



MAY 26 - 30

WEEK *at a* GLANCE

ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Events

Mon - May 26

Tue - May 27

- Last Homework Club
3pm to 3:45pm

Wed - May 28

- Immunization
Clinic

Thur- May 29

- Fire Drill @ 11:30am

Fri - May 30

- PAC Breakfast Club

Track and Field – What a Great Day!

We want to congratulate all of our track and field participants on their outstanding efforts at our Track and Field meet this past Wednesday. Each of them did a fantastic job representing Anderson and giving their best in their events.

We also want to thank the many families who came out to cheer on our athletes.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the coordinated efforts of our school staff.

A special thank you goes to our Track and Field committee members – Mme. Szeto, Mme. Miller, and Ms. Grewal – for all their hard work in organizing this event for our school.

Well done, everyone!





A Maker Minute # 12

FROM MADAME WALLISER



This term, we are exploring balance in our use of screen time. Our younger learners are reflecting on things that bring them joy in the offline world, such as riding their bikes, swimming, playing tag outside, or reading stories with their families. Our intermediate learners are recording their screen activities and reflecting on how they feel during and after screen time.

Even though I have taught these lessons many times, each time I explore these ideas with my learners, I reflect on my screen time. What am I missing out on when I am on my phone? I realize the things I thought I needed to do there aren't as fulfilling as running in the park with my kid, chatting with my students, and doing things I love.

During class time, many learners at Anderson are expressing that they feel invisible when phones and screens are around them. Media in Canada reports that average screen time (on phones only, not counting laptops and TV) is 6 hours a day and has been increasing year after year. Over a lifetime, that is 14 years spent in front of a phone. This information, combined with what our learners have been reporting in class, is heartbreaking.

So, when I am tempted to look at my screen, instead of feeling like I am missing out, I stop, and I remind myself of the things I am gaining when I keep my phone zipped up in my bag. I think of quiet, calming walks in nature. I think of bike rides and swimming in lakes. I remember thoughtful, uninterrupted conversations with learners, friends, and family.

<https://mediaincanada.com/2024/07/03/canadians-will-spend-more-than-14-years-on-their-mobile-apps/#:~:text=Screen%20usage%20overall%20has%20increased,2022%20to%205.65%20hours%202023>.

HUB Bike Bus

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HUB Cycling wants to hear about how your family gets to and from your child(ren)'s school. We are asking for your help to learn about your needs and challenges with school travel. The deadline to complete the survey is June 5th, but we'd appreciate it if you could respond ASAP.

Bike Bus is a safe and enjoyable way for children to get to and from school. One day a week, trained adult Bike Bus Leader and parent volunteers will lead a group bike ride to and from school on a mapped route. The Bike Bus Program helps children ride their bikes to and from school safely and having fun, reducing the vehicle trips.

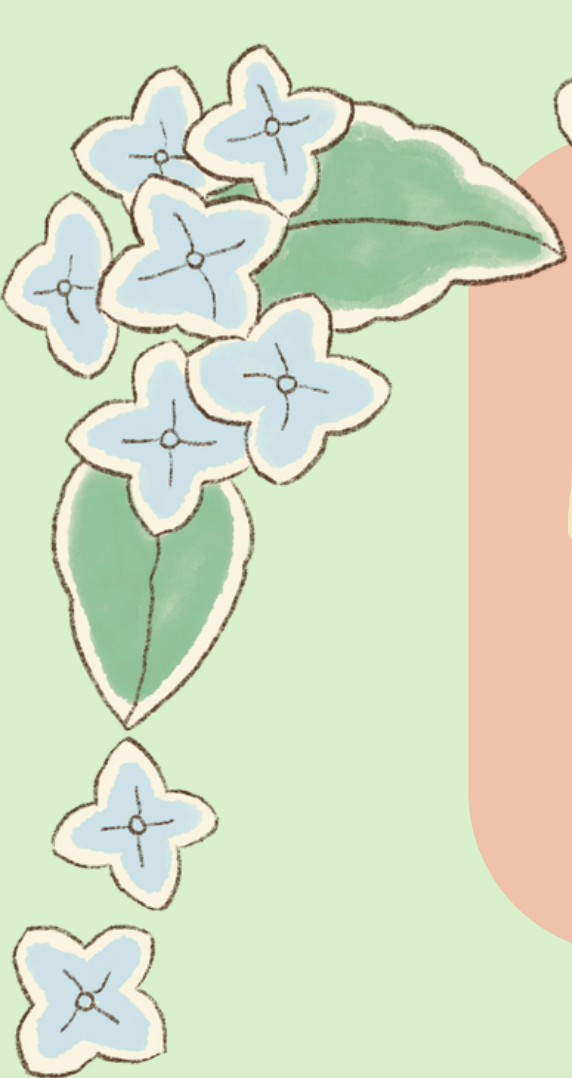
Even if your child(ren) will not join the Bike Bus, we would still like you to fill out the survey. Your answers will help us make the program better and easier for families in the future.

