fee for all students is \$10.00 this year.

<u>School Supplies</u>		<u>Cultural Fee</u>		<u>Total</u>
\$30.00	+	\$10.00	=	\$40.00 per child

WIN A CHANCE FOR A REFUND ON YOUR STUDENT FEES

Pay your "Student Fees" online by September 29th and you will be entered into a draw to receive a FULL REFUND of your fees.

For safety and efficiency reasons, we at Davidson Road Elementary would like to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. Please join the thousands of parents who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please follow these step-by-step instructions, so you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events involving your child(ren).

Step 1: Register

- a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page
<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps.
 - For security reasons your password requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find Student

Note: Student Number is Not Required.

This step will connect your children to your account.

- a) Leave as Central Okanagan School District
- b) Choose your child's school
- c) Click, "I don't have a student number" if not already checked

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select "Add Another Student" option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select "View Items for Students" option. A list of available items for purchase will be displayed.

PARENT HELP DESK: 1-866-961-1803

Or email parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com

VERIFICATION FORMS

It is extremely important for us to have up-to-date information regarding your home address, home, work, cell and emergency contact numbers.

Please take a minute to review the Verification sheet which will be sent home. Mark any changes in **RED** or **BLUE INK** on the form (so the changes stand out), sign, date, and return the form to the office ASAP even if there are no changes so we know you have reviewed the information. Thank you.

Teaching Assignments for this year

We have some new staff members joining this year.

We are sure you will make them feel welcome.

The following list of teachers is provided for your information:

Principal	Mrs. Janet Slaney	Teacher Librarian:	Mrs. Lara Bischoff
Vice-Principal	Mr. Jarret Atkins	Learning Assistance:	Mr. Dante Wetherow
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Erin Thiessen	Literacy/Behaviour	Mrs. Marie Cameron
Kindergarten:	Miss Jolene Olsen	Prep:	Miss Sally Wallick
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Barbara Sveistrup	Prep:	Mrs. Monika Durose
Grade 1:	Ms. Julie Rosco	Counsellor:	Mrs. Devon Wolfe
Grade 1:	Mrs. Kim Mortenson	Aboriginal Advocate:	Mrs. Alicia Mayne
Grade 1/2:	Mrs. Sandra Nazaruk	Speech:	Ms. Cheryl Elsworth
Grade 2:	Mrs. Carmen Gregoire	Resource:	Ms. Lenora Flato
Grade 2:	Mrs. Emily Mitchell		
Grade 2:	Mrs. Kim Williams		
Grade 3:	Ms. Holly Langlois		
Grade 3:	Mrs. Ashlee Spinks		
Grade 3:	Mrs. Katy Hewitson		
Grade 3:	Mrs. Sara Liebel		
Grade 4:	Mr. Aaron Knight		
Grade 4:	Ms. Anita Csatho		
Grade 4/5:	Mr. Brad Reiben		
Grade 5/6:	Mrs. Barb Prescott		
Grade 6	Mr. John Prescott		

Support Staff for this year

Admin. Assistant	Mrs. Kathy Senger	C.E.A.	Mrs. Cathy Barker
Clerical/Lib. Assistant	Mrs. Melissa Ball	C.E.A.	Mrs. Desta Balducci
		C.E.A.	Ms. Diane Moore
Day Custodian	Mr. Brad Raisanen	C.E.A.	Ms. Judy Marsh
Evening Custodian	Mr. Brendan Dowler	C.E.A.	Mrs. Nancy Butler
		C.E.A.	Mrs. Dawn Jones

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

All students who require medication to be dispensed during school hours **MUST** have a **“Request for Administration of Medication”** form filled out by their doctor and the “Medical Alert Planning Form” completed & signed by the parent. Forms are available at the office & **parents are reminded to update & sign these forms each school year. Please stop by the office ASAP.**

Please do not send cough medicine or Tylenol/aspirin to school as we are not able to dispense these medications without the proper paperwork and they should not be kept in the classroom.



ABSENCE REPORTING PROGRAM

This program is in effect to ensure the safety of your child(ren).

Parents are requested to phone and report if their child(ren) will be absent or late that day (250-870-5117) and follow the prompts. Unexplained absences will be followed up by a phone call home. All students who are more than 5 minutes late for school **MUST SIGN IN** at the office when they arrive. Our answering machine is on after and before school hours.

Please SEND A NOTE with your child(ren) when they need to leave early for an appointment or if someone else is picking up your child(ren). Thank you.



SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

For information regarding bus eligibility and routes, you can phone the Transportation Office at **250-870-5151** or check their website at: <http://trans.sd23.bc.ca>



STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 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 at a reasonable cost. Application forms for a program underwritten by Industrial Alliance Insurance and Financial Services (KIDS PLUS Accident insurance) will be sent home with students at the beginning of the school year.

SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL

Supervision is provided for students before school (8:15 – 8:30), at lunch (11:00 – 12:00), at recess (1:40 – 1:55) and after school (2:30 – 2:45).

Teachers and administrators usually provide supervision at all times except lunch, when adult Noon Hour Supervisors are employed to provide this service.

STUDENT SAFETY

Our School is a peanut/nut aware environment. As we have a number of students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, we ask that parents are extremely vigilant in ensuring that **NO NUTS OR FOOD CONTAINING NUT PRODUCTS** are sent to school.

Thank You for your help and cooperation.



MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS



Gentle Reminder: Please remind your child(ren) if they call home and no one answers to please leave a message and parents please check your message before calling the school. Also, every day we receive phone calls from parents wishing to pass on messages to their children. Many of the messages are valid; however, many involve matters that should be taken care of at home. We do not interrupt classes to deliver messages except on an emergency basis. **The phones within the classrooms are only for emergency calls by students.** As the office is extremely busy and the teachers do not like the interruption, we are not able to page students for messages until lunchtime or the end of the day. We encourage you to discuss appointments and after school arrangements with your child before leaving for school in the morning. **Please write your child a NOTE when they need to leave early for an appointment or if someone else is picking up your child.** Thank you.

TERRY FOX RUN

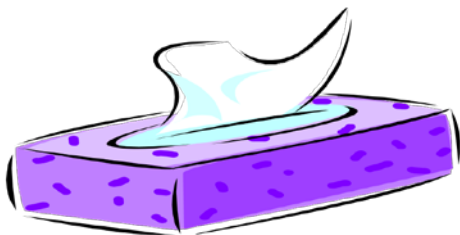
Join us for the annual Terry Fox Run at the school on Friday, Sept. 29th at 11:00 a.m. All classes and staff will run/walk a short loop near the school. Parent volunteers and participants are most welcome!

Bring a small donation to help us realize our goal of \$1,000.00

IT'S KLEENEX TIME

The season is upon us again and we need to have a Kleenex Draw. Please bring a box of Kleenex to the office, and your name will be entered in a draw for a SURPRISE!! We will hold the draw on Wed. Sept 27, 2017.

Cut and fill in the entry form below, or pick up an entry form at the Office. Thank you.



KLEENEX DRAW

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Important Dates Coming Up . . .

Wed. Sept. 6 th	Full day of school for Gr. 1 -6 8:25 a.m.– 2:30 p.m. Kindergarten Mini-Sessions begin
Wed. Sept. 13 th	First Full day of school for KINDERGARTENS PAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the library (child-minding provided)
Wed. Sept. 20 th	Welcome Back Assembly – 10:00 a.m. (all staff introduced – EVERYONE WELCOME)
Thurs Sept. 21 st	Welcome Back BBQ – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00p.m. (Potluck: salad or dessert)
Mon. Sept. 25 th	Personal Organization Place (POP) begins.... Be sure to send back your consent
Tues. Sept. 26 th	Davidson Dynamo Day – Wear your DRE T-Shirt with pride
	All verification forms now returned please!!
Thurs. Sept. 28 th AND Fri. Sept. 29 th	PARENT-TEACHER INPUT CONFERENCES Early Dismissal on both days at 12:30 p.m. NO classes for Kindergarten – K's attend conference with parents BOOK FAIR ON BOTH DAYS OF CONFERENCES
Fri. Sept 29 th	Terry Fox Run – 11:00 a.m. (bring a toonie if you can please!)
Fri. Sept. 29 th	School Fees DUE
Fri. Oct. 6 th	District Implementation Day – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS
Mon. Oct. 9 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed. Oct. 11 th	PAC Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the library (child-minding provided)
Fri. Oct. 20 th	Provincial Professional Development Day – SCHOOL CLOSED.

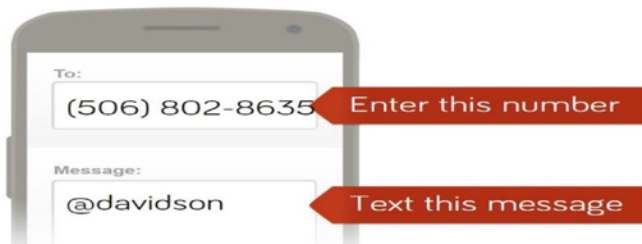


JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Please visit www.dre.sd23.bc.ca to subscribe to our school email directory. Also, please remember to update your user profile to reflect the appropriate grade level(s) for your children. This is not an automated process. Please follow the prompts at the bottom of your next email.

