



ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Anderson School

This Week's News! – November 20th to 24th

Pro D Day – Monday, November 20th – NO SCHOOL

School Messenger SMS/Text Messaging – Parent Communication

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Richmond School District is implementing a new communication tool that will enable both the district and your child's school to send you text messages. This is being implemented to improve the ability to deliver time-sensitive information to you, including emergency notifications.

Given the significance of this communication tool, we strongly encourage you to opt-in for this service.

You can choose to opt-in by texting 978338 with a Yes. Please complete this action before November 30, 2023.

To opt-in, please send a text message with a Y or YES to 978338



Once you have opted in, you should receive a confirmation text message from School Messenger. School Messenger is fully compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, ensuring the safety and confidentiality of your information. Your data will never be shared or sold to any third party.

Thank you for staying connected with us through this new communication tool.



Next Week! - Grade 4/5 and Grade 6/7 Taking Care of Ourselves, Taking Care of Others

Anderson will be welcoming members of the Children of the Streets Society to speak to our grade 4/5s on Tuesday, November 21st and our grade 6/7s on Wednesday, November 22nd. Both workshops are intended to be interactive and focus on the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth. Both on-line and in person situations are addressed. Anderson has been lucky to have this presentation in the past. This informative and helpful presentation provides our students helpful tips and tools for staying safe. For more information, please visit, [Children of the Street](https://www.childrenofthestreet.org/). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Chan or Mr. Harrington at the school office.

To further inform parents, see below regarding the content information for the grade 4/5 workshop. The grade 6/7 workshop is similar but goes into greater depth.



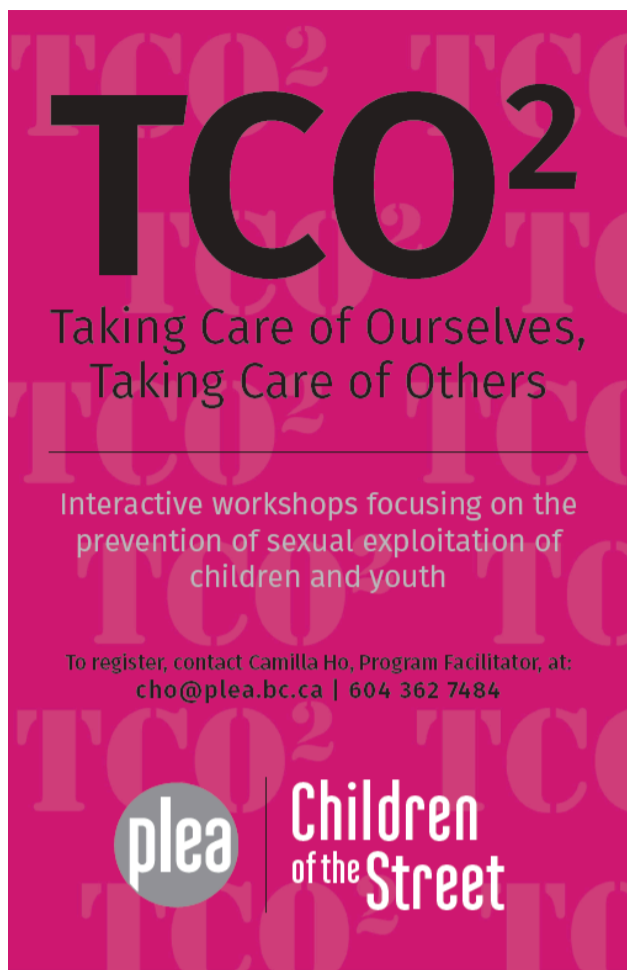
PAC Meeting – Change of Date

November's PAC Meeting has been moved from
Tuesday, November 21st

to

Wednesday, November 29th @ 6:45 pm in the Multipurpose Room





TCO²
**Taking Care of Ourselves,
 Taking Care of Others**

Interactive workshops focusing on the prevention of sexual exploitation of children and youth

To register, contact Camilla Ho, Program Facilitator, at: cho@plea.bc.ca | 604 362 7484

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TCO² WORKSHOP OUTLINE - GRADES 4 - 5

Our highly skilled and personable presenters have a unique ability to address challenging content with students, while maintaining a fun workshop environment. They do this by showing videos and engaging participants in activities, interactive role-playing and lively discussions.

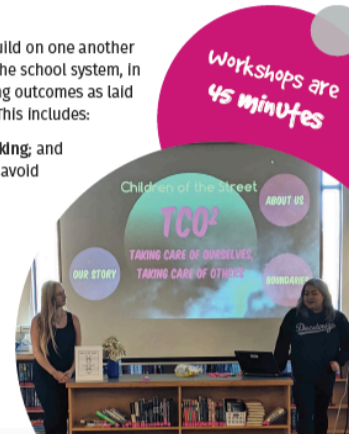
TCO² workshops identify:

- healthy vs. unhealthy **relationships**
- exploiter and **exploitation**
- **warning signs** and scenarios that could be dangerous both in-person and online
- what **consent** is
- online **safety tips** when using apps or playing video games
- **safe adults** and ways to reach out for help
- **resources** available

Our workshops are designed to build on one another as a student progresses through the school system, in addition to addressing key learning outcomes as laid out by the Ministry of Education. This includes:

- **goal setting and decision making;** and
- **personal safety strategies** to avoid exploitative situations on the internet.

**Workshops are offered free of charge. Honoraria towards our programs are graciously accepted.*



Social Media and the use of Discord

What is Discord?

Discord is a free online messaging platform that allows users to create groups chats. Once invited into a chat, users can remain anonymous and message others without identifying who they are.

For elementary aged students, this can cause many different social issues and create anxiety when mean or inappropriate things are added to the chat. Discord is NOT a supervised platform and Elementary aged students should not be accessing this messaging platform.

The Discord policy states that the minimum age for an account is 13 years old, as are MOST Social Media providers.

Please check in with your child regarding Discord and we STRONGLY encourage all online experience be supervised by a parent.

Please check out these resources for parents to help keep your child(ren) safe online!
[Parent resource for keeping children safe online](#)

Hip Hop Hooray!



We are excited to share that we will be starting hip hop dance lessons here at Anderson with Defy Gravity Dance company.

Our English classes will have dance lessons from November 27th to December 1st, culminating with a performance scheduled for 2:00PM on December 1st.

Our French classes will have dance lessons from December 4th to December 8th, culminating with a performance scheduled for 2:00PM on December 8th.

Parents are invited to attend their child's respective performance. Thank you to the PAC for generously paying for half of the dance lessons.

We look forward to this exciting learning opportunity!

Volleyball News!



Thank you to our coaches Ms. Lou, Mr. Lai, Mr. Reed, Mr. Chang, Mr. Harrington, and Mr. Chan for an excellent volleyball season! Our Grade 6 and 7 volleyball team has made amazing progress and look to finish the season with a final game and year end tournament.

Grade 7's- November 21st at MacNeill (330PM -700PM). Please bring a water bottle and snacks as food will be unavailable. Completed permission forms need to be returned to the office. Parents, please pick up your child at MacNeill at 7:10 pm, Tuesday night.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Monday, November 20th

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Wednesday, November 22nd

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Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL

Grade 6/7 Volleyball at Lunch

3:30-7:00 pm Grade 7 Volleyball at MacNeill

Hot Lunch Day

6/7 Volleyball 2:45 pm

Grade 6's – November 29th home game at Anderson after school (vs. Cornerstone)