Please note:

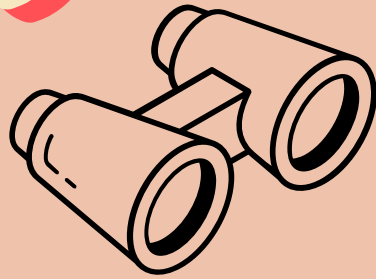
- Fill out ONE survey per household, but with the information of all your children in case you have more than one child in the same school*
- The information will help us plan the Bike Bus route and improve the program*
- Filling out this survey does not guarantee a spot in the program*
- All information you provide will be kept confidential. By completing this survey, you consent to the collection of information for the purposes of supporting HUB Cycling's Bike Bus program delivery and evaluation. We are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. We may share anonymous data (with names and details removed) with our program partners and external evaluators*
- Thank you for your time and help!*

Here is the link to the survey:

- <https://forms.gle/7AiPnbcqrjk6xN4A9>*



LOOKING AHEAD



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- FRI. JUNE 13 | ANDER'SUN DAY - DISMISSAL AT 2PM
- MON. JUNE 16 | ANDER'SUN RAINOUT DAY
- FRI. JUNE 20 | YEAR END ASSEMBLY
- WED. JUNE 25 | TERM 3 LEARNING UPDATES
- THU. JUNE 26 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Grade 7 – Save the Dates

- 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	<u>Dutch Heritage Day</u>
May 5	<u>Red Dress Day</u>
May 10	<u>Bear Witness Day</u>
May 12	<u>Wesak and Buddha Day</u>
May 17	<u>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia</u>
May 18 - 24	<u>Anti-racism Awareness Week</u>
May 21	<u>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development</u>
May 23	<u>Anniversary of Komagata Maru</u>
May 25 - 31	<u>National Accessibility Week</u>



PAC

NEWS!

Anderson Grade 7 Farewell Luncheon Thursday, June 26th | After the Ceremony Anderson School Gymnasium

 LUNCH GIFTED BY OUR WONDERFUL PAC -- WHITE SPOT!

We're excited to offer Pirate Pak lunches for our Grade 7 students on their special day! BIG THANKS to our PAC for the generous gift!

Each lunch includes:

✓ Choice of main + fries

✓ Boxed drink

✓ Signature chocolate coin

 Pirate Pak Meal Options:

- Hamburger with Fries
- Beyond Meat* burger wth Fries
- Grilled Cheese with Fries
- Bolognese with Fries
- Chicken Strips with Fries

✨ Please help make the day extra special by contributing \$10. As we did some fundraising, it's still not enough to cover the dessert, snacks, goodies and decorations we want to have for the kids.

Please consider donating as every little bit makes a big impact — thank you!

 ORDER NOW on School Cash Online!

 Deadline: Monday, June 9th

✨ Thank you for helping make this a memorable celebration for our Grade 7 students! ✨

Warmly,

The Grade 7 Farewell Planning Committee



NEXT WEEK: Breakfast Club

Friday, May 30th @ 8am

Is your child an Early Riser and can't wait to get their Day Started?

Come to our breakfast!

When - Next Friday May 30th - Serving breakfast starting at 8:00 am!

Where - Anderson School Gym

What - Breakfast Club! Come and enjoy a free breakfast and sit with your fellow classmates and other Anderson students!

The menu includes some of the foods below:

- Pancakes 😊!!
- fruits like apples, oranges, bananas
- cereal with milk
- orange juice
- toast
- flavoured yogurt tubes
- boiled eggs

We hope to see you there! This will be a delicious way to start the day!
We are still looking for volunteers to prep as well as on the day of the event.

Please let us know if you can help!

E-mail: andersonpacgeneral@gmail.com

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

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

Help shape the future of **Inclusive Education** in Richmond



Join us for an evening of conversation and connection regarding what the future of inclusive education could look like.

May 28, 2025 6:00-9:00pm

Doors open at 6:00pm, evening begins at 6:30pm

Seedlings ECDH, 6380 No 3 Rd Richmond

Attend in-person or virtually. Refreshments provided.



Special Guests:
Liz Hayes-Brown

Director of Instruction with the Richmond School District will share information on what inclusive education looks like in Richmond.

Dr. Erika Cedillo

Director of Public Policy & Programs, Inclusion BC. Erika presents information about the Inclusive Education Handbook.

Marsha D'Angelo

Marsha will facilitate conversations to explore what must happen for your child and you to feel safe, included, informed and happy in your child's education.



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