



ÉCOLE POIRIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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École Poirier Elementary School

“THE BEAR”

September 29th to October 3rd, 2025

Happy Sunday Everyone! I hope you had a great weekend.

This Week:

Monday – Sept. 29 th	- Orange Shirt Day – wear an orange t-shirt if you have one. - Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)
Tuesday – Sept. 30 th	- National Day of Truth & Reconciliation – No School
Wednesday – Oct. 1 st	-
Thursday – Oct. 2 nd	- Elem Cross Country Fun Run 3:30pm (gr 2 to 5)
Friday – Oct. 3 rd	- Gr 4/5 Dance Club – 12:05 to 12:47 (gym)

The **Terry Fox Run** was a success this year. Thank you to everyone who brought in a “Toonie for Terry.” Once we have the total amount of money collected and counted, we will let you know the total raised this year to support cancer research. Thank you also to JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL leadership students and staff for helping us out with supervision on the run and making sure that we were all safe crossing the streets. Your encouraging words really made a difference. Here are a few photos from our event.



Upcoming Events:

October

5 World Teacher Day – celebrate on Monday 6th

6 Photo Day – Mountain West Studios

7 PAC Meeting 7:00pm

9 Elem Cross Country Fun Run 3:30pm (gr 2 to 5)

13 Thanksgiving Day – No School

16 Great BC Shake Out Earthquake Drill @ 10:16am

20 Whole School Assembly 10:40pm (gym)

24 Pro D - Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL

28 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm

31 Halloween – Orange & Black Day or Costumes

November

3 Whole School Assembly 10:40pm (gym)

4 PAC Meeting

7 FIRE Drill @ 2:00pm

9 Science World on the Road (2 Shows)

10 Remembrance Day Assembly 10:40am

11 Remembrance Day – no school

12 Photo Retake Day – Mountain West Studios

9 - 15 ROCK your MOCS day

17 Whole School Assembly 10:40pm (gym)

19 LOCKDOWN Drill @ 1:00pm

21 Pro D - Non-Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL

20 Early Dismissal @ 11:40am

25 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please visit the online consent portal at <https://consent.sd62.bc.ca> to provide and/or review consents for your child(ren). This must be completed every year. Thank you in advance. Consents include:

- Indigenous Self-Identification
- General Consent for local/walking field trips
- Google Apps for Education (G Suite)
- Internet Access
- Media release
- KEV School Cash Online

REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES:

ON THE PLAYGROUND:

Please **do not bring your dog** on the school grounds during the school day as per the school district policy.

Make a meeting spot for you and your child after school so that you can locate each other. If all else fails, come to the office please for assistance.

Bikes and scooters, or anything with wheels need to be walked on the playground for safety please. Thank you

BELL SCHEDULE

School Starts at 8:50am (bell at 8:47am)

Recess is at 10:20 to 10:35am

Lunch is at 12:05 to 12:47pm

School Ends at 2:40pm

Please pick your child up on time as our staff is not available to provide daycare, unless you are enrolled in the new Ecole Poirier Out of School Care Program. If you cannot pick your child up on time, please plan for someone else to care for your child at the end of the school day. Much appreciated, thank you!

SCHOOL RULES:

Please remind your child **not to bring toys or other sports equipment from home** to school unless it is requested by the classroom teacher.

Electronics and cell phones should also stay at home as well. If your child brings a cell phone to school it should remain in their backpack until the end of the day, or be given to the teacher for safe keeping. Thank you for your continued help with this policy.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

If your child is going to be away from school, it is important to email poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca and also let your child's teacher know as a kind gesture.

If you plan to pick up your child early for an appointment, please email poirierattendance@sd62.bc.ca or let your child's teacher know well in advance. Please only call the school for emergencies or when plans have changed unexpectedly. Thank you for your understanding.

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Information for Parents and Caregivers

Resources to support you and your child

**Register for free training**
Tips to protect children and youth online

**Have a conversation**
Talk with children and youth about things they may be experiencing

What kind of information can I find on erase.gov.bc.ca?

- **Practical guidance** to help you support your child's safety and well-being
- **Resources and information about:**
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Mental health and substance use
 - School and online safety
- **Free training sessions** to help you keep your child safe online
- **Videos** explaining erase, the Report It Tool, and safe, caring and inclusive schools
- **Tips** for bringing concerns to your child's school

What is the Report It Tool?

Report It is an **anonymous online tool** for **students** to report anything concerning to their school safety team—whether it happens at school, online, or somewhere else. Find it at erase.gov.bc.ca.

Questions? Reach out to your school to learn more.







Photos in School Newsletters “THE BEAR”

I like to include photos of events and classroom happenings throughout the school year in this email which comes out once per week for families and staff only. Please let me know if you prefer that your child's face be covered up if they happen to appear in a group shot or if you prefer not to have your child included in the newsletter at all. My email is vives@sd62.bc.ca. Thank you for letting me know.

Verification Forms will be coming home this week with your child. Please return your verification packages to your classroom teacher with any changes on the forms so that we can update your information. Changes may have occurred over the summer or since you registered your child. It is important that we have correct email addresses, phone numbers and emergency contacts. Just simply cross out anything that is incorrect and provide the accurate info. Thank you in advance.

NOTE: The first class in both the English and the French Immersion Divisions to return all the forms will receive a pizza lunch.

BC Curriculum Link for those interested in taking a look:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>