



November 2025

NEWSLETTER



Message From Your Admin Team

This past week we all noticed the change in daylight or lack thereof, which is a sign that we are in the middle of autumn and there are only a couple of weeks left before our first snowfall. Let's look back and review what has happened during the past four weeks. During the last week of September, all teachers participated in **Class Review** Meetings with our [School Based Team](#). Class review meetings are part of our annual scan of classrooms to ensure that classrooms are getting the support they need to ensure the success of every student. October started off with our grade 4 students writing the **Foundation Skills Assessment** (FSA). The purpose of the FSA is to:

- provide system level information on student performance
- support decision making (interventions, planning, resource allocation, curriculum, policy, research).
- support districts and schools with information on student performance

The FSA is NOT designed to determine the learning needs of individual students. Using FSA results to "rank" schools is inappropriate and damaging and this practice is not endorsed by any of our partner groups or the Ministry of Education.

On October 8th and 9th, we saw many parents at our **Meet the Teacher Conferences**. This was a great opportunity to meet the classroom teacher, learn about how your child has settled into the new routines of the classroom and school, and share information between home and school. Our goal is to share more in-depth assessment information as the term unfolds.

Our teachers and support staff were engaged in a full day of learning at our **Implementation Day** on Friday, October 10. One of our priorities for learning this year is to continue to build and maintain positive relationships and connections amongst staff, students, parents, and the community (including our local Syilx people and Okanagan Indian Band). We are committed to taking action for truth and reconciliation, and to this end, our staff engaged in an [Indigenous Blanket Exercise](#) on this day. This is an interactive activity where, with the exception of the narrator and two Europeans, all participants represent Indigenous peoples of Canada. The participants move across blankets on the floor. The blankets on the floor represent Canada before the arrival of European explorers and settlers. A narrator reads a script tracing the history between Indigenous nations and European explorers and settlers. The script ends with very few participants remaining on blankets, which have been folded up into small bundles; the folded-up blanket represents a fraction of the original land prior to European contact (Kairos, 2013). The goal of the Blanket Exercise is to illustrate history through the lens of Indigenous Peoples.

During the last week of October, we held our annual **Scare Away Hunger** hamper drive for the Lake Country Food Bank and Community Fridge. Thank you to the families of École Peter Greer! We collected 637 items. Thanks to our Grade 5 Leadership Students and **Mme Catton** for making this happen.

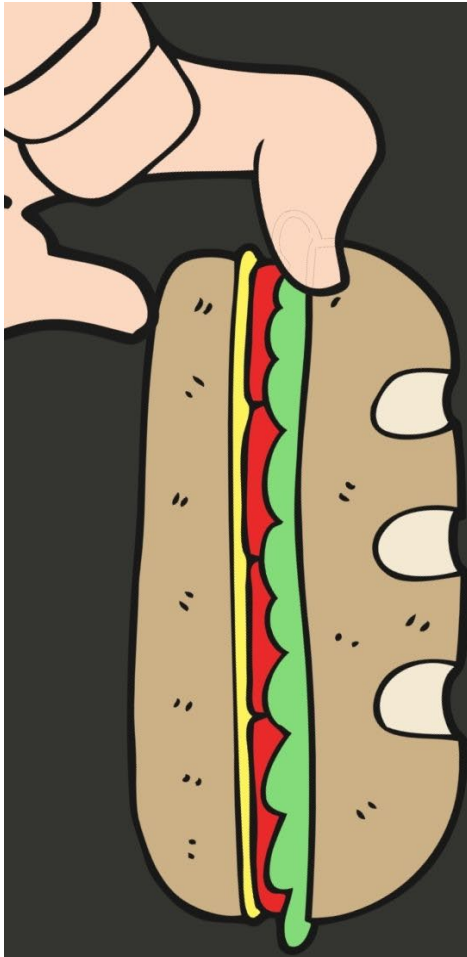


On November 10th, we will be holding our annual **Remembrance Day** assembly at 10:00 am. Students who are members of any service organization (Brownies, Beavers, Sparks, Cubs, Guides, Cadets etc.) are being asked to wear their uniform for this assembly. We will have the Okanagan Song followed by O Canada, a slide presentation, a poem, and the traditional moment of silence.

Lastly, a reminder to everyone, our school focus areas this year are:

- Priority # 1 Improve writing skills in grades 1-5.
- Priority # 2 Maintain positive relationships and connections amongst staff, students, parents, and the community (including our local Syilx people and Okanagan Indian Band).
- Priority # 3 Continued reading success in grades 1-5.
- Priority # 4 Build social-emotional resiliency K-5.

