

PINEWOOD COMMUNITY POST

Working as a team to guide, support and challenge children within a safe and caring school community.

This Week's Important Dates

Mon., Sept. 18 - Safety Day

Wed., Sept. 20 - Individual Photos (AM)

Wed, Sept. 20 - 5:00-6:00pm: Open House

Thurs., Sept. 21 - Hot Lunch Day

Thurs., Sept. 21 - Terry Fox Run

Fri., Sept. 22 - Non-Instructional Day (School closed for students)



Pinewood Updates

It was wonderful to welcome our students and their families to school last week! We have several new families who have joined our Pinewood school community – welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and your children better over the course of the school year. We are starting the year with 355 students spread into 15 divisions. Staff are excited to get underway with a year filled with inspiring educational experiences, and we look forward to working together with you to support our students this year!

Sincerely,
Ms. T. Doukas. Ms. S. Hodgins

Parent Connect

Please be sure to check Parent Connect to update your personal information, emergency contacts and to provide permission for such items as: walking field trips, fruit and veggie programs, Google apps permission for students, and photos. If you require support accessing Parent Connect, please see the instructions available on our school website, or call Mrs. Verma in the school office.

Toonies for Terry

We will be collecting 'Toonies for Terry' all of next week as we get ready for our annual Terry Fox Run. On Thursday, September 21, students will be taking part in a short assembly, then exiting the school for the Terry Fox Run. Primary students will run around the perimeter of the school first, with intermediate students cheering them on. Intermediate students will start their run when the primaries are done.

Upcoming Events

Mon., Sept. 26 - 6:00pm PAC meeting

Fri., Sept. 29 - Orange Shirt Day

Mon., Oct. 2 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (School closed)

Mon., Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving Day (School closed) -

Tues., Oct. 17 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Wed., Oct. 18 - 2pm dismissal for parent conferences

Fri., Oct. 20 Non-Instructional Day (School closed for students)

Thank you!

For sending students to school with a full water bottle, lunch and snack each day!

For updating information in Parent Connect!

Parents are invited to also line the perimeter of the school to cheer on our students. The assembly will begin at 1:45pm. There will be limited seating available for families, as well as standing room for those who wish to attend. The assembly portion will be complete between 2:00-2:15, so parents who wish to watch can be ready to cheer students on at that time.

Traffic and Safety Reminders

Traffic around our school can be very busy before and after school. Please note the speed limit of 30km/hr that is in place. The safety of our students is most important, and I would ask families who drive to school to leave a little earlier, to slow down, and to be mindful of pedestrian traffic.

For those who walk to the front of the school for drop off and pick up, please note that students are not permitted to cross through traffic from the friendship circle. Please model how to access the school property safely from the sidewalks at the east and west corners of the driveway.

Together with the school district and our PAC, we are discussing traffic safety issues that have arisen during drop off and pick up times and we are working towards a safer experience for staff and families. We will be sharing more information soon about changes in the front driveway area.

Open House

On Wednesday, September 20, we will be opening our doors to families from 5:00-6:00pm. Please drop in to visit your child's classroom, and to meet the classroom teacher. Families may access the school through the exterior classroom doors, or through the front office doors. Our PAC will also be hosting an information table, where you can ask questions and say hello to some of our PAC executive.

**Please note that this is an informal event, and*

teachers will not be providing information on student progress. Parent Conferences will take place on October 17 and 18 and parents will be notified about how to book appointments.

Medication for Students

If your child has any serious allergies or medical conditions, and/or needs to have access to medication such as an inhaler or epipen at school, there is a form that needs to be completed each year. Please contact our school administrative assistant, Mrs. Verma for more information.

