



Khowhemun Elementary School

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



Hwial'asmut tu tumuhw (Take care of the earth)

Last month, 'taking care of the earth' at Khowhemun included classroom conversations and activities connected to Earth Day and the Cowichan Teaching, Hwial'asmut tu tumuhw (Take care of the earth). Students and staff spent time tending to the school yard, planting vegetables and flowers and learning about how take action for a healthier planet and stronger connection with nature. Take Care of the Earth Pledges currently decorate the halls of the school showing our commitment to environment protection.



Ready, Set, Go... to Kindergarten

On Wednesday, May 22nd, from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, children registered for Kindergarten this fall are invited to drop-in to Khowhemun Elementary for an afternoon exploring kindergarten. This is a great opportunity for children to meet our staff and visit the school. Invitations have been sent to families. If you know a family who may not have registered their child for Kindergarten yet, please encourage them to contact the office or to register online.



2024/2025 Administration Change

At the the end of this school year, Khowhemun Elementary will say good-bye to Ms. Madelin Rocheleau, Vice Principal, at Khowhemun Elementary. Ms. Rocheleau has been reassigned to Ecole Cobble Hill and will begin her role there on August 1, 2024. Ms. Rocheleau has shown great dedication to the well-being and success of the students and has been an asset to the Khowhemun school staff. When students return in September, Mrs. Camila Bhandari, will be active in the role as Vice Principal of Khowhemun. Mrs. Bhandari has been an administrator at many schools in the Cowichan Valley and was a teacher at Khowhemun years ago. She is looking forward to returning to Khowhemun in her new role.



UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Wednesday, May 15
2-Hour Early Dismissal

Monday, May 20
Victoria Day (STAT)

Tuesday, May 21
School Track Meet @
Cowichan Sportsplex
(Gr. 4-7)

Wednesday, May 22
"Ready, Set, Go!"
Welcome event for
2024/2025
Kindergarten Students

Thursday, May 23
Spring BBQ
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 23
PAC Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

Monday, June 3
First Aid Lessons for
Grades 4-7

Tuesday, June 4 to
Friday, June 7
Metis Lessons



Spring Family BBQ – May 23, 2024

On Thursday, May 23, please join us for this year's annual Spring Family BBQ. From 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, staff will be on the back field serving hot dogs for Khowhemun families. This is a great opportunity to connect with staff and other families from the school community. We hope to see you there!

Elder Forest

When you next visit Khowhemun, you may notice the trees planted on the back field near the daycare. The planted trees are the first phase of building an Elder Forest. In time, each tree will be named to honour a local community member for their invaluable contributions to preservation of the rich language, traditions, and culture of the Cowichan People. The first few trees will be dedicated to Walter George, original steward of land where Khowhemun is located, and Simon Charlie, renowned Coast Salish Master Carver and Elder.

Year End Activities and Celebrations

There are many field trips and year-end activities being planned to celebrate another wonderful year at Khowhemun. Some of these events include class field trips, school wide activities, recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, an event for next year's Kindergarten students, and a farewell celebration for the Grade 7s. Further details will be communicated in class letters, permission forms, and e-mails. We look forward to these events and bringing the school year to a close in many memorable ways.

Sports & Clubs

This month Khowhemun was represented by many students at several events across the district. We would like to congratulate the Chess Team, Rugby Team, and Drama Team for their success and achievements in their tournaments and play. We are very proud of the students and look forward to recognizing them at the next assembly.

Sunny Weather Ahead

Spring is here and we know the warm weather will soon be upon us. We encourage all students to wear a hat to school each day, to put on sunscreen before school, and to bring a water bottle to help with hydration on hot days. In the coming months there will be field trips, celebrations, and activities. We would appreciate children wearing proper footwear as flip flops are not safe for outside play and can be troublesome when being active.

2024/2025 School Year

The planning for the 2024/2025 school year is underway. To help with the process, please contact the office if your child will not be attending Khowhemun Elementary next year. If you know anyone who is planning to attend Khowhemun, please encourage them to register in the very near future.

PAC Updates

Later this month the PAC will be launching the Spring Raffle. There are many prizes to be won. Tickets will be \$2.00 each. We thank families in advance for purchasing tickets and supporting this fundraiser. Check out the PAC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/577716266095617> or search for Khowhemun School PAC to see the prizes and learn more about the activities of the PAC.