

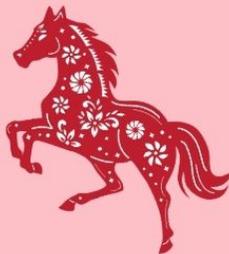


Khowhemun Elementary

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

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Take care of your health



Happy February!!

This is a busy month of celebrating the different cultures that we have in our school. We will be celebrating Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and Family Day. For Lunar New Year, our whole school will be having Fried Rice on Friday Feb. 20th.



Pink Shirt Day

On Wednesday February 25th, Khowhemun Elementary will be participating in the National Pink shirt Day campaign to show our support for anti-bullying awareness. We will be participating in school wide activities all week to put a focus on KINDNESS and RESPECT. We will be talking about the differences between mean, unkind and bullying behaviour. We invite everybody to wear pink to school that day in recognition of bullying behaviour.

Are you interested in how this campaign first started? Please click the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZUU1FOzkDk>



Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten Registration for next year has already begun! You can register online at www.sd79.bc.ca or come into the school office for a package. We encourage families to register in the near future to help with planning for the upcoming school year. Children entering kindergarten for the upcoming school year should turn 5 before December 31, 2026.



Follow us : @ Khowhemun Elementary, @ Khowhemun Elementary PAC, @ Khowhemun Elementary's Indigenous Education Classroom.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council)



Community is so important, and with that in mind we've started something new at Khowhemun. If you are interested in helping with events for our school community, we're looking for planners, volunteers, and donations. If you would like to help, please come to our first Events Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm on February 23rd in the school library, or email khowhemunpac@gmail.com with your contact information and we'll reach out!

Last Friday, our PAC rewarded Mr. Gill's class with an ice cream sundae party for selling the most raffle tickets!!! Yummy time was had by all. Thank you PAC!

We have two fundraisers coming up through our PAC - a Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cake sale, and another raffle. More information to come.

Our February PAC meeting has been moved to March 2nd, 2026 in the school library. See you there!

Attendance and lates



Khowhemun Elementary values regular attendance and being on time for school and class. When students are absent from class, they miss important learning experiences and the opportunities to build relationships and connect with peers and staff.

If your child is going to be absent, we ask that you use the school messenger app to report an absence, or call the school office.

Thank you families for making attendance at school a priority!

Student Learning Surveys

All students in grade 4 & 7, their families and school staff have been invited to complete the Ministry of Education Studnet Learning Surveys, which help to provide our school and the district with important information about student's learning experiences as well as family experiences at our school. Your feedback is valuable and appreciated. A HUGE thank you to all of the families who have already completed the surveys!

Inclement Weather Information



Any school closures due to weather will be posted by 6:00 am to our School Facebook site, Cowichan Valley School District facebook page and twitter accounts, and the following radio stations: The Q! (100.3 FM) The Zone (91.3 FM) CBC(90.5 FM) Juice- FM (89.7 FM) CFAX (1070 AM) CTV Vancouver Island Global BC and CHEK News.

Studnet safety is always the first priority.



Head Lice



Although headlice are irritating and can cause discomfort, they do not spread disease. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school is not a factor associated with head lice.

Headlice can spread easily from person to person, which is why families are encouraged to regularly check for headlice as an active way of preventing cases and spread. If you are needing any support in combating lice, please connect with the school and we can help.

Behaviours at school

Khowhemun Elementary's Code of Conduct has three core principles - **Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be safe**

Behaviours and expectations are reviewed throughout our school day, as well as in class and during assemblies.

As we move into March, we have seen an increase in some behaviours, such as removing of other's hats, use of inappropriate language and hands on. We appreciate the support from families and thank you for re-enforcing our code of conduct at home to best support our xe'xew smuneem (children) while at school.

Lost and Found / Inside Shoes

Since Winter Break, our Lost and Found has grown immensely!

Please come by the school and check for your children's forgotten coats, mittens, water bottles, sweaters and shoes!

Upcoming Dates

Thursday Feb 12 - Valentine's Day

Friday Feb 13 - Professional Development Day - no school for kids

Monday Feb 16 - Family Day - schools closed

Wednesday Feb. 25th - Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday Feb 25th - 2 hr early dismissal - 12:15 pm(PLC for staff)

Friday Feb 27 - National Strawberry Day

Tuesday March 10 - Hold and secure Drill

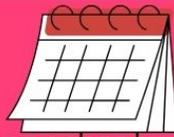
Friday March 13th - Updates to go home

Monday March 16 - Spring Break begins

Monday March 30 - First Day back to school

Thursday April 2 - 1 hr Early Dismissal (1:10 pm)

Friday April 3 - Good Friday - schools closed



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Friendly Reminders



School Zone : The speed limit is 30 km in all school zones. Help keep our students and families safe by staying in the limit.



No Parking: Please respect the signage and road markings on school grounds and along Cliffs Rd. Including Accessible parking spots / Elders parking

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Daycare Only: Please do not park in the gravel parking lot that is dedicated to the staff and families of the daycare

Backpacks / Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a backpack to school each day. They are helpful for keeping personal belongings together and for bringing items to and from school. Please avoid sending sugary drinks or pop to school - we have water fountains and water bottle filler for the students to use.



Contact Information

Has the contact information for your child or children changed (phone numbers, address, emails, emergency people) ? Please call the school to update.

Written Learning Updates

Your child's 2nd term written learning update will be coming home the Friday before Spring Break. This report will be an update on your child's learning from November - March. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

