

## May Newsletter May 2025



## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we are stepping into May already — the final stretch of our school year! This is always an exciting and energizing times in the school. Classrooms are buzzing with learning, students are demonstrating just how much they've grown, and the countdown to year-end celebrations has quietly (or not so quietly!) begun.

As we enter these last important weeks, our focus remains strong: finishing the year with pride, purpose, and positivity. You'll notice students engaging in culminating projects, field trips, performances, and opportunities to showcase their leadership and learning. It's a joyful season, but also one that calls for steady effort. We are encouraging students to finish strong — and we appreciate your partnership in helping them stay focused and motivated.

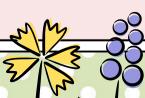
Looking ahead, we have several important events coming up — from the Super Reader Assembly, intermediate musical, a variety of class field trips, and the PAC Inflatable Costume Race Fundraiser — we hope to see you there! Please keep an eye on the calendar updates, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you, as always, for the trust and support you show our school. We are honored to walk alongside your children and witness their incredible growth.

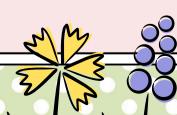
Wishing you a wonderful month of May!

~Ms. Kass











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#### Attendance

Given the strong correlation between student success and regular attendance, we want to encourage all students to be at school every day and on time (barring illness). Only 3 months left in this school year. Parents, we know you are a big part of this, so we appreciate your support. "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out." - Robert Collier

#### Class Request

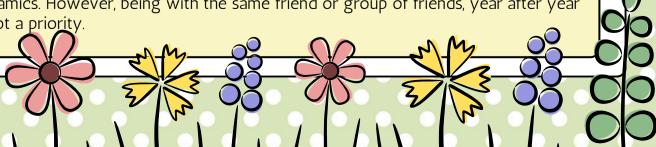
We are nearing the point in the school year when we begin to prepare preliminary class lists for the coming school year. This is a process that involves many conversations and careful planning among school staff.

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academics needs are aligned with the need to create balance and effective learning environments. The placement of students into classes is a collaborative approach which includes input by the child's current teacher, nonenrolling teachers, our school based team, support staff, the vice principal and principal. This professional team considers each placement carefully as new classes are developed to include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

There are many factors that are considered in the process:

- Academic achievement and needs
- Learning and Teaching styles
- Instructional groupings
- Social Compatibility of groups and students
- Degree of independence in student work habits
- Integration of children with exceptionalities
- Medical information
- Contractual language

Staff also place students with a compatible group that includes friendship and social dynamics. However, being with the same friend or group of friends, year after year is not a priority.





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#### Class Request

Additionally, staffing changes and changes in enrolment occur each year and therefore we are unable to guarantee that the staff we have currently will be the same, nor that they will be teaching the same grade level as they did this year. Some factors are out of our control such as allocation of number of classes we will have at each grade level, straight or combined classes, or the total number of divisions the school will have.

If you feel there is additional educational information, aligned with the criteria shared, that would help us better understand your child and support an informed placement decision, you can send an email to kim\_kass@sd33.bc.ca, outlining educational reasons for your request PRIOR to May 23rd.

Please note that requests for a particular teacher or class placement (straight or a combined grades), especially when you consider the importance of the above variables, will not be possible.

#### Spring Musical

Our Grade 4 and 5 classes have been working hard putting the finishing touches on this year's presentation of "\*\*\*\*\*". Students will be performing on Wednesday May 7th and Thursday May 8th @ 6:00 pm. The film crew from GW Graham Secondary will be on site to record each evening's show. A link to view each evening's presentation will be sent out to Grade 4 and 5 families. A bake sale fundraiser to support the school's music program and the Grade 5 year end camp will be held each night in the music multipurpose room.



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#### Are you Moving?

We have begun planning for the 2024/25 school year. In order to determine our staffing allocations and plan classes for next year, it is important that we have accurate enrollment numbers.

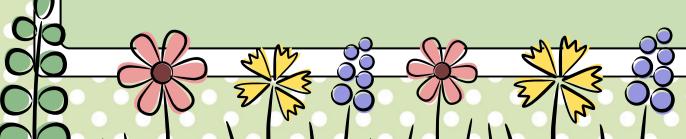
If you intend on moving and know that your child will not be attending school at Promontory next year, we would really appreciate this information. Likewise, if your child will be attending another school in the district, they would also appreciate this valuable information. Please contact our office (by email or phone) and let us know.

Due to enrollment criteria and class compositions schools are required to have student's registration for the school, particularly for the school you plan for your child to attend. For families wishing to have your child attend school other than Promontory you will need to register your child.

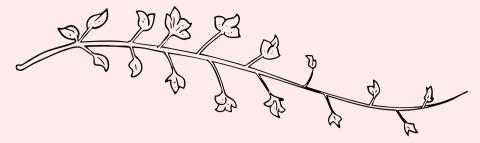
### KinderFair May 27

If you have a child who will be 5 years of age by December 31, 2025, we look forward to welcoming you to our annual KinderFair! Held on May 27, 2025. Kindergarten teachers and school staff will have a variety of stations for your child to explore, children will listen to a story by Mr. Mueller, our school librarian, and parents will have a tour of the school. Please refer back to your emails from earlier this month with details about this fun and important event!





# Weekly Calendar



	Monday May 5th	Tuesday May 6th	Wednesday May 7th	Thursday May 8th	Friday May 9th	Upcoming Dates:
	Caplette & Peterson @ Community Forest. 8:35 - 1:30pm	Boys Basketball Game @ Tyson	Longhouse Field Trip Armstrong, Alfred & Davidson 8:50-12:15pm  Girls Basketball Game @ Vedder	Spring Play 6:00pm	Sports Wear Day!  Hot Lunch	<ul> <li>May 12</li> <li>Erickson, Plummer &amp; Buck</li> <li>@ Sto:lo Longhouse</li> <li>May 14</li> <li>Williams @ Sto:lo</li> <li>Longhouse</li> <li>May 16</li> </ul>
7			Spring Play 6:00pm		SinAmen Bun Co.	<ul> <li>Pro-D Day, No School</li> <li>May 19</li> <li>Victoria Day, No School</li> </ul>



## **PARENT ADVISORY** COUNCIL (PAC)

Promontory Heights Community School is hosting our AGM on May 20, 2025. At this meeting, PAC will be electing new roles to fill our executive positions for the 2025/2026 school year.

Did you know that every parent/guardian at Promontory Heights Elementary School is a PAC MEMBER?

Without the help of PAC volunteers to fill the executive roles, our school would not receive any government funding... approximately \$12,000.

That money goes towards subsidy for field trips, programs, events, bus transportation, and any extra fundraising events that help the betterment of our school.

Our PAC Executives work hard throughout the school year to provide enhancements to your child's school experience.

Through fundraising and government gaming grants, we are able to provide or purchase:

- A variety of classroom learning materials
- Updated technological devices
- \* Field trip subsidy Materials for the library
- Sports equipment

Extracurricular team and club materials **MAY 20, 2025** 7:00PM - SCHOOL LIBRARY





## Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Have you volunteered at the school this year? Perhaps you assisted on a field trip, helped in classrooms, supported reading groups or delivered hot lunches. If you are one of those special people, watch for your invitation inviting you to attend the Volunteer Tea on June 2nd.

**JUNE 2, 2025** 

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

PROMONTORY ELEMENTARY

MAIN GYM