With gratitude,
Ms. J Minkus and Ms. T. Kurik



HOT LUNCHES ARE EVERY TUESDAY

ORDERING HOT LUNCH
NOW OPEN FROM THE
1ST OF EACH MONTH
UNTIL THE 10TH

FOR EXAMPLE, ORDER YOUR HOT LUNCHES
FOR EACH WEEK IN DECEMBER BETWEEN
THE 1ST AND 10TH OF NOVEMBER



Remembrance Day Poppy

By Indigenous Students and
Indigenous Advocate Rose Alexis

Indigenous Veteran's Day is
Friday, November 7th, 2025

LAKE COUNTRY COMMUNITY FRIDGE

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED,
LEAVE WHAT YOU CAN

- Fridge, freezer & dry goods
- 100% community & volunteer run
- Judgment free zone!
- Open 24/7

Goal: To provide 24/7 access to free, fresh & nutritious food for those facing food insecurity



How can you help?

Donate food or money, volunteer (minimal commitment!) *See details on our FB page*

THANK YOU
TO OUR
SPONSORS &
VOLUNTEERS!!

Winfield United Church
3751 Woodsdale Road



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lccfridge@gmail.com



Partners for Inclusive Education is a safe place where families, staff, and community partners can connect to improve support for learners with diversabilities. We strive for open communication about inclusive education. This effort requires education, teamwork, and empathy to maximize “wrap-around support” and celebrate the differences that make our children individuals.

Our purpose is to:

1. Provide knowledge and support to families and caregivers who have a child or a family member with a diversability;
2. Receive feedback from District Staff on the status of inclusive education and identify priorities for developing a stronger, more inclusive learning environment;
3. Be a forum to discuss exceptional programs, staffing, resources, services, budgets, and matters pertaining to the success of students with diversabilities;
4. Work with the District to inform families and caregivers about information regarding educational and community matters that support families with diversabilities, including offering presentations and education sessions;
5. Help families and caregivers access the school system and community supports at any level and to bring forward any concerns in an appropriate manner;
6. Support family advocacy for increased education supports; and
7. Provide input on policy and budget development to the staff and Board.

Please be aware that we are not a forum for discussion of individual staff members or students. Any individual concerns and discussions should be arranged in a private setting with the appropriate teacher, Principal, Director, Assistant Superintendent, or the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

Everyone is welcome. Please join the conversation on the second Monday of each month at 6 P.M. at 1040 Hollywood Rd. South.

To receive reminders and updates, please join the email list by sending a message to tbeckett@fsibc.com



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

Cold Weather Reminders

Clothing

The Okanagan Valley has temperatures that frequently go below -15 degrees Celsius. Students need to be dressed for cold weather. Because staying inside is not an option, it is critical that students arrive at school each day prepared for cold weather. Students dressed for cold weather have a warm coat with a hood or a toque, gloves or mittens and warm boots. For those students who like to play a lot in the snow, snow pants are recommended as they will help keep students dry. Students and parents should check the local forecast for up-to-date weather information. Students must be dressed appropriately so that they remain safe and comfortable during the following times:



- Outside playtime before and after school (when cold, please do not drop students off prior to 8:10 and ensure pick up is no later than 2:45)
- Lunchtime playtime (11:15 -11:45)
- Recess (afternoon)
- Fire Drills (conducted at all temperatures)
- Bus breakdowns
- Unscheduled and scheduled outside breaks and learning experiences

Snowballs/Snow



A reminder to all students that throwing snow or snowballs is not allowed. So that everyone can have fun and stay safe while playing outside, please reinforce with your children the importance of not throwing or kicking snow. Student will be encouraged to build something with snow but not to throw or kick it.

