



Khowhemun Elementary School

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

Happy New Year!

'Iyus Xew's Sil'anum (Happy New Year!) everyone! 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 2024 will bring to Khowhemun Elementary. Khowhemun's staff would like to wish every Khowhemun family a prosperous and healthy year.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for children starting Kindergarten next September starts on January 22nd. If you have a child in your family that will turn five years old in 2024, please register them for Kindergarten. Families may register online at <https://www.awinfosys.com/das2/sd79/public/studentregistration.asp> 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 spending time together learning about positive self talk and playing affirmation bingo.

Communicating Student Learning

Towards the end of January and into early February, Written Learning Updates 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:

Monday, Jan. 22 - 26
Kindergarten
Registration Week
(Register online
or in person)

Wednesday, Jan. 24
2-Hour Early Dismissal

Thursday, Jan. 25
PAC Meeting
@ 6:00 pm
(all families welcome)

Friday, Jan. 26
Spirit Day: Favourite
Jersey & Hat Day

Thursday, Feb. 1
School Luncheon

Feb. 5 - 19
Khowhemun Knows
Poster Competition

Friday, Feb. 16
Non-Instructional Day
(no school for
students)

Monday, Feb. 19
Family Day

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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 shared through Cowichan Valley School District platforms. Local radio stations and broadcasters including The Q! (100.3 FM), SUN-FM (89.7), CBC (90.5 FM) and TV stations, CTV Vancouver Island, Global BC, and CHEK News will also be informed. Student safety is always the first priority.

Cold Weather

The cold weather is here and having warm clothing helps to keep everyone healthy and happy. Warm coats 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 a backpack is helpful when clothing gets wet. If you require any coats or warm clothing for your child, please call Mrs. Calverley at the office.

Spirit Day

Friday, January 26th, is Jersey and Hat Day! Students are invited to wear their favourite jersey and/or their favourite hat!

Personal 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 of another individual without his or her permission. The school is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices. Thank you in advance for supporting these school expectations.

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.

Friendly Reminders! School Zone



The speed limit is 30km in all school zones.



Contact Information

Do we have all your contact information (phone, address and email)? Please call the school to update.



Water please!

Please do not send your child to school with sugary drinks or pop. We have water fountains and water bottle fillers for students to use.