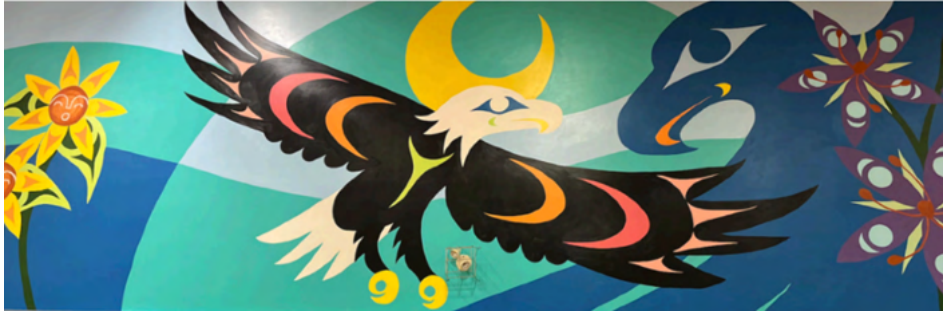




Truth and Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day Walk



Upcoming Dates & Events 🍓

Oct. 12	Thanksgiving (STAT) No school for students.
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Thur Oct. 15	Picture Day
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Wed. Oct 21	PLC 2hr Early Dismissal @ 12:15pm
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Fri Oct. 23	Pro – D Day – No School
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Fri Oct. 30	Halloween Parade
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It's October, Khowhemun Eagles! 🍓

Message from the Principal – Ms. Bhandari

It is hard to believe that we are already heading into October! September is always a busy month as we welcome students back, settle into classes, establish routines, and get to know one another again. It has been wonderful to see our students finding their rhythm and our school feeling settled and connected.

Throughout the school, students have been learning what it means to **SOAR** at Khowhemun — being **Self-Aware, On Task, Achieving, and Respectful**. These expectations help guide how we learn, work together, and take care of one another each day.

October brings lots of opportunities for learning, connection, and fun. As the weather begins to change, please remember to send students dressed for the outdoors — we know Vancouver Island weather can change quickly!

Thank you to our families for your support as we worked through a very busy start to the school year. We appreciate the conversations, questions, patience, and partnership that help make Khowhemun a great place for our students to learn and grow. We are looking forward to a wonderful October together!





STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED.



At Khowhemun Elementary, strong communication helps *our school community* BELONG, LEARN, and SOAR!

3 WAYS WE KEEP YOU IN THE KNOW!

1. WEEKLY REMINDERS:

Sent by email and social media to give you a preview of the upcoming week.



2. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Emailed on the first Monday of each month. Printed copies are available at the office.



3. SOCIAL MEDIA:

Follow us for school news, celebrations, activities, and important reminders.



STAY CONNECTED!



THANK YOU for being a part of our school community!



When we stay informed, we can work together to support every Eagle to BELONG, LEARN, and SOAR!

Our SOAR Values

S Self-Aware
O On Task
A Achieving
R Respectful

Our Code of Conduct

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe

Attendance

Regular attendance and arriving on time help children feel connected, confident, and ready to learn. We also understand that children get sick and that families sometimes face circumstances that make getting to school difficult. **Communication is really important.** If your child is going to be away, is having difficulty getting to school, or there is something affecting their attendance, please let us know. You may also hear from your child's teacher or another member of our school team when we notice changes in attendance. These connections are about working together and asking, **"How can we help?"** Our goal is to partner with families so that every child feels supported, connected, and able to be at school as regularly as possible.

September Exhibition Fun!



Learning

This month, we are excited to begin our school-wide **Literacy Groups**. During this dedicated literacy time, students will work in small groups with learning designed around their current strengths and next steps as readers. This allows our teachers and support staff to provide **focused, personalized instruction** in decoding, fluency, and comprehension. We value having this dedicated time to meet students where they are, build their skills and confidence, and help every student continue to grow as a reader. **Literacy Groups will take place three times each week throughout the school year.**

Visitors to the School🍓

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At Khowhemun Elementary, we value our strong partnerships with families and warmly welcome visitors to our school. To help maintain a safe and focused learning environment, we ask that all visitors check in at the front office upon arrival. Unless you have been invited further into the school, please remain in the front entrance area. We also ask that families say goodbye to or greet their children outside or in the front entrance during drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you for helping us minimize interruptions to learning while supporting the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Our Code of Conduct🍓