Icy Conditions

Staff, students, and parents are reminded to please take extra care outside especially around steps and corners. Some tips for walking in icy conditions:

- Shorten your stride
- Keep your weight over your feet to maintain good balance
- Wear footwear with soft, rubber soles designed for traction
- Don't carry heavy or awkward items
- Be extra careful when getting out of your vehicle

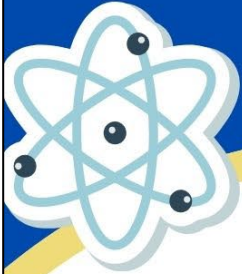


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PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

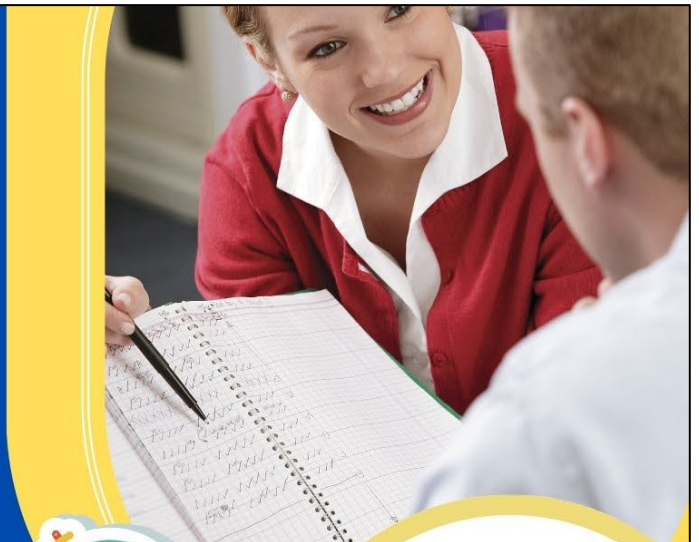
NEXT PAC MEETING!



Connect with Other Parents
and Learn How to Support
Your Child's Growth! As
parents, we all want the best
for our children.

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information

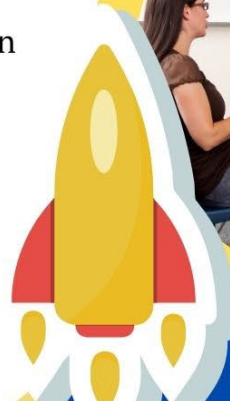
For More Information
pge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca



TUESDAY
25
NOVEMBER

6:30 in the Library
or on Zoom

<https://sd23.zoom.us/j/2735419423>



SUNDAY SPORTS DROP-IN FALL SEASON



- **9:30am-11:30am Open Gym (Young Families)**
- **11:30am-1:30pm Basketball (13-16 years)**

- \$2.00 entry fee
- 12yrs & under requires adult supervision
- Sign in at the DLC Recreation Counter
- Schedule subject to change
- Bring your own equipment or provide ID to borrow



George Elliot Secondary—Community Gym
10241 Bottom Wood Lake Rd, Lake Country





George Elliot YMCA Child Care Centre

10241 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country, BC

2024 - 2025

For Students Attending Ecole Peter Greer Elementary

Learning Through Play

We understand how important it is for children to have a safe, engaging place to go before and after school. Whether morning or afternoon, qualified leaders will keep your child happy, nourished, and active with healthy snacks, outdoor play, homework time, field trips, social skill-building games, arts, crafts, and more.

YMCA Licensed Before & After School programs are a home away from home. We offer families a professionally developed, nationally recognized out of school care curriculum called A Place to Connect. Your child will have fun, find support, make friends and reach their full potential



YMCA
Waitlist &
Information

In addition to the Affordable Child Care Benefit, families who cannot afford the full cost of care can also apply for YMCA Financial Assistance.

*Fees listed are based on Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative funding.

Our Services

Before School Care

6:30am - 8:30am

Kindergarten Students with CCFRI \$131.00/month

Grades 1 - 5 Students with CCFRI \$140.00/month

After School Care

2:30pm - 6:00pm

Kindergarten Students with CCFRI \$245.00/month

Grades 1 - 5 Students with CCFRI \$357.50/month

Before & After School Care

6:30am - 8:30am & 2:30pm - 6:00pm

Kindergarten Students with CCFRI \$266.00/month

Grades 1 - 5 Students with CCFRI \$471.00/month

For Students attending Ecole Peter Greer Elementary.
Care is located at George Elliot YMCA Child Care Centre
10241 Bottom Wood Lake Road, Lake Country, BC

