



ÉCOLE HRE

HAWK NEST NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025



Note From The Principal

Welcome Back and Welcome New Students!

This year, we had the exciting opportunity to welcome about 80 new students, including approximately 70 Kindergarten students. It has been a very smooth start up so far. To welcome everyone we will be holding our Welcome Back BBQ on September 25 between 4pm and 5:30pm. Come by to meet our teachers and check out our new playground location.

As a school, we will participate in our own Terry Fox Fundraiser, assembly and run. We invite students to bring in Toonies for Terry during the next three days. We will hold our school wide event on Friday morning.

During the last full week of September we will hold Truth and Reconciliation Week. The focus will be École Hudson Road Elementary to help our students understand the meaning of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and to explore how they can play a role in supporting equity in our community. Please remember that there will be no school on September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.



New Faces

Once again, we have the pleasure of welcoming a number of new team members this year and I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce them. We have two new CEAs (certified education assistants) and four new teachers. From left to right: Ms. Speers, and Ms. Marples (CEAs), and Mme Hadwin (Gr. 1 & 2 FI), Mme Singer (Gr 4 & 5 FI), Mr. Sargent (Prep Teacher - Health and Physical Education, ADST, and others), Mrs. Carkner (Gr. 3 English).

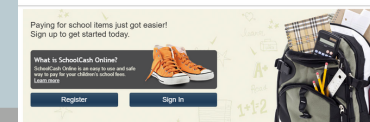
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*Please see our website or email for the complete newsletter

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- The Okanagan School District uses SchoolCash Online for all school payments.
- SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's student fees, class trips etc.
- All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online.
- [SchoolCashOnline.com](https://www.schoolcashonline.com)
- Below you will find step by step instructions on how to register, attach a student, and more.
- [School Cash Online help document](#)



SAFE ARRIVAL

SCHOOL ABSENCE

Please use the SchoolMessenger for school absence . Safe Arrival Absence Reporting system to mark your child absent, early dismissal, or late arrival.

The Safe Arrival system processes all reported absences and promptly calls parents or guardians of students who have not yet been accounted for. When a parent or guardian receives an automated call or text they can resolve the issue by proving a reason for the absence. If they are unaware of the absence they are directed to call the school.

Three ways to connect:

- SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival app on your phone
- SchoolMessenger Website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
- SchoolMessenger Safe Arrival touch tone system. Call the school at 250.870.5106, dial 1 to report an absence and follow the prompts.

NUT ALLERGIES AND FOOD SHARING



Please remember that we strive to keep our school nut free. We ask students, parents and others who come into the building to avoid bringing nut products as we have children with potentially deadly allergies to these.

If a child brings a snack containing nuts or nut products to school, we will simply ask him or her to let their teacher or another staff member hold on to it until the end of the day, at which point they will be asked to take it home. We will not let students go hungry, We will try to contact you or provide an alternate snack or lunch when necessary.

We hope that by educating children and adults, as well as by encouraging hand washing before coming to school when peanuts have been consumed, we can help make the school a safer place for our children who suffer from these allergies.



SAFE DRIVING AND COMMON COURTESY



We appreciate how everyone is driving safely around the school as school zones are back in effect. We appreciate everyone using caution as they drive in our proximity and we want to remind you to keep an eye out for students stepping out to cross the side streets as sometimes parked vehicles can block the view.

When using the Kiss and Drop Loop in the morning, please:

- Ask your children to exit your vehicle by stepping directly onto the sidewalk rather than unloading on the inside of the traffic loop
- Move up as far as possible before stopping to allow your child/children to exit the vehicle and watch out for other students on school grounds
- Be quick by having your children ready to unload with their backpack to allow others to make their way through the loop in a timely manner

At dismissal time, the traffic circle is closed to parents/visitors and only open to buses until approximately 2:45. You will have to park and walk up to meet your child, or have them walk down to meet you at the visitors parking lot.

Finally, if you and/or your child ride a bike to school, we ask that you dismount and walk once you are in proximity of pedestrians to avoid collisions.

Thank you for using caution as you drive your vehicle around our school!

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICIES



Appeals:

The School District Appeals Policy states that, "A student or a parent of a student who is entitled to an educational program in School District No. 23 may appeal a decision of an employee of the Board of Education which significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student".

For a complete description of the Appeals Policy along with the recommended steps to follow in attempting to solve a problem, please refer to Policy 460 – Appeals, that can be accessed from the 'Policies' link under the Board of Education heading on the School District's homepage –www.sd23.bc.ca.

Hardship:

Within School District Policy 425 – Student Fees (see www.sd23.bc.ca), the Board of Education has indicated "that a student will not be excluded from any educational program due to financial hardship". This clause in the policy provides for the private and confidential consideration of financial circumstances of individual students and families, while preserving the dignity of families who may be unable to pay. Please contact the school principal, Mme Bedard, at 250.870.5138 if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

NO PETS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



While we do love pets, pets are
NOT ALLOWED
on school property for safety
and health reasons.

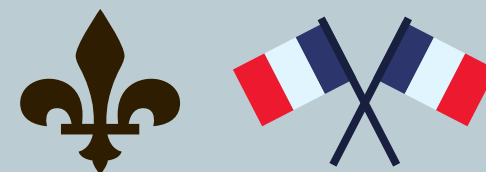
Schools within School District #23 have a policy where dogs are not permitted on school property at any time (even on a leash).

