

September 2022



# HUDSON ROAD ELEMENTARY



Dear Hudson Road Families,

I hope this finds all of our families well! We look forward to seeing many of you at our Welcome BBQ on September 14th. Students are settling in to classes and we are so excited for this school year.

A few notes for our new and returning families:

i) **For morning 'drop off'**: We encourage parents to use our 'Kiss n' Drop' lane. When using this lane, please keep moving forward and help your child exit as swiftly as possible. Many people are off to other destinations and depend on the drop off to move smoothly. There is also a parent parking lot when you enter the school grounds on the right hand side. Additionally, the church on the corner graciously allows are parents to park there in the AM and PM.

ii) **No Dogs on our school property**—any size—a Bylaw for all Central Okanagan Public Schools always in effect.

iv) **Pick Up:** Again the same parking lots are available in the afternoon, you can also move through the 'Kiss n' Drop lane, but you

cannot leave your vehicle, as we have busses that also need to get through. Choosing a meeting spot is helpful at the end of the day and it can save you a hike up the hill!

v) As always, please keep your child home if they are not well. Use the School Messenger app to report their absence.



We are very excited to have a normal start up this year and we plan to bring our community of learners together whenever possible. My door is always open, so please do not hesitate to reach out anytime with questions or concerns. Our first Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting will be September 28, 2022, and we invite any and all parents to join. The PAC makes many important decisions for school programming, purchasing and goals. Your voice is greatly valued and needed. Please consider jumping on our first "Zoom" meeting this year for more information.

Yours in education,

Lindsey Hamilton

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**Wash your Hands!**  
**Remember the #1 best guard**  
**against colds, flu and COVID is to**  
**WASH YOUR HANDS!!**



**DATES TO NOTE:**  
 Sept. 13—School Photo Day  
 Sept. 14—Welcome Back BBQ  
 Sept. 19-23-Terry Fox Coin Collection  
 Sept. 19—Strong Start Opens  
 Sept. 26— Terry Fox Run  
 Sept. 30—National Truth and Reconciliation Day-Schools Closed  
 Oct. 5th—World Teacher Day  
 Oct. 5&6— Parent Teacher Conferences—early dismissal 12:30  
 Oct. 7th—Implementation Day- (School not in session)

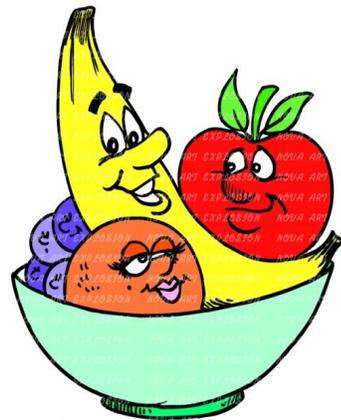


HRE is an allergy aware school. We have some students with life-threatening allergies (eg. dairy, eggs, nuts). Special letters will be sent home for these classes.

**Please note:** There is no parking allowed in our drop off loop or staff parking lot.

## Daily Healthy Eating is still “on the menu” at Hudson!

A friendly reminder to all that the Hudson Road School community encourages students to make healthy food choices. Please do not send pop, chips and candy items to school. We encourage all students to begin their learning day with a healthy breakfast. Finally, just a reminder that Hudson Road is 'allergy aware'! As such, all classrooms will encourage children not to bring nut products to schools as we have various identified medical alerts which are life threatening in our school community. We teach our students not to 'trade' food for safety reasons. **DUE TO COVID, we request that parents check** with the classroom teacher first before sending birthday food/holiday treats to school .



## PHOTO DAYS—bring your smiles!

September 13, 2022

*\*Kindergarten students are always first.*



## What To Do If the School Bus Doesn't Arrive?

Due to an unforeseen problem, a school bus may be late, or may not arrive. In this instance, parents should have an alternate plan for their children. If, after 20 minutes, the school bus has not arrived, students should return home and phone the Transportation Department at 250-870-5151 for further assistance, or call the school. Although the Transportation Department does its best to prevent problems, sometimes circumstances arise that are beyond their control. Again, parents are encouraged to have alternate arrangements in place.

Please visit <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/>

[ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.sd23.bc.ca/ProgramsServices/SchoolBus/Pages/Default.aspx) for more information about bussing, and safety rules for bus riders in the Central Okanagan School District.

## School Fees:

School Fees will be posted soon on SchoolCashOnline. We will send an email out to parents when they are set up for payment.



**Kindergarten - Gr. 5 = \$35.00**

**We encourage all fees to be paid online.**

**School Fee Payment online:**

<https://centralokanagan.schoolcashionline.com/>



## **The Central Okanagan School District's Financial Hardship Clause**

Within School District Policy 425 – Student Fees (see [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://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 if you are facing a financial hardship that may restrict the ability of your child to access a school program.

