



# Khowhemun Elementary School

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



## Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

Every year, Khowhemun Elementary develops and writes a Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, which is a document that summarizes the goals and actions for the school year. The information is based upon the school data and context, and the input of students, staff, and families. This year, the framework includes 6 key goals:

1. To support all students in becoming independent and confident readers through targeted and meaningful instruction.
2. To create learning environments where students are inspired to learn, feel ownership and responsibility, and demonstrate high engagement.
3. To actively embed Indigenous ways of knowing and Indigenous People's history, culture, and language into students' daily learning experiences.
4. To continue to build strong relationships among the Khowhemun learning community, and to create a welcoming, nurturing and positive learning environment for everyone.
5. To support the health and well-being of students and staff by embedding social emotional learning and trauma informed practice into all learning environments.
6. To examine attendance trends and explore creative solutions to addressing concerning attendance patterns.



Over the course of the year, these goals will guide the planning and work of the staff. Should you have any questions about the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning or would like to provide input or feedback, please contact Mrs. Calverley.



## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Khowhemun will host a Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will include songs of remembrance, student contributions, a presentation of wreaths and a moment of silence. The local Legion has provided the school with a poppy for each child. Next week we will be collecting donations at school for poppies. All monies will be donated to the Legion Poppy Fund, which provides financial assistance and support to Veterans, including Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP, and their families who are in need.



## Mark Your Calendar: Winter Spectacular – December 20<sup>th</sup>

We are excited to share that there will be a Winter Spectacular family event on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a performance at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Students will be performing songs and skits for all to enjoy. Further details will follow in early December. In the meantime, please mark December 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for this exciting event.



## Wet and Cooler Weather

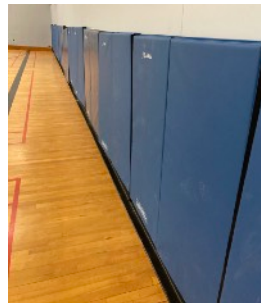
The rain and cold season is here and we remind families that our outside free time lunch recess is 45 minutes long. Having warm clothing for the cooler weather helps to keep everyone healthy and happy while enjoying the outdoors. Rain coats, boots, and mittens always help on cooler days, and having a pair of inside shoes to warm cold feet is wonderful too. For younger students, having a spare set of clothing at school or in his or her backpack is greatly appreciated, as some days it is hard to hold back from playing in the mud and puddles! If you require any coats or warm clothing for your child, please call Bobbie or Julie at the school.

## Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather and a school closure, information will be posted to our school Facebook site, communicated through e-mail, and to the Cowichan Valley School District Facebook and Twitter accounts. The Q! (100.3 FM), SUN-FM (89.7), CBC (90.5 FM), CFAX (1070 AM), The Zone (91.3 FM) and TV stations, CTV Vancouver Island, Global BC, and CHEK News will also be informed. The school district website will also be updated with a banner informing of any closure. Student safety is always the first priority.

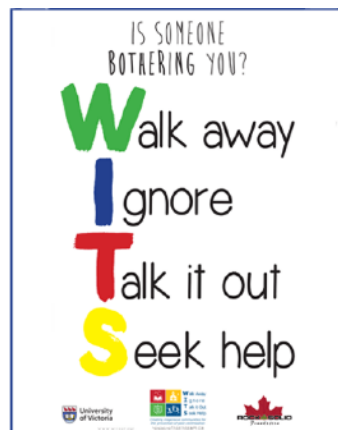
## Thank you, PAC!

The staff and students would like to thank the Parent Advisory Committee and its many supporters for the purchase of new gym mats for the school. The mats are a great addition to the physical health education program and the students love to use them in class.



## WITS Strategy

Howhemun Elementary uses the W.I.T.S. program as a tool for dealing with difficult situations and social problems. The WITS acronym - **W**alk away, **I**gnore, **T**alk it out, and **S**eeK help- provides a common language that children and staff can use when issues arise. There is no order to using the strategies as different situations require different responses. The strategies can also be used individually or collectively. We teach, model, and reinforce the W.I.T.S strategies in our assemblies, during classroom conversations, and when reflecting on and dealing with problems at school. We appreciate families who reinforce and practice these strategies at home. Thank you for your continued support as we learn and grow together at school and as a community.



## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS:

Wednesday, Nov. 8  
Remembrance Day  
Assembly

Monday, Nov. 13  
Remembrance Day  
Observed  
(Schools closed)

Wednesday, Nov. 22  
2-Hour Early  
Dismissal

Thursday, Nov. 23  
Photo Retakes

Thursday, Nov. 23  
PAC Meeting  
@ 6:00pm

Friday, Nov. 24  
Non-Instructional  
Day

Monday, Nov. 27 -  
Thursday, Nov. 30  
Metis Lessons

Wednesday, Dec. 20  
Winter Spectacular  
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Monday, Dec. 25 -  
Friday, Jan. 5  
Winter Vacation

Monday, January 8  
Schools Reopen

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2023**

### **PAC Update**

The next PAC meeting is Thursday, November 23th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be hosted in the Library and all parents and guardians are invited to attend.

Later this month, the annual winter raffle will be launched. The tickets will be \$2 each. The prizes include gift certificates to Superstore. All families are encouraged to help sell tickets to support our school.

### **Lost and Found**

The lost and found is spilling over with clothing, and has been put out on display for the last week. If your child is missing any clothing items, please feel free to stop by the school and have a look through the items.