Dressing for the Weather

Our students will be heading outside for recess and lunch throughout the school year. Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather to go out to play. **Please expect that students will go out for recess and lunch, unless there is extreme weather.**

Changes in K-12 Student Reporting

To support students as they gain skills and knowledge for the future, school districts will update their kindergarten through Grade 9 student progress reporting to align with curriculum modernization that started in 2016. For more information, please visit:

- [K-12 Student Reporting One Pager for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- [K-12 Student Reporting Presentation for Parents and Caregivers](#)
- <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023ECC0051-000985>

Science World - Free Opportunity for Families

On Friday, September 22, admission to Science World is free for the Tech-Up Showcase. This event focuses on making STEAM subjects—science, technology, engineering, art & design, and math—accessible to everyone, regardless of your experience level. Please see the link for more information <https://www.scienceworld.ca/event/tech-up-showcase/>

Individual Student Photos

Please see the information below about how to get ready for individual photo day on Wednesday, Sept. 20.



PHOTO DAY IS COMING

Hey there, awesome parents! Time to help your kids get ready for Picture Day. Here are some tips to help make for a great picture. Find more tips at:
<https://darbyphotos.com/tips-for-successful-portrait-session/>

OUTFITS AND JEWELRY

Remember, it's all about your child, NOT just their outfit. So, let's keep it simple and avoid flashy slogans, logos, and crazy patterns. Keep it cool and casual! Don't force them into something they are uncomfortable in, the fact they are uncomfortable or feel awkward in their outfit will show through in the final portrait! Better a fantastic, genuine smile in a more casual, comfortable outfit than a mediocre smile in something they didn't want to wear! Include your children in the selection process for their outfit, you will thank yourself later when you see the results! Happy kid = Great Expressions every time! Small jewelry and accessories are totally cool, but let's not go overboard with anything too big or distracting. Less is more, right?



CROPPING OPTIONS

You will end up with two cropping versions of each of the two images we will capture, each will offer a ¾ option and a tighter head and shoulder option. If you wanted to make sure the pants selected, skirt or dress are part of the final portrait, this will be an option for you when you place your order.

Your child will be photographed in front of a special grey background, this means there ARE NO RESTRICTIONS to colours you can wear! Any colour under the rainbow or shade that isn't in a traditional rainbow, they all work and will produce an awesome background removal dropout, we promise!



GLASSES & HAIR

If your child rocks glasses, no worries at all! Our awesome photographers know how to handle glare issues! Hairstyle-wise, anything goes! Whether it's a fresh cut or letting it grow out a bit, your child will rock it either way.

YOUR CHILD'S PHOTO DAY WILL BE:
SEPTEMBER 20

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SMILES

Let's keep it real and natural. No need to practice those smiles - genuine ones are the best. Our photography team has a treasure chest of techniques to help bring out your child's natural smile. Leave this to us.

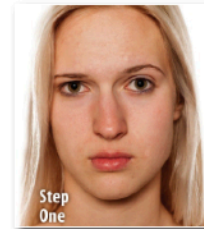
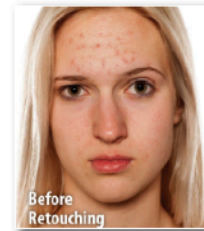


SMALL DETAILS

Don't stress about perfection! Those little quirks like sticking-up hair or a missing tooth make your child who they are, and you'll ultimately cherish those memories for years to come. On Picture Day, we'll maintain a watchful eye for details like popped up collars, hoodie strings misaligned, shirts pulled down crisp on the front to reduce wrinkles or other small details that we keep an eye out for and fix BEFORE the photo is taken.

RETOUCHING

If your child has a small scrape, cut or blemish or wakes up with a pesky cold sore on their lip on photo day, rest assured this will be retouched for you at absolutely no charge! Our lab team strive to ensure each child is looking their best in every portrait we print, you are in great hands with our team of Digital Magicians at Darby Photos.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR CHILD

We want your child relaxed, being themselves on photo day. Our professional, patient photographers will capture the best portrait possible, this is what we do!

After all this reading, if there is some specific instruction that you, as a parent, feel we MUST KNOW, please let your teacher know or send them with a brief note and they can pass it along to our photography team.