



Khowhemun Elementary

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



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A huge thank you to our Indigenous Education Team who have been working with our smuneem to decorate our beautiful Christmas tree in the foyer of our school.

Khowhemun's staff would like to wish the students and families a happy holiday and all the best for the upcoming year 2026!

Our last day of classes is Friday December 19, 2025.

Khowhemun will re-open on Monday January 5, 2026. Have a safe, relaxing and wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Winter Luncheon

Khowhemun's annual winter luncheon will be hosted on Thursday, December 18th. During the winter luncheon, the classrooms turn into festive settings and staff come together to enjoy a delicious turkey lunch together.

This luncheon is all made possible by the generosity of Nourish and all of the volunteers who prepare and provide us with the scrumptious food.

We also thank all of the staff who helped in making this a successful event.



Winter Concert

Please join us on Wednesday December 10th at 12:30 pm or 6:00 pm for a celebration of the season! All classes will be a part of our Rock n' Roll Christmas for families to enjoy and maybe even sing a long with.

Preparations and rehearsals have been happening for a while now. On the evening of the performance, please have your child in their classroom at 5:45 pm. All students will be participating in the finale at the end of the concert and can be picked up from their classrooms afterwards.

You are encouraged to dress up "Rock and Roll" as well as your children.

We look forward to seeing you all at the event!



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PAC (Parent Advisory Council)



The PAC Executive were happy to welcome some new faces at our last 3 meetings; reminder that all Parents and Guardians are always welcome! PAC would like to show its appreciation with a huge Thank you to Swingtime Distributors who very generously donated our third Buddy Bench to the school! The newest of our 3 benches can be seen in the school foyer. The newly formed Events Committee will be meeting as needed this year to plan school events under the direction of PAC. Current ideas include themed school dances, movie night, year-end fun day. Parents or Guardians interested in joining or helping the Events Committee please email khowhemunpac@gmail.com.

The annual raffle is also coming to a close. Thank you to the families for selling and supporting this fundraiser. Please return all tickets, both sold and unsold to the school as soon as possible so they can all be counted and accounted for. We will hold the draw and announce the winners on Friday December 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

We will also be selling tickets this upcoming weekend - if you are able to help, please contact the PAC for more information.

Change of clothes



As the weather has begun to change, and the rain begins to fall, our school yard gets muddy and we get puddles! Please make sure your child has a full set of a change of clothes at school so they can stay comfortable at school for those unexpected accidents! The temperatures are also going to be getting a little cooler. Please send your child with warm clothing for outside free time, as we go outside in all weather!



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) CFX (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.

Supervision

Supervision begins at 7:55 am each morning.

First bell rings at 8:22 am

Classes begin at 8:25 am

Lunch Recess at 11:05 am

End of Day Supervision ends at 2:30 pm.

Children should be heading home at the end of supervision if they walk home.

Winter Market

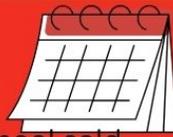
Next week (December 8-12) Khowhemun's Winter Market will run from Monday to Thursday. All students will have an opportunity to visit the market and be offered the option to shop for a family member or two. We raise our hands in gratitude and thankfulness for the many donations that have been received, and to the Indigenous Education Team who have dedicated a great deal of time organizing the event.

Lost and Found / Inside Shoes

Please take a moment to check out the lost and found for missing clothing and belongings - there is a lot!!

Please also check that your child has appropriate footwear at school for indoor use.

Upcoming Dates



December 5 - All raffle tickets to be returned to school sold or unsold.
December 8 - 11 - Christmas Market
December 10 - Christmas Concert at 12:30 pm and again at 6:00 pm
December 11 - Pyjama Day for the whole school
December 18 - Gingerbread cookie decorating for the whole school
December 18 - Winter Lunch provided by Nourish
December 19 - Last Day of school before the break
January 5 - Welcome back First Day 2026
January 9 - Drop, Cover and Hold on
January 26 - PAC meeting



Annual Door Decorating Contest

The festivities have begun with our annual door decorating contest. This year's theme was rock n' roll to match up with our Concert! You will see all of the door decorations hanging on the wall as banners for our Christmas Concert. Khowhemun students and staff enjoy this friendly competition each year and the doors add to the Christmas spirit. Judging will take place next week.



Spirit Days



During the last week of school we are going to have 5 spirit days! Participate in 1 or participate in all 5!

Monday Dec 15- UGLY Christmas Sweater

Tuesday Dec 16- Red and Green Day

Wednesday Dec 17 Festive Hair and Headwear

Thursday Dec 18- Anything Festive

Friday Dec 19- Pyjama Day

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