GET IN TOUCH

250-491-8678

childcare@ymcasibc.ca
www.ymcasibc.ca

201-2949 Pandosy St.
Kelowna, BC V1Y1W1

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

November 6	Fire Drill # 3 @ 10:55
November 7	Grade 4/5 Classes to UBCO Heat Women's Volleyball
November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 10:00
November 11	Remembrance Day: Schools Closed
November 12	Sexual Health Education (Grade 4 and 5)
November 14	Sexual Health Education (Grade 4 and 5)
Nov 18-21	Sexual Health Education (Grade 4 and 5)
November 20	Harmony Day – Wear Rainbow Colours Okanagan Regional Library Visits Catton & Latendresse Skating (AM)
November 21	StrongStart Closed Today RDCO Bats Program (Grade 1/2 Classes)
November 24	Cultural Performance: Axe Capoeira (Dance & Acrobatics)
November 25	PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library (or Zoom https://sd23.zoom.us/j/2735419423 Time of the Red Salmon
November 26	Time of the Red Salmon
December 4	Krastel, Dion & Letourneau Skating
December 5	Krastel, Dion & Letourneau Skating
December 10	PAC Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library (or Zoom https://sd23.zoom.us/j/2735419423 Krastel, Dion & Letourneau Skating
December 16	Primary Winter Concert 6:00 pm. Doors Open @ 5:45
December 17	First Term Report Cards Home
December 18	StrongStart Closed Today
December 19	Last Day of School Before Winter Vacation
Dec 22 – Jan 2	Winter Break
January 5	Schools Reopen After Winter Break



It's that time of year.....
flu season!

Flu shots are now available through the free public system. There are 3 ways to arrange a flu shot:

- Register for an appointment online.
- Walk-in to your local pharmacy (call ahead to confirm availability).
- Register by phone at 1-833-838-2323.

Scan this QR code to access the BC Gov't 'Get Vaccinated' website. On that page you will see a link to register to book your flu shot appointment.

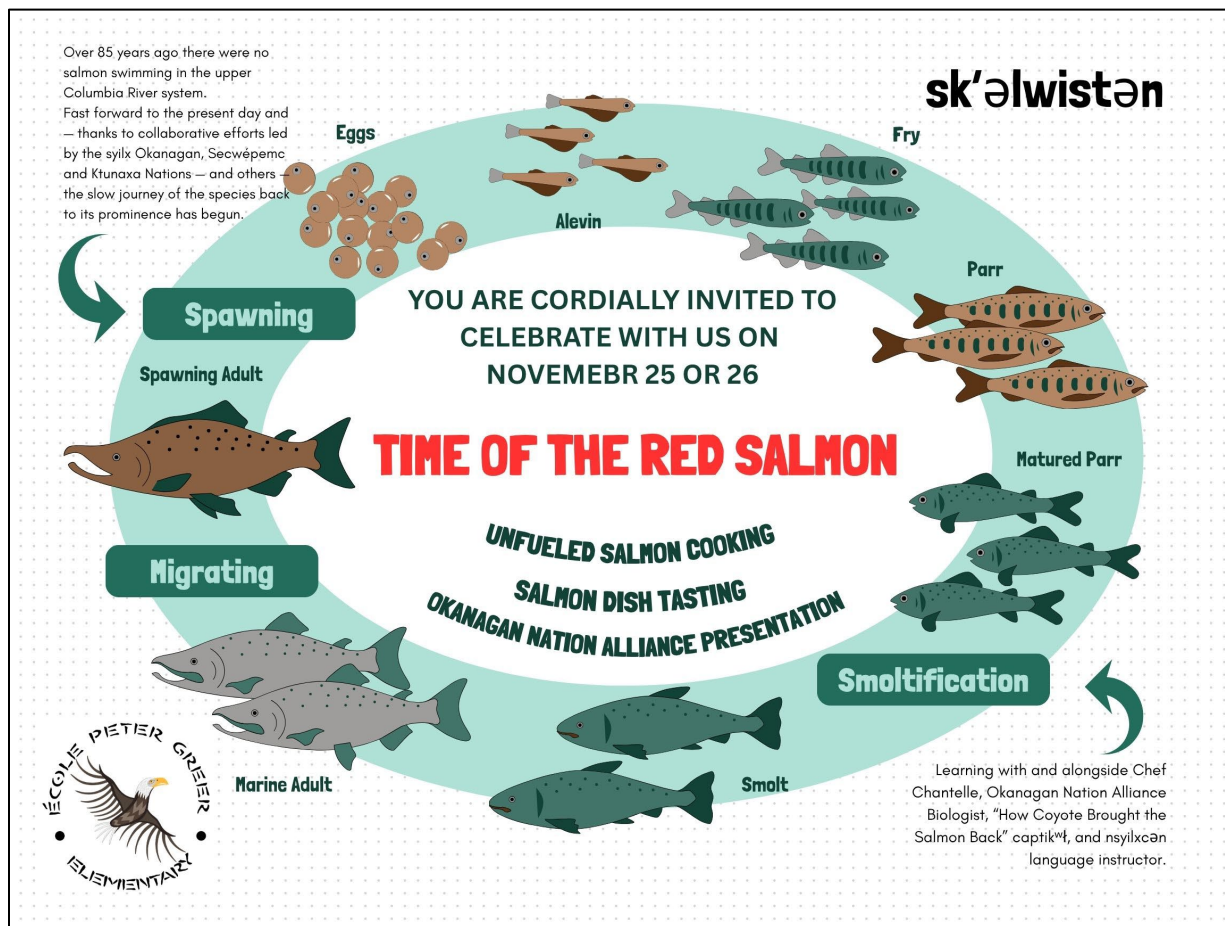
NOTE: Flu vaccines can be safely given at the same time or any time before/after COVID-19 vaccines.

