



# MAY 12 - 16

## WEEK *at a* GLANCE

### ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. C. Daum | Vice-Principal: Mr. C. Chan  
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### Upcoming Events

#### Mon - May 12

#### Tue - May 13

- Homework Club  
3pm to 3:45pm
- PAC Meeting -  
6:30pm

#### Wed - May 14

- PAC Lunch - Curry/  
Pasta

#### Thur- May 15

- Welcome To K
- Grade 7s visit  
MacNeill

#### Fri - May 16

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### A Reminder About Class Placement Information



Each year at this time, we begin to make school organization plans for September based on the confirmed number returning students and new registrants. In June, your child's current classroom teacher, resource teacher, educational assistants and administrators will begin making tentative plans for your child's placement for the upcoming year. These plans will remain tentative until the first week in September when student numbers are finalized.

In the organizational meetings, many factors are considered when placing students as we plan for balanced and conducive learning environments. These considerations may include learning styles and strengths, ELL levels, learning needs, work habits, age, and friendships.

If you would like an opportunity to provide the school with information about your child's learning style and how it might impact your child's placement for next year, you are welcome to share your thoughts through communication to the school **via email by Friday, May 23rd**. Our class organization will likely include combined classes. Please refrain from requesting for specific teachers or specific combined grades. Take note that your letter will not ensure a certain placement; however, all your information will be taken into careful consideration.

In your letter, you may include:

- important social and academic information that you feel would be helpful in the placement of your child. Eg. friendships, learning style, etc.
- type of learning environment that would help your child achieve success in their learning.

You may **email Mr. Daum directly at [cdaum@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:cdaum@sd38.bc.ca)** or **drop a letter off in the office by Friday, May 23**. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. We value your input and strive to choose the best placement for your child.

# Staffing Update

We want to share that our fabulous Vice Principal, Mr. Chan, will be moving on from Anderson Elementary and will be taking on the Vice Principal role at Spul'u'kwuks Elementary starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Chan has been part of the Anderson family for the past three years and while we are sad to see him leave, we know he will share his gifts with another very fortunate school community.

## A few words from Mr. Chan:

Dear Anderson School Community,

Thank you for welcoming and embracing me over the last three years in my role as Vice Principal at Anderson School.

Thank you for all of the friendly waves and smiles at the crosswalk, all of the pleasant conversations, and collaborative learning moments.

I will miss the students, parent community, and staff as I transition to my role as Vice Principal at Spul'u'kwuks, beginning in September.

In the meantime, there are plenty of sunny days ahead in the forecast, so come say hello at the crosswalk!

Sincerely,  
Colin Chan

## Welcome to our New Vice Principal Mrs. Stevenson

We would like to welcome Mrs. Soledad Stevenson as our new Vice Principal next year.

Mrs. Stevenson is coming from Diefenbaker Elementary and she is excited to join the Anderson community.

You will all have a chance to meet Mrs. Stevenson when we return from summer in September 2025.

## Friday is a Non – Instructional Day

Just a reminder that school will not be in session this Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. As a staff we will be participating in the Richmond School District Indigenous Learning Day at Richmond Secondary in the morning. In the afternoon we as a staff will be continuing with our focus on Indigenous Learning and we will be learning about the rich history of Indigenous people in Richmond and how the Richmond Nature Park reflects this history.

## Badminton Racquets - Donations Needed

If you or anyone that you know that has some gently used Badminton racquets that you no longer want, we would be very happy to take them and add it to our school's gym equipment for our students' use. It has recently been noticed that the majority of our badminton racquets are broken and can no longer be used.

Please drop off your gently used badminton racquets at the office.

Your donation is greatly appreciated!



## A Maker Minute # 10

FROM MADAME WALLISER

In the Makerspace, we are exploring the Core Competency of Personal Awareness and how it relates to building and creating in ADST.

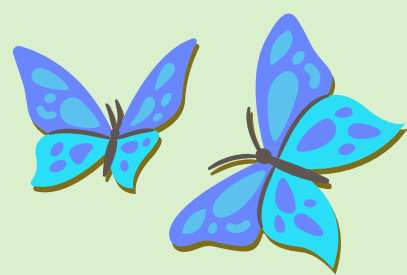
The two "I can" statements from the Personal Awareness Competency support us in discovering the building choices that bring us the most joy. The first "I can" statement is, "I can seek out experiences that make me feel happy and proud." For learners looking to grow in their understanding, we are exploring, "I can initiate actions that bring me joy and satisfaction and recognize that I play a role in my well-being."

While we build and create, we reflect and ask ourselves if what we are doing is enjoyable and if it is sustaining our well-being. One of the biggest reasons I run Maker Club and build the Makerspace is to support our learners in their feelings of connection and calm. I hope our students bring this drive to seek experiences that bring them joy, connection, and equanimity into the summer months and beyond.



## Mother's Day

We hope all our Anderson mothers have a special Mother's Day this Sunday.