Be Respectful We care for ourselves, others, our school and community.	Be Responsible We make safe, thoughtful choices and take responsibility for our actions.	Be Safe We help create a safe and caring place for everyone.
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Ready for Fall Weather🍓

As the weather gets cooler and wetter, students will continue to spend time outside for recess and lunch, including on days with light rain. We encourage students to come with a jacket or warm layer when possible. **If your child needs a coat, rain gear, or other clothing for the changing weather, please reach out to us—we are happy to help.** On days with more severe weather, we will adjust our plans and may offer indoor activities or clubs. Our Lost & Found also fills up quickly, so please encourage your child to take a look if something has gone missing. Our goal is simply to make sure every student is comfortable, cared for, and able to enjoy their time at school.



Parking Lot🍓

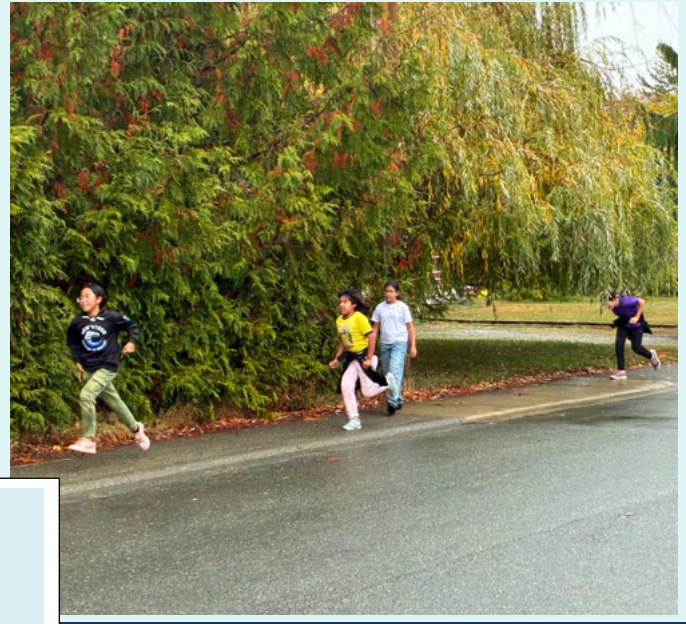
Keeping Arrival & Dismissal Safe

We know that arrival and dismissal are busy times of the day, with many families arriving and leaving within a short period of time. To help keep things safe and running as smoothly as possible, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of where they stop and park around the school. **Our staff parking lot is reserved for staff only** and is not available for student drop-off or pick-up. Keeping this area clear allows staff to enter and exit safely and helps prevent congestion. Please also keep bus lanes clear at all times so buses can safely enter, load, and leave the school grounds. We also appreciate families being considerate of our neighbours by ensuring that driveways are never blocked, even for a short time. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.

Halloween🍓

We are looking forward to some Halloween fun at Khowhemun! Our **Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 30.** Students are welcome to wear their costumes to school or bring them along and change before the parade. If your child wants to keep their costume in good shape for Halloween night, bringing it to change into may be a good option. Please keep costumes school-friendly and leave **masks and costume weapons at home.** We know Halloween treats are part of the fun, but we ask that students **try to keep candy and Halloween treats at home** rather than bringing them to school. We'll continue to encourage healthy choices during the school day while enjoying the excitement of Halloween together!





**Terry
Fox
Running!**



Khowhemun Parent Advisory Committee

From Our PAC

Hi Families! We know September can be a really busy month for everyone settles into new routines, so we hope you're finding your feet!

Just a quick note from PAC: our secretary has had to step down, and we're looking for one or two people who'd be happy to pitch in, taking notes at our remaining seven meetings this year. In addition to filling this role, we also need help supporting the raffle, with our events committee, as well as just sharing your voice and ideas during our conversations. Any help is appreciated!

Our next meeting is **October 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the library**. We'd love to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out via our facebook page or email khowhemunpac@gmail.com

~Colleen Neville, PAC Chair



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