

## ÉCOLE POIRIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# École Poirier Elementary School

January 26 to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 “THE BEAR”

### This Week:

<b>Monday – Jan. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Yoga Club</b> 12:05pm in the Sealion Way Neighbourhood</li> <li>“Smashball” Volleyball Club 12:05 (Grade 4/5 in gym)</li> <li>Kindergarten Registration begins 8:30am</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday – Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pride Club</b> Mme Deshane's class: Grades 4/5</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday – Jan. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lego Club</b> – recess 10:20am (grades K to 1/2 split)</li> <li><b>Choir Practice</b> 12:05 (Music Rm gr2-5)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday – Jan. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lego Club</b> – recess 10:20am (grades 2/3 split to 4)</li> <li><b>Yoga Club</b> 12:05pm in the Sealion Way Neighbourhood</li> <li><b>Basketball Practice</b> for grade 5 students</li> </ul>
<b>Friday – Jan. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dance Club</b> – 12:05pm in the gym</li> <li>Kindergarten Registration Ends at 11:59pm</li> <li>Dress as your Favorite Book Character during the school day.</li> <li><b>School Dance – Dress as your favorite book character 6 to 8pm – PAC fundraiser</b></li> </ul>

### IMPORTANT CHOIR NEWS!

The Poirier Choir meets on Wednesdays in the music room at lunch with Mme Arts and Ms Murphy. The group is hard at work in preparation for our performance with the **Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Sooke Community Hall**. All choir members should already have received a blue return form indicating their availability for this concert, which happens in the middle of Spring Break. An orange form with important rehearsal dates was sent home with your choir student last week. Please mark your calendars!

Choir families are asked to join the “CHOIR” group in the **Poirier Black Bears App**. Mme Arts will be using the app to send home news, information, song links, and updates as we approach this exciting event. A copy of the rehearsal dates will be added as well. Please email Mme Arts with any questions about choir. [sarts@sd62.bc.ca](mailto:sarts@sd62.bc.ca)

### Winter Wonderland Dance

Join us for a magical Winter Wonderland Dance on **Friday, January 30th, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 PM**, organized by your School PAC! Enjoy music, dancing, and winter fun for the whole family.

★ **Dress as your favourite literary character** and celebrate a love of books and reading!

#### 🎟️ Tickets:

\$2 per student or \$5 per family (3+ children/siblings)

Sold at lunch on the school grounds - **Tuesday, January 27th**

#### 👪 Family Event:

Older and younger siblings are welcome. This is a **no drop-off event** — parents must stay and join the fun!

🍿 Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase to support the PAC.

We can't wait to see you there for a storybook night of fun! 😊

Fundraising Coordinators, Ecole Poirier Parent Advisory Council

Contact: [ep.pac.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ep.pac.fundraising@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events:

#### February

- 3 EARTHQUAKE Drill @ 9:15am
- 3 PAC Meeting
- 9 Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)
- 10 100<sup>th</sup> day of School
- 13 Non-Instructional Day (Pro D Day for staff)**
- 16 Family Day - No School
- 24 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm
- 25 Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)
- 25 PINK Shirt Day – anti-bullying
- 25 POP UP PLAY event for new K families -1:00pm
- 26 HOLD & SECURE Drill @ 2:15pm

#### March

- 3 PAC Meeting
- 5 LOCKDOWN Drill @ 1:50pm
- 9 Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)
- 12 Second Term Reports will be sent out
- 13 Last Day before Spring Break
- 14 – 29 Spring Break
- 30 Schools Reopen After Spring Break
- 30 Whole School Assembly 10:40am (gym)
- 31 Public Board Meeting - 7:00pm

### LITERACY WEEK



SOOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ... Pop Up ... Play

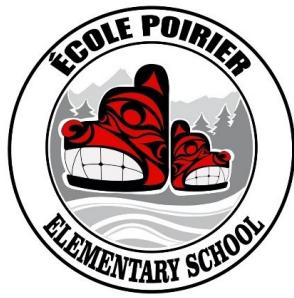
Wed. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Poirier Elementary  
Wed. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Poirier Elementary  
Thurs. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - Saseenos Elementary

1 to 2 PM

Children entering kindergarten in September 2026 and their parents/caregivers are invited to join us for an opportunity to play and meet school & school district staff.



This event is free and no registration is required.



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### POIRIER READ-A-THON 2026

January 19, 2026

Dear Families,

Poirier is celebrating **Literacy Week** from **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. This week will be filled with fun literacy activities to encourage reading and writing.

On **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**, all students will participate in a **read-a-thon** to raise funds for our school library. Students will spend the afternoon engaged in various reading activities such as, silent reading, buddy reading, exploring non-fiction texts, reading by flashlight, reader's theatre, and more.

If you are able to contribute, a pledge sheet is included below for you to complete and return to your child's teacher with a donation of your choice. All funds collected will be put towards purchasing new English and French books for our school library.

Thank you so much for your support of children's literacy!

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:	Pledge Amount:
<b>Total Raised:</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*Please return with money attached by **Friday, January 30th, 2026\***

Please make any cheque donations payable to **SD 62**

### **Reminders:**

1. Rainy weather means the students are likely to get wet at recess. Please make sure that your child brings a change of clothes in their backpack, or even better... leaves a change of clothes at school in case of an emergency.
2. Please write your child's name on their jackets and hoodies. The majority of our "Lost and Found" items are jackets. It will make it much easier to return the lost items to the students if their names are on the inside tag.
3. Please also send your child to school with appropriate rain gear and/or umbrellas, because we spend a good part of the day outside either at recess, lunch, for outdoor education or ADST (Applied Design Skills and Technology).
4. Many students are being sent to school who are extremely sick. If your child is sick, please plan to keep your child home. This will help keep our staff well and the other children in their classes well. Thank you for your attention to this matter.