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Upcoming Events

Mon - Feb 10	Tue - Feb 11	Wed - Feb 12	Thur- Feb 13	Fri - Feb 14
	 Homework Club 3-3:45pm PAC Meeting 6:30pm 	• Girls Basketball Game at Cook Elementary		 Pro D Day - School Closed



Constable Tammy Walkers Visits Anderson

We were very fortunate to have RCMP Officer Constable Tammy Walker visit our school on Thursday, February 6th, to present to Divisions 9–13, 22, and 23 about student safety and help remind our students of what they can do to keep themselves safe, both at home and in the community. Some of the topics included:

- What to do if you are approached by a stranger
- The importance of always staying on school property where staff can see you at all times
- Using designated crosswalks to cross the street and remembering to look both ways before crossing
- Always wearing a helmet when riding bikes, scooters, etc.
- The importance of wearing seatbelts

Our students responded positively to the presentations, and we always appreciate the care and support Constable Walker offers our school communities here in Richmond. If you have any questions as a family regarding these presentations, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Anderson School Spirit Wear

We will have the following Anderson School Logo Spirit Wear Items on sale for a limited time only: Short Sleeve T-Shirts & Pullover Hoodies. Sample Sizes will be available by the main school entrance for viewing. Deadline to order is THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th. Don't miss out ordering yours today! No late orders will be accepted. All sales are final - no exchanges or refunds as Spirit Wear is custom ordered.

Black History Month Continues at Anderson

Black History Month in Canada is an annual celebration held in February to honor the rich cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black Canadians to the country's history and society. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing struggles against systemic racism and to recognize the resilience and accomplishments of Black communities in shaping Canada's past, present, and future.

The 2025 theme for Black History Month is: "Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations." Please stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters regarding some of the learning and activities that our students will be participating in as part of Black History Month.

To learn more, please go to: <u>February is Black History Month</u>





A Maker Minute FROM MADAME WALLISER



In the Makerspace, one of our most common discussions is on our "People First" norm. "People First" means that people and our in-person relationships always come before technology. If a friend, classmate, or teacher is speaking with us, we always put down our technology, look the person in the eye, and attend to what the person is saying.

This is one of the most essential norms we are working on together. While it does make it easier for me to teach the curriculum if children are attending to me instead of a screen, I hope we are wiring their brains to prioritize in-person connections. Relationships, attachment, and collaboration with others are paramount for children's development and well-being. Making sure attachment and connections take precedence over screens is vital to support children in becoming happy, healthy, and connected adults.

innovations Through Time

Hello Anderson Families,

We are extremely eager to announce that on April 3rd, we are hosting an exciting event to help our wonderful Anderson community help raise funds for the West Coast Kids Cancer Foundation, to help purchase new technology for our school and to support the Richmond Food Bank.

You might be wondering, what is this new event? Well, allow us to present Innovations Through Time! – a fun museum like experience with gift shops, a café, and so many fun exhibits. This event is being hosted by the outstanding students of Div. 1, 2, 3, 17, 18 and our some of our staff. Everyone is encouraged to come by, even if it just to try the snacks. We hope to see you April 3rd, 2025 from 6 – 7:30 pm.



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

MON. FEB. 17 | FAMILY DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED) WED. FEB. 19 | BOYS BASKETBALL VS BRIDGE THUR. FEB 20 | EARLY DISMISSAL AT 11:50 AM TUES. FEB 25 | GIRLS BASKETBALL GAME VS WHITESIDE TUES. FEB 25 | BOYS BASKETBALL GAME AT WHITESIDE WED. FEB. 26 | PINK SHIRT DAY / PINK SHIRT ASSEMBLY

EXPANDED CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2025

Feb 1 -7 <u>World InterFaith Harmony Week</u> Feb 2 <u>Vasant Panchami</u> Feb 5 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Lantern Festival Feb 12 <u>Magha Puja Day</u> Feb 12 <u>Nirvana Day</u> Feb 15 Family Day Feb 17 World Day of Social Justice Feb 20 International Mother Language Day Feb 21 Feb 26 <u>Pink Shirt Day</u>

