



Khowhemun Elementary School

We are grateful to be learning together on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish People.



Happy New Year!

We are excited to be back at school following a restful winter vacation. We have enjoyed welcoming students back to school this week and are excited to see what learning experiences and activities 2023 will bring to Khowhemun Elementary. Khowhemun's staff would like to wish every Khowhemun family a prosperous and healthy year. 'Iyus Xew's Sil'anum (Happy New Year)!



2023/2024 Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children starting Kindergarten next September starts on January 23rd. If you have a child in your family that will turn five years old in 2023, please register them for Kindergarten. Families may register online at www.sd79.bc.ca or in-person at the school office. If you have any questions or require assistance completing the form, please contact or visit the school office. Please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and proof of residency. We look forward to welcoming next year's kindergarten students and their families to Khowhemun Elementary School this fall.



Cowichan Monthly Teaching: Yath ch 'o' Ihq'il' (Be Positive)

This month, our family groups will be discussing the Cowichan Monthly teaching, Yath ch 'o' Ihq'il' (Be Positive), and the power of positive thoughts and feelings. In our family groups we will be writing and sharing positive statements about ourselves and each other. After, we will encourage students to share the conversations and learning with families at home.



Communicating Student Learning

Towards the end of January and early February, Summaries of Learning will be sent home with students. This document will provide families with information about their child's growth and learning so far this year. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions about your child's progress.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Bottle Drive

Tuesday, Jan. 17
PAC Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

Monday - Friday
Jan. 23 - 27
Kindergarten
Registration Week

Wednesday, Jan. 25
2-Hour Early
Dismissal

Friday, Jan. 27
Spirit Day:
Jersey Day &
Hat Day

Monday, Feb. 6
Dufflebag Theatre
Performance

Monday - Friday
Feb. 6 - 10
Lacrosse Lessons

Friday, Feb. 17
Non-Instructional
Day



Head Lice Awareness

Outbreaks of head lice are common throughout the school year. Although head lice are a bother, head lice are not a health risk. Head lice spread quickly by close, head-to-head contact. Lice cannot live on furniture or carpet, and they cannot jump or fly. There may be few or no symptoms, but itching may occur.

You can help by:

- Checking your child's head with the wet-combing method of detection once a week throughout the school year.
- Encouraging your child to wear their hair tied back.
- Using the wet-combing method of treatment if you notice live lice on your child's head.
- Reminding family and friends about the importance of routine head checks using the wet combing method.

Kindergarten Family Information: The Early Development Instrument

The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a questionnaire that is used province-wide. It was developed by researchers at the Offord Centre for Child Studies to measure patterns and trends in child development in populations of children. The questionnaire is completed by kindergarten teachers for children in their classes. They are filled out midyear to ensure that teachers are able to answer the questions for each student knowledgeably. The EDI includes 104 questions and measures five important areas of early child development. These areas are good predictors of adult health, education and social outcomes. Please look for more information coming home with your child.

Electronic Devices

If you send your child to school with a cell phone, iPod, or other electronic device, please remind them that the device must be turned off and in their backpack during class time. We also request that students view and listen to appropriate content and use the device in respectful ways while at school. This also includes not taking, sharing, or uploading images or videos of another individual without his or her permission. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices. We also ask that music speakers remain at home. Thank you in advance for supporting these school expectations.

Student and Family Affordability Fund

Should your family be feeling the pressures of inflation and rising costs, the BC Ministry of Education Student and Family Affordability Fund can continue to be accessed through the school office to provide support for school related items (including shoes, coats, school supplies, groceries, etc.). If you would like to access these funds, please reach out to a staff or PAC member, or call the school office.