Sign-up to Receive School Updates by Text Message

To receive messages via text, text @davidson to (506) 802-8635. You can opt out of messages anytime by replying "unsubscribe@davidson". Standard text message rates apply.





Welcome to all our students, parents and staff!

PAC Meeting:

Come meet other parents, learn about what's going on at DRE, voice a concern or make a suggestion. Come and join us for our **first PAC Meeting on Wednesday September 13th, 6:30 p.m.** in the Library. No need to worry... you won't be forced to talk, or be signed up to do anything.....unless you want to. Be a part of the exciting things we have planned for this year.

Want to find out what is happening with the PAC but can't make a meeting? Check out our bulletin board located to the right of the fish tank when you enter the school or go 'like' our Facebook page.

Everyone who comes to any of our PAC meetings will have their name put in for a draw for a personal parking spot for the entire month. Just think how wonderful it will be to have a reserved parking stall with your name on it!!

We will be hosting our **Annual Back to School BBQ on Thursday September 21st from 5:00pm and 7:00pm.** We will have burgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs available. **We ask that everyone bring a salad, dessert or fruit plate for the sharing table.** Once you've filled up on hamburgers and treats, come sit and relax and reconnect with friends you have not seen all summer.... or better yet, meet some new families that are joining our school this year.

Kiss and Drop Lane: Our dedicated Kiss and Drop team will be helping in the parking lot again this year. For those of you new to the school, there are very few parking spaces available and an extremely high volume of traffic and only one way in/out of the school. To help alleviate the traffic congestion between 8:00-8:30am we operate a drop-off lane with volunteers that help by opening doors and assisting the students out of the vehicles. We also have a volunteer at the crosswalk between the parking area and the sidewalk to help control the flow of traffic. Please encourage your children to use the crosswalks at all times.

There is a staff parking area and only staff vehicles are allowed in this section. You will also notice traffic cones placed across some areas, we ask that you do not park in these areas as the school buses require these areas clear to allow them to turn down the driveway.



In the afternoon once all the parking spaces have been filled, the parking lot will be closed until sufficient vehicles have left. Our morning "kiss & drop" lane becomes a collection lane and parents are able to stop in this area but cannot leave their vehicles. Once

loaded, they need to clear this area efficiently. Again, volunteers will be on hand to help and open driveway to the school once spaces become available. If you have any questions, please ask one of the volunteers – you can't miss them – they are wearing the bright orange vests! **This team is always in need of extra volunteers.** So if you are able to help during the morning or afternoon, even once or twice a week, please let them know. We thank all parents for their patience and for their help in making this system work.

Munch a Lunch: Once again we will be offering the Hot Lunch Program at Davidson Road Elementary, fondly named “munch a lunch”. If you are new to the school, there is an online sign up program where you will need to register your child in the appropriate classroom. Go to the Davidson Road Website after September 15th, 2017, follow the link www.munchalunch.com **If your child is a returning student, please remember to update their new classroom.**

The first lunches will start in October. The list of vendors will be shared with you in a forthcoming memo. You will be able to order for the rest of 2017. The system is easy to use and you can place all your orders at once or monthly. We are accepting payment by Visa or PayPal only. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.** Please contact Michele Killick or Jill Nixon if you are interested.

Last year we implemented a room parent program and would like to do so again this year. A room parent facilitates communication between a teacher and their student's parents. We will be working throughout September to find a room parent for every class. If you are interested please feel free to send me an email at williamson.nicole@gmail.com.

The PAC would also like to do a buddy bench this year. We are hoping to work with a group of grade 6 students who implemented an everyone can play program last year and a couple of artistically talented parents and have it up and running this fall.

Here's to another great year at Davidson Road Elementary!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LITERACY ONE TO ONE PROGRAM

Volunteers train in a variety of reading strategies.

Training is approximately 3 hours long.

Help make a difference to a child's life.



Interior Health is seeing an increase in pertussis cases (whooping cough) in the Central Okanagan and would like to remind parents about the importance of making sure their children's immunizations are up to date.

Pertussis is a serious infection of the airways and can cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage or death. All parents are strongly advised to ensure their children are immunized and protected against this disease

The pertussis vaccine is very safe and effective in preventing the spread of this disease. The vaccine is given as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule at two months, four months, six months, and 18 months old. A booster dose is recommended at age four to six years of age (Kindergarten). Parents should check that their child's immunizations are up to date. For more information call your [local health centre](#) or visit www.interiorhealth.ca or www.immunizebc.ca