Feb 28 - Mar 29 <u>Ramadan</u>



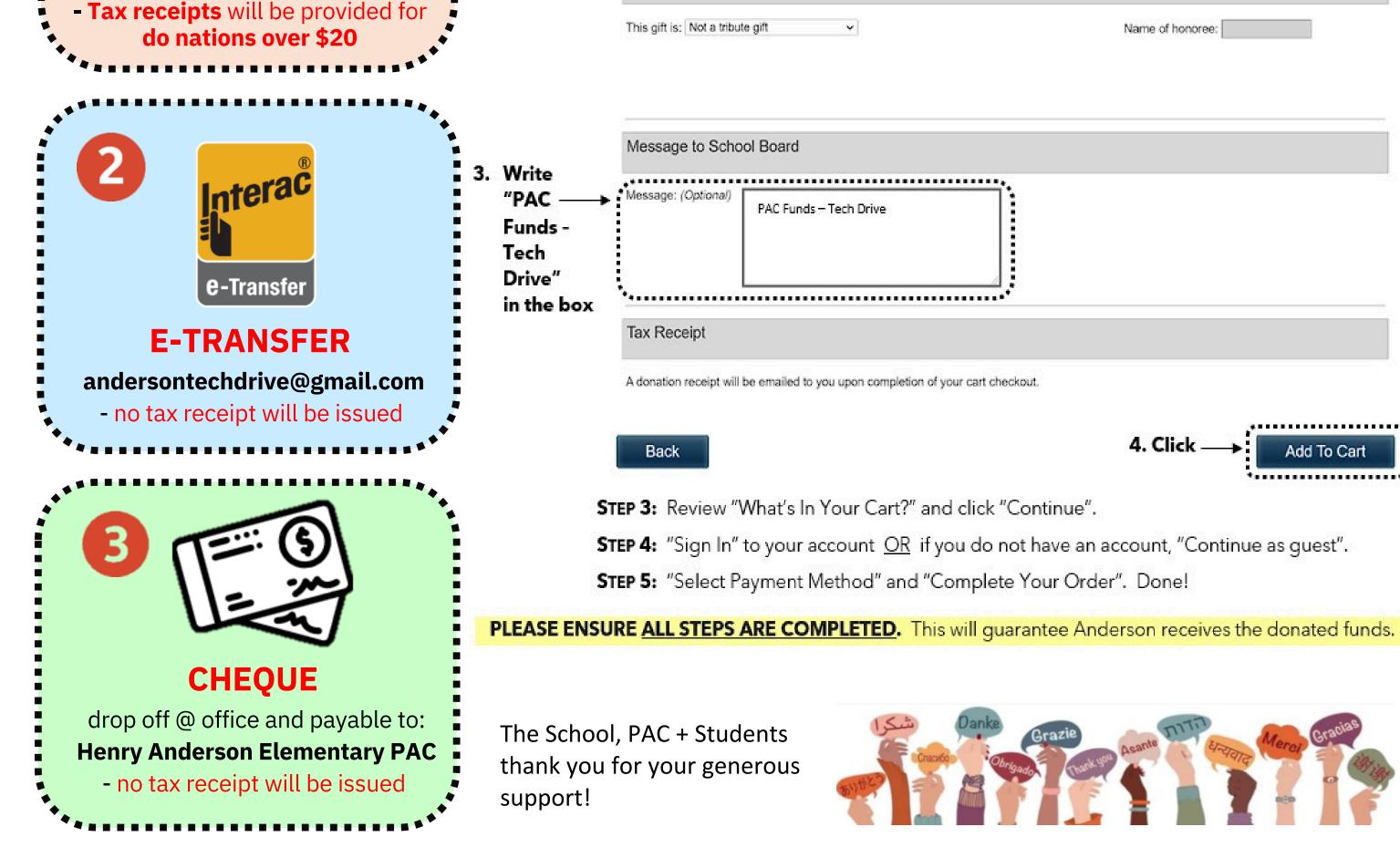


Some of our School's iPads and learning technology have reached the end of their life cycle, and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO REPLACE THEM! These devices play a crucial role in making learning fun, engaging, and accessible for all our children. **OUR GOAL IS \$2**0,000. We need at least \$8,000 now.

Our PAC Technology Donations Drive will run from now **until March 31, 2025**. **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Your contributions will directly support our students and ensure they continue to benefit from interactive and modern learning tools. Every contribution makes a difference!

THREE WAYS TO DONATE

	SchoolCashOnline	STEP 1: Please scan QR code. STEP 2: Fill out the following: Gift Information I would like to make a donation of: 0 \$20 0 \$50 0 \$100 0 \$250 0 \$1000	
SCHOOL CASH ONLINE use your Debit, Visa or MC.	School	Fund Destination: Anderson Elementary	
- w rite: "PAC FUNDS – TECH DRIVE"		Tribute Information	





2025 Winter Hot Lunch Dates! More Variety AND Weekly in February/March! White Spot, Taiwanese, Pizza, Pasta, Curry, Subway, Sushi!

- Our Hot Lunch Days: ORDERS DUE the Tuesdays BEFORE the date posted (unless you ordered all at once): <u>https.//munchalunch.com/</u> <u>schools/anderson</u>
- If your child is absent on a Hot Lunch day, you are welcome to pick up their lunch from School at 12:15pm; otherwise please consider it a donation for a child who does not have a lunch.
 - Please email <u>andersonhotlunch@gmail.com</u> if your child is away.
 - There will be NO REFUNDS as this is a PAC Fundraiser.
- If you need assistance with ordering or do not have access to the internet please contact Veronica at <u>andersonhotlunch@gmail.com</u>. For more information, please visit our website: <u>PAC</u> <u>Hot Lunch Details</u>

We appreciate your support for our Hot Lunch program. The funds will go towards our targets for this year. Thanks to the Anderson Community, and our wonderful Volunteers who help make this

program a success!