

# Anderson Eagles

## WAAG Sept. 29-Oct 3



### Hello Eagles

MONDAY 29

Truth &  
Reconciliation  
Assemblies

TUESDAY 30

Day of Truth &  
Reconciliation  
No School

WEDNESDAY 1

THURSDAY 2

FRIDAY 3

## GRADE 5 ACTIVE PASS

The City of Richmond is offering students in grade 5 a pass for FREE admission to drop-in swimming, skating, pitch and putt gold, and various drop-in programs at local community centres.

Please click [here](#) for more details and registration process for the free pass.



## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 30, we observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, honouring the Survivors of residential schools, their families, and the children who never returned home. As a learning community, we reaffirm our commitment to truth, remembrance, and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Students at Anderson will be attending an National Day for Truth and Reconciliation assembly on Monday, September 29th.

Please note that this day is also known as Orange Shirt Day, this is a time for collective reflection and recognition of the message, "Every Child Matters". Staff, students and families are encouraged to wear orange on September 29, 2025 in solidarity. Please see the attached flyer for more information about.

## MUD KITCHENS

Dear Families,

We need your help to rebuild our supplies for the mud kitchens in our outdoor space.

Mud kitchens are a wonderful space for children to play, use their imaginations and create, using natural materials (soil, leaves, etc.). They are similar to indoor play kitchens.

We are looking for kitchen supplies that you may no longer use but are still in pretty good shape. Please do not send in anything too heavy or too large and nothing made of glass.

The following items would be very useful:

- Pots
- Pans
- wooden or plastic mixing spoons
- muffin tins
- cookie sheets
- bowls
- flippers
- plastic cups

Please contact Ms. Fenn at: [afenn@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:afenn@sd38.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

Thank you for supporting our outdoor programs!



## SCHOOL FEES

**ANDERSON HAS GONE COMPLETELY ONLINE!**

The Richmond Board of Education offers the opportunity to purchase basic school supplies through the school at a cost of \$33.00 for the year. This is a great value and we encourage you to purchase your child's supplies at school.

Basic school supplies include exercise books, duotang covers, looseleaf pages, key tabs, scrapbooks, erasers, pencils, pens, wax crayons, pencil crayons and glue sticks. Students will be provided with these supplies as needed throughout the year.

An additional \$6.00 for student agendas will be added to the total for students in Grade 1 through 7, bringing the total to \$39.00.

## STUDENT LUNCHES

Just a reminder to parents to make arrangements with your child(ren) to bring their lunches to school with them or plan to meet them outside their door at lunch time.

We are not accepting lunches to be held in the office.

We do not accept food delivery services of any kind in the office. Please make alternate arrangements.

We thank you for your ongoing support in helping the office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2025

29 Truth and Reconciliation Assembly  
30 Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

### OCTOBER 2025

13 Thanksgiving (no school)  
15 Photo Day @ 9:00am-12:00pm  
16 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm  
24 Professional Development Day (no school)

### EXPANDED CALENDAR OCTOBER

1 Kol Nidrei  
2 Yom Kippur  
3 Dussehra  
14-15 Simchat Torah  
19 Persons Day  
20 Diwali



## STUDENT FORMS

Thank you for the huge response in returning forms this year.

This is a reminder for families who have not turned in their school forms package to please do so this week.

The medical form, walking field trip form and media form is all necessary to participate in field trips - even walking trips to Garden City Park and various school events.

We are always grateful for your prompt attention.



## EARLY WARNING SAFE ARRIVALS

Parents are reminded to use the safe arrivals line when students will be away, late or need to leave early. Please call **604-668-6358** and leave a message on our automated system anytime - 24/7.

# National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th



## Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake in 2013 to create awareness of the impacts of Indian Residential Schools on generations of Indigenous people. September 30th was chosen as the day to honour the students who survived going to an Indian Residential School and to remember those who did not come home. September 30th was chosen as this was the time when children as young as three years old were taken from their homes and brought to the schools. September is also a good time to reflect on the history of Indigenous peoples and how we will move forward in reconciliation, as a school community, for the year. **Wear an orange shirt** on the day to honour and remember those impacted by the Residential School System.

## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was established in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 80. A bill was tabled in March 2019 to establish a national holiday and tabled again in September 2020. After 215 bodies were found in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on May 28, 2021, the bill was fast tracked, passed, and received royal assent on June 3, 2021.

"The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognizes that at least 150,000 Indigenous children from across the country were forcibly separated from their families and their communities. Children were brought to residential schools where too many experienced abuse and were removed from their cultures, languages, and traditions. This federal day builds on the momentum of Orange Shirt Day, which was inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad and chosen by Indigenous peoples to remember the legacy of residential schools and promote the path of reconciliation... This year, the tragic locating of unmarked graves at former residential school sites across the country has reminded us of not only the impacts of colonialism and the harsh realities of our collective past, but also the work that is paramount to advancing reconciliation in Canada. Today, we also recognize the harms, injustices, and intergenerational trauma that Indigenous peoples have faced – and continue to face – because of the residential school system, systemic racism, and the discrimination that persists in our society. We must all learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. It's only by facing these hard truths, and righting these wrongs, that we can move forward together toward a more positive, fair, and better future."

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, June 2021

## Why an orange shirt?

Orange Shirt Day commemorates First Nations residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad's story. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School they took her orange shirt along with her other belongings and never gave them back. This became a symbol of the loss of identity and culture of Indigenous people and a way to never forget the history of forced assimilation. The national day is one of remembrance, reconciliation and education of our shared past and a symbol of support for our shared future.

National Day  
for Truth and  
Reconciliation



"The road we travel is equal in importance to the destination we seek. There are no shortcuts. When it comes to truth and reconciliation, we are all forced to go the distance."

The Honourable Murray Sinclair

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the ~~hagqemihem~~ language group on whose unceded territories we live and where the ~~x'makk'evem~~ people continue their traditions and cultural education. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, create meaningful relationships and make positive contributions to education in this territory.

# A MESSAGE FROM PAC

SEPTEMBER 26 2025

*Thank you* to all the parents who joined us for our first PAC meeting of the year. It was wonderful to see both new and familiar faces! We heard from our principals, Mr. Daum and Mme. Stevenson, who shared updates about the start of the school year and gave insight into how decisions are made at the school. PAC also voted to approve budget items that will support students this year. Meeting minutes will be posted on the PAC website in the coming weeks if you'd like to read more.

**Upcoming meeting schedule** for the year: PAC meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM at the school (except June). We'd love to see you at the next one!

**YOUR ANDERSON PAC EXEC TEAM**



**UPCOMING**

**PAC MEETING DATES**

- October 16, 2025
- November 20, 2025
- January 15, 2026
- February 19, 2026
- April 16, 2026
- May 21, 2026
- June 11, 2026 (AGM)



\*\*December and March meeting TBC in November and February, depending on necessity.

## STAY CONNECTED



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – HELP KEEP OUR GYM PINNIES FRESH!

Since the school doesn't have washing machines, we're looking for up to 4 volunteers every month to help wash the pinnies used in gym class. This helps keep things clean, fresh, and hygienic for our students.

If you're interested in lending a hand, please email us at [andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com) for more information. Your support makes a big difference!