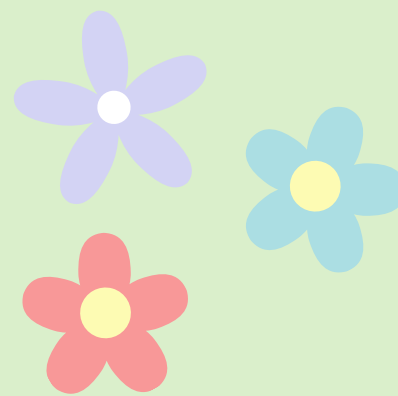
## May is Also Jewish Canadian Heritage Month

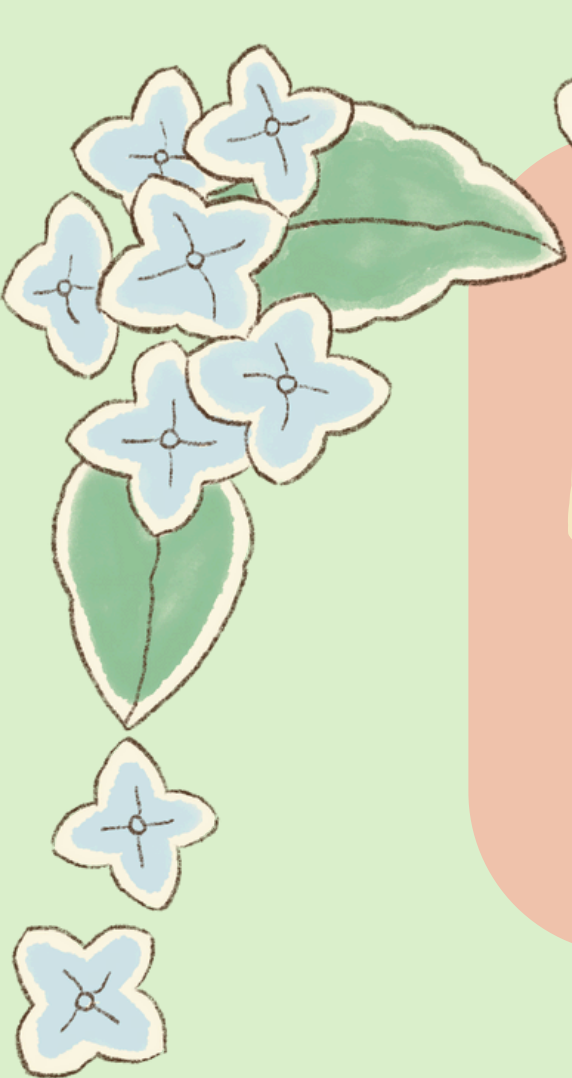
May is also a month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada. To learn more, please go to [jewishheritage.ca](http://jewishheritage.ca)

Acknowledging these events in schools continues to help promote diversity, inclusion, and understanding among students of all backgrounds. Thank you for taking the time to learn about Asian Heritage Month and Jewish Canadian Heritage Month.

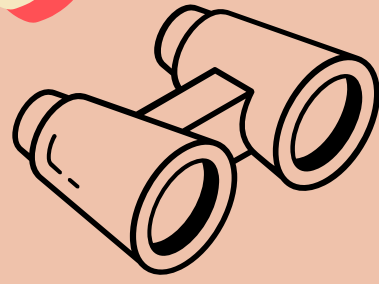
## May is Asian Heritage Month

The month of May is dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada's rich cultural society. To learn more, please go to [May is Asian Heritage Month](http://MayisAsianHeritageMonth)





# LOOKING AHEAD



## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

MON. MAY 19 | VICTORIA DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

WED. MAY 21 | TRACK AND FIELD

THU. MAY 29 | FIRE DRILL @ 11:30AM

FRI. JUNE 13 | ANDER'SUN DAY - DISMISSAL AT 2PM

MON. JUNE 16 | ANDER'SUN RAINOUT DAY

## Grade 7 – Save the Dates

Tuesday, May 20 McRobert's Fun Day 9:30-11:00

Friday, June 13 Ander'Sun Day dismissal at 2pm (more details to follow)

Monday, June 16 Ander'Sun Rainout Day

Tuesday, June 17 Grade 7 Field trip to Camp Cheakamus

Tuesday, June 24 Leadership Night 6-7:30pm

Thursday, June 26 Grade 7 Farewell 9:15am

## EXPANDED CALENDAR – MAY 2025

**Asian Heritage Month** *A month dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada's rich cultural society.*

**Canadian Jewish Heritage Month:** *A month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada.*

**Speech and Hearing Month:** *A month to shine a spotlight on communication health and the life-changing work of speech and language pathologists and audiologists.*