## **ACCIDENTS HAPPEN:**

Central Okanagan Public Schools does not insure expenses for **student injuries** that occur on school grounds or during school activities. Parents and guardians can voluntarily purchase private accident insurance. The *Kids Plus Accident Insurance Program* that was previously offered to our students is now discontinued and the [IA Financial Group will be offering the Family Accident Reimbursement Plan](#). This new product will be available to current insureds as well as new insureds and more information will be provided to the District for distribution to parents and guardians later in the fall.

**District Appeal Policy:** Central Okanagan [School District #23 policy](#) states that parents must be informed once a year about its “Appeals Policy” (5101). This policy outlines the steps for parents to follow when questioning a school district employee’s decision that significantly affects the education or health of their child. Parents are encouraged to discuss the situation directly with the person involved at the school. If there is no resolution, the parents should then ask for assistance from the school administration. After further discussion at the school level, if the concern persists, the parent may wish to contact the **Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Raquel Steen**. Following all these steps, if the matter is still not resolved, it may be appealed to the Board of School Trustees.

## To Do:

- Return the verification form being sent home with your child. Please note any changes directly on the forms.
- Please, for convenience, pay school fees online when available.
- NOTE: All field trips need a **SIGNED** parent permission slip.



The Parent Advisory Committee will be meeting on **September 28th**. Please join us at **6:30 PM** to learn about school initiatives and provide input on decisions. Hot Lunch will be starting after the Thanksgiving long weekend. It will be provided on Mondays and Fridays. We are always looking for volunteers on these days! Please note that this is a school fundraiser and specific food-related requests are difficult to accommodate.

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation came into effect for schools in the fall of 1994. To ensure that we are complying with the legislation, we ask that you please read the following information carefully.

When you registered at our school, specific questions were asked regarding this policy. There are occasions when our school would like to have contact with parents to consult them directly about school issues or meetings, or to plan school related activities. The school will normally make your name, home address and phone number as well as the child's name and grade available to school district personnel, Parent Advisory Councils or others responsible for organizing these types of activities. Your personal information will not be disclosed to anyone for business or commercial purposes.

It is a tradition in our school district to allow staff members and the media photograph individual students and groups of students to commemorate events and to promote various educational, sports and cultural events taking place in the district. While photographs add to the community life of our school, they are not required for education purposes. Students' names, photographs and comments may be published in the school newsletter, school website, and on occasion, in the school district calendar, annual report, or in the news media.

***If the information on file has changed, please contact the school a.s.a.p. so that all staff can comply with your direction.***

## From the School Office...

From time to time we all forget things. Should you find the need to drop off forgotten items for your child such as lunches, books, etc., **please drop them off at the office rather than going to your child's classroom.** Fewer interruptions mean maximum learning time for all learners, and we will be happy to deliver the item during the next non-instructional break. As well, we receive phone calls throughout the day to pass on messages to students. Please understand that we do not interrupt classes to deliver messages except on an emergency basis. By keeping non-emergency messages to a minimum, we will incur fewer classroom disruptions and more time will be spent on the important work of educating our students.

**Thank you for your understanding.**





# Hawk Nest News

Hudson Road  
Elementary

Sept. 12—16, 2022

SEPT. 12	SEPT. 13	SEPT. 14	SEPT. 15	SEPT. 16
Gaga Ball—Grade 1	Gaga Ball—Grade 2	Gaga Ball—Grade 3	Gaga Ball—Grade 4	Gaga Ball—Grade 5
	School Photo Day 	Welcome Back BBQ 5:00 pm—6:30 pm 		Popcorn Sale \$2 / Bag 

## Rationale for Combined Classes

Each year we are faced with challenges in organizing a school in to various grade configurations. Our goal is to allow for growth and learning not only for our students but for all of the staff as well. We are in the business of learning and we too benefit from challenging our thoughts and biases. There are many reasons for the combined classes in the school that serve our students including that we **teach students not grades**. We aim to reach individual students and their learning needs. Our redesigned curriculum in BC allows teachers flexibility in how the help students achieve one year's growth. Allowing children to see the benefit of multi-aged classrooms and learning from one another is an integral part of life. Dividing students up by age is an organizational structure not designed for the best learning opportunities. In any given class, combined or not, we are teaching skills from Kindergarten through to adulthood. **Our teachers work in collaboration and have built in time to grow their skills together.** Each teacher brings strengths to the table to provide the best learning opportunities for your child. Research shows that when teachers work together they have more creative solutions to problems, greater job satisfaction and more innovative program delivery. Our educators also participate in iterative cycles of research to continually improve program delivery. We are better together and our students benefit from our collective knowledge. If you have any questions, my door is always open. We are a caring, hard-working, passionate staff and we are excited to work with all of you in the coming year. Looking forward to meeting new people and seeing familiar faces at the BBQ or whenever you may be able to swing by.



Thank you to our PAC for sponsoring this event and thank you to Nor-Val for providing us a BBQ. Hot Dogs, Chips and Juice will be provided for \$2 per person or by donation. Please bring something to sit on— a blanket for a picnic or a chair to relax on. Your child will be given a short scavenger hunt to take you on a tour of the school.