This is a health and safety issue where the School District must comply with Division 1, Part 107 of the Workers Compensation Act (WCB). By bringing dogs onto school grounds, the health and safety issue is exposing students and staff to the hazards of dog bites, dog fights, and dog feces which has to be cleaned up by school staff. Even if dog owners clean up messes, the residue can still be left on the grass where children play. Therefore, in order to stay in compliance with the Regulation and our own School Policy, dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time.

HOME SUPPORT



We would like to encourage you to start off the new school year on the right foot by establishing routines early on. Encourage your child to go to bed early in order to be alert and fully benefit from his/her time at school. Send healthy snacks and lunches to school with your child and establish a homework routine which includes a quiet space to work and a regular homework time. Remember to include daily reading as part of your routine.



French Classes with Centre Culturel
Francophone de l'Okanagan. Follow the
link for information:
<https://www.leccfo.org/en/french-classes/>

TIPS TO HELP THE OFFICE



- Please use the online payment option. If you must send a cheque or cash, it must be submitted directly to the office by the student or parent.
- Absences: please remember to notify the office in regards to any absences or lateness, even if you have let the teacher know. Please use School Messenger. See page 1 on the newsletter for more information.
- If your child is late, she/he must check in at the office upon arrival before going to her/his classroom, otherwise he or she remains marked as absent.
- If you walk your child into the building, we ask that parents say their goodbyes at the office and not proceed through the school.
- If you sign out your child early with the help of School Messenger, you must still come to the office upon your arrival to pick them up.
- Medical Alert: If your child has a medical alert, please make sure to contact the office to obtain and fill out a Medical Alert Planning Form.





École HRE September Calendar

Events	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Coming up - September 12th ~ We will be having our Terry Fox Run on Friday the 12th. We will be collecting funds (toonies for the Terry Fox Foundation. - September 19th ~ Picture day for students. Retakes will be taken October 23rd if you miss picture day. - September 25th and 26th will be early dismissal at 11:10am. Buses will be here at that time - Welcome Back BBQ – please come and enjoy a hotdog/drink on us! Visit with your teacher and tour the school. - HRE Orange shirt day will be on Friday the 26th. - September 30th – National Truth & Reconciliation Day. School not in session.	1 	2 Frist Day of School 	3	4	5
	8	9 	10 	11	12 Terry Fox Run 
	15  	16 PAC Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library 	17	18 	19 Picture Day 
	22	23 	24	25  Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm WELCOME BACK BBQ 4:00–5:30PM 	26 Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm HRE Orange Shirt Day  
	29	30 National Truth & Reconciliation Day  School Not In Session			

ATTENTION: Parents, Students and Schools



Central Okanagan
Public Schools

Together We Learn

Central Okanagan Public Schools

is pleased to offer the **"School Bus Stop"** which is located on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca



School Bus Stop

Parents, students and schools can now sign up to receive email or text alerts when the school bus route is delayed.

To register for alerts and to view a complete list of bus routes displaying the current status, select the school bus icon on our website at www.sd23.bc.ca or go to the site directly at <https://schoolbusstop.sd23.bc.ca>

Our first priority is the safety and well-being of our students. Due to the varied reasons our school bus routes may be delayed or in extreme situations, cancelled, it is not practical for drivers or staff to personally phone all those affected. Safety is everyone's responsibility and we must all be diligent when staying up to date on the status of our school bus routes.

All school bus route cancellations and delays in excess of 10 minutes will be posted on the "School Bus Stop"

If you have signed up for the alerts, upon posting the delay, you will receive an email or text with the route delay, length of delay and reason for the delay.
You could also expect to see general alerts when weather conditions or an emergent situation arises regarding the bus route.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

6:00 AM—5:00 pm

250-870-5151

transportation@sd23.bc.ca

STAY INFORMED ON BUS ROUTE DELAYS—SIGN UP TODAY!

SMASHBALL GIRLS & BOYS GR K-5!

LEARN MORE & REGISTER →

IGNITE A LOVE FOR VOLLEYBALL!

VolleySpark is a fun, energetic

introduction to volleyball. For those

just learning the game, or with *no previous experience*, Volley Spark is the perfect place to start!

*Fun, Engaging &
Encouraging
Atmosphere!*

**FREE
TRY-IT
SESSION**



\$75 for 7-Week Program!

Focused on Basic Skills!

*Locations in Mission,
Rutland & Glenmore!*



STARTING SOON!



Exciting news for families in Kelowna!

Parkinson Rec is launching a brand-new
Licensed Group Childcare Program this fall!

- ▶ **Play-based learning**
- ▶ **Led by qualified Early Childhood Educators**
- ▶ **Licensed Childcare for ages 3 - 5**
- ▶ **Runs September to June**
No care on Stat Holidays
- ▶ **Available 2 or 3 days a week!**
Monday, Wednesday, Friday / Tuesday & Thursday
- ▶ **9:00am - 1:30pm**
- ▶ **Subsidy available**

For more information or to register,
please contact playandlearnparkinson@gmail.com.





**Hosted by
Westside Ringette**

**Come Try
Ringette!**

**Ages 4-11 years
Mentor Instructed
Intro to skating
No experience
needed**

**Jim Lind Arena
Sunday,
September 21
4:15-5:15pm
on ice**

REGISTER NOW

For additional
information, email
registrar@westsideringette.ca