



ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Anderson School

This Week's News! – Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The provincial government recently announced a renewal of one time funds for the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs in the following areas:

1. school and course fees
2. school supplies and course materials
3. field trips
4. school-related extracurricular opportunities
5. clothing and footwear required for sports and school activities

Please reach out to Mr. Harrington, sharrington@sd38.bc.ca if you are in need of assistance. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.

Gateway Theatre Band Performance



Congratulations to the noon hour band who performed to a full house at Gateway Theatre on Wednesday, May 1st. Filled with excitement and enthusiasm, each band student rocked the stage with their instrument. Thank you to Mr. Burrows for leading our band and inspiring Anderson students with your passion for music.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEARTS

Henry Anderson's **JUMP ROPE FOR HEATS** fundraising has begun!

The line to our fundraising site is:

www.jumpropeforheart.crowdchange.ca/44805

Our school will be **JUMPING** on Wednesday, May 15, 2024



MunchaLunch

Wednesday, May 8th is **Pizza Day**

Last day to place an



GRADE 7 MINI DONUT FUNDRAISER

\$7/bag May 10-24

Pre-order at School Cash Online

\$8/bag onsite sales Tuesday, May 28th



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MAY 28th

-2:45pm in the basketball court-
GRADE 7 MINI DONUT FUNDRAISER!

\$7/BAG BETWEEN MAY 10TH – MAY 24TH
PREORDER THROUGH SCHOOL CASH [ONLINE](#)
(CINNAMON SUGAR)

5月10日至5月24日期间，每袋7元，通过学校在线预订



\$8/BAG ONSITE SALES AVAILABLE

当天现场销售每袋8元

PICK UP AT THE FOOD TRUCK ON MAY 28TH
AFTERSCHOOL ONLY

Understanding Combined Classes

It's the time of year when the Anderson staff begins to look at building classes for next year. Staff work very hard to ensure that all students are successful.

Often, the philosophy behind combined classes is misunderstood by parents. Children who are placed in the upper grade of a combined class are not placed there because they struggle in school. In a combined grade 4 and 5 class, we do our very best to ensure that for each grade, we have students who encompass a range of learning styles and abilities. **We do not place all of our strongest grade 5 learners into a grade 5/6 when a grade 4/5 classroom is also available.**

Teachers are trained to provide instruction to diverse classes of students, looking at children as individuals, and providing individual educational plans where warranted for students who are slower or faster to develop.

Combined classes offer enhanced opportunities for all students to demonstrate confidence, positive self-concept, and a strong sense of belonging. Combined classes can help students form broader and more varied friendships as older students provide role models for younger students. Sometimes the teacher/student relationship can be enhanced if the same teacher teaches a student for more than one year, leading to increased feelings of security for returning students and a smoother transition in September because the teacher already knows their learning styles and needs well. Teachers in combined classes, like those in straight grades, follow the curriculum requirements defined by the Ministry of Education.

Parent Input – Class Placements

Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based upon the number of students we know are returning and new registrations that we have received. Before school ends in June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will work together to place students for the upcoming school year. These plans are tentative until the first week in September when final student numbers are known. In the first few days of September, all staff meets to confirm teaching assignments and review student placements.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students. These considerations include:

- learning styles and strengths
- work habits
- social/personal characteristics
- gender balance
- special learning requirements
- friendship groups
- ELL levels
- contractual obligations
- age and physical maturity



If you would like the opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to complete a Parent Input form by **Friday, May 24th, 2024**. Please email Mr. Harrington at sharrington@sd38.bc.ca to request an input form – electronic copy. You are also able to pick up a paper version from the school office. All forms should be returned to the school office.

The information you provide should **not include a request for a specific teacher** but rather some important personal or educational information that will assist us in our decision. Students who work well together or recent/ongoing conflict with other children would be helpful in placing students.

With limited placement possibilities, **input can be considered but never guaranteed**. All information provided will be shared with the teacher(s) and taken into consideration. Please be aware the final decision regarding placement will be a school-based decision.



Accepting input after the Friday, May 24th is often problematic, as each child placed into a classroom is an important part of the structure that helps create a positive learning environment for all children placed. Like a house of cards, pulling one from the pile often impacts others and we would like to avoid this scenario.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, May 6 th	Run Club (8:20 am) – weather permitting
Wednesday, May 8 th	Walk to school Wednesday! MunchaLunch – PIZZA day
Friday, May 10 th	Class photos
Monday, May 13 th	Minoru Track Meet for selected Grades 4-7 students
Friday, May 17 th	Professional Development Day (School not in session)
Monday, May 20 th	Victoria Day – School not in session