Time of the Red Salmon

Over 85 years ago there were no salmon swimming in the upper Columbia River. Fast forward to the present day and — thanks to collaborative efforts led by the syilx Okanagan, Secwépemc and Ktunaxa Nations — and others — the slow journey of the species back to its prominence has begun. We are now in sk'əlwistən, the Time of the Red Salmon. This is the time when the salmon return home to our rivers, creeks and lakes to spawn, completing their life cycle and bringing renewal to the land, the water, and all living things.

On November 25th and 26th, classes will be celebrating and learning with and alongside syilx Chef Chantelle, and Okanagan Nation Alliance Biologists, “How Coyote Brought the Salmon Back” captikʷł, and nsyilxcən language instructor. There will be three guided stations & 1 Station that will be done in the classroom:

- captikʷł and the importance of salmon to the Okanagan People
- unfueled Salmon Cooking
- experience the taste of different salmon dishes
- reflection (to be done in the classroom at your own time)



PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

As parents of students at Peter Greer Elementary, you are all members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee. We hope that you will join us to help create a fun, supportive and caring community for all Peter Greer students.

Who is the PAC?

All parents and guardians of Peter Greer students are part of the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC).

What does the PAC do?

The PAC's role is to enhance the educational experience of our children at Peter Greer. We help strengthen the school community by organizing events and volunteer opportunities. We raise funds to provide our children with extracurricular experiences and help fund things like the fish tank, new books, and equipment. We advocate for public education, provide leadership in school and encourage communication between parents, school administrators, teachers, and students. And we run the Tuesday Fun Lunch program! Sign up for one or more shifts by going to this link <https://signup.com/go/pgepac>

Where Can You Connect?

If you have any questions regarding the PAC team, please feel free to connect with us and follow us on social media on upcoming events and fundraising goals.

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ParentsPGE/>

PAC Executives Email us: pge.pacpresident@sd23.bc.ca

PAC Hot Lunch Email: Petergreerhotlunch@gmail.com

Join us for our next PAC meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00pm in the Library

(online option available at <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/2735419423> Meeting ID: 273 541 9423)

The Peter Greer Elementary PAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month to consider school issues of concern to parents, to organize parent education and to plan ways of supporting school programs. Our vision is to build community ties and enrich the educational experiences of our children. Meetings are conducted according to the constitution and by-laws of the PAC, and the Executive is elected by the parents annually. The Principal and/or Vice Principal attends the PAC meetings to facilitate consultation between the school and PAC. Plan to attend these meetings, as it is your way to keep informed of important information and events that will impact your child's education.

The Executive for the current year is as follows:

President: Kora Holt
Co-Vice President: Danielle Lamb
Co-Vice President: Jen Millar
Co-Treasurer: Jane Sanson
Co-Treasurer: Laura Wood
Co-Secretary: Irene Haywood
Co-Secretary: Kristen Michiel
Members at Large: Jen Larsen and Sophie Harrison
COPAC Rep: Timothy Lynch

Other PAC Roles:

Events: Laura Murphy
Fundraising/Art Cards: Darci Vickery
Social Media: Erin Talbot
Fruit & Veggie Coordinators: Becky Carr
Co-Yearbook Coordinator: Jen Millar
Co-Yearbook Coordinator: Erin Talbot
Hot Lunch Systems Coordinator: Jane Sanson
Hot Lunch Volunteer Coordinator: Becky Carr, Laura Murphy & Danielle Lamb