May 5 Dutch Heritage Day

May 5 Red Dress Day

May 10 Bear Witness Day

May 12 Wesak and Buddha Day

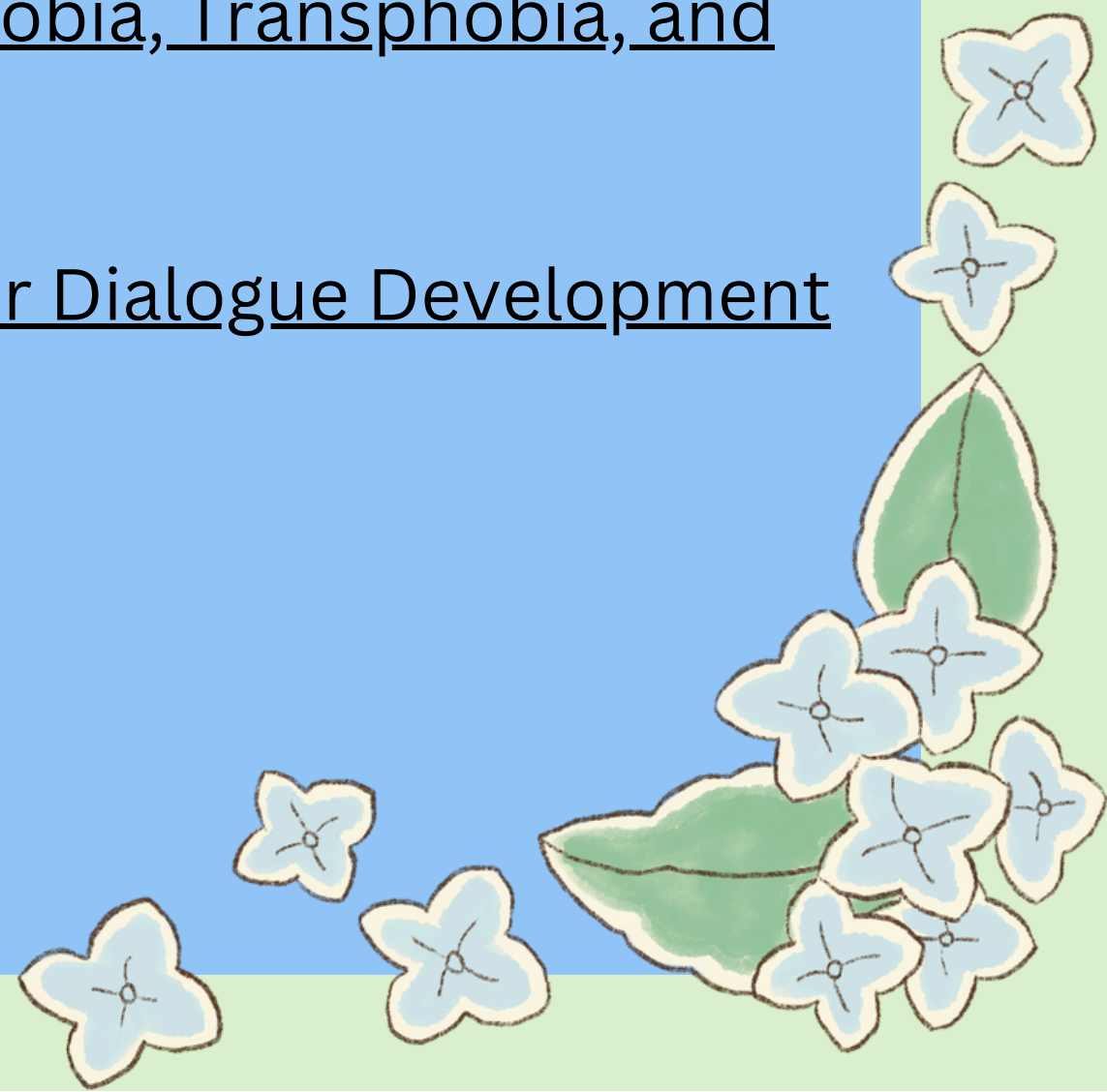
May 17 International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

May 18 - 24 Anti-racism Awareness Week

May 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development

May 23 Anniversary of Komagata Maru

May 25 - 31 National Accessibility Week



# PAC NEWS!

## 2025-2026 PAC Nominations!

*If you are interested in putting your name forward to help strengthen our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) by serving as a member of the PAC Executive, please review the following information;*

*<https://anderson.sd38.bc.ca/news/2025/05/2025-2026-pac-nominations>*

*- Completed PAC Nomination Forms (attached) must be scanned and submitted, via email, by Saturday May 31, 2025 to [andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com)*

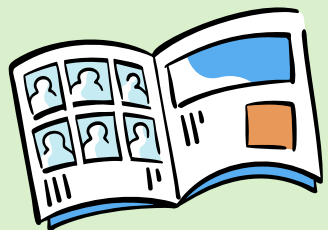
*If necessary, elections will be held at the PAC Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June of 2025. Positions are voluntary and for a one-year term.*

*If you have any questions, please contact [andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com](mailto:andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com)*

## ANDERSON YEARBOOK Pre-Order by Thurs. May 22<sup>nd</sup>



Reserve your copy today on School Cash Online or use the following [link](#)  
The yearbooks will arrive during the last week of school.



Softcover - \$28

Hardcover - \$43

## Pac Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

*See you there in the  
Multipurpose Room*