



October Newsletter

Month at a Glance

October 3-6

Walk to School Week

October 4

Student & Class Photos

October 6

Spirit Day

Superhero Dress-up Day

October 6

PAC Movie Night

October 9

Thanksgiving

School Closed

October 11

Hot Lunch

Subway

October 17 & 18

Parent Conferences

Early Dismissal at 12:05

October 20

Pro-D Day

School Closed

October 25

Hot Lunch

Hot Dog Day

October 30

PAC Halloween Carnival

October 31

Spirit Day

Black & Orange or

Halloween Costume



Principal's Message

The month of October is one of gratitude. How do we show gratitude? For what are we grateful? During our Indigenous Professional Development Day on September 22, the staff sat in circle for the beginning and at the end of the day. We talked about how we were to commit to reconciliation, what does it look like and how might it look like at Kootenay Orchards? I mention the circle, as the reasoning behind this is to face one another, to show our hearts and to listen. As a staff, our monthly meetings are conducted this way as well. This is one step towards honouring our commitment to reconciliation. Although there are many other steps and many calls to action, we are slowly moving forward in our journey together.



Let us be thankful and grateful for our families, and our Kootenay Orchards Community.

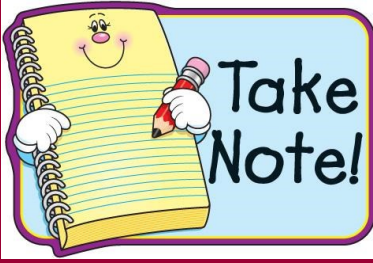
Happy and safe Thanksgiving to everyone as well!

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Judi Poole
Principal

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Parent-Teacher Conference

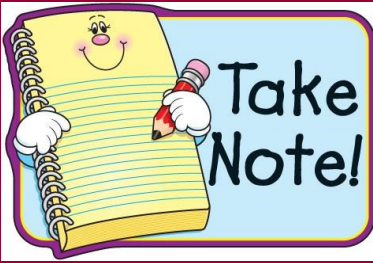
All students will have early dismissal on **Tuesday, October 17th & Wednesday, October 18th** for Parent-Teacher conferences. **On these days, students will be dismissed at 12:05pm.** Teachers will be sending home more information with students.

For families that have bus students, it is highly encouraged that alternate arrangements are made for both these days.

For families that cannot make alternate arrangements, please kindly contact our office (250) 426-8551.



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Before & After School Student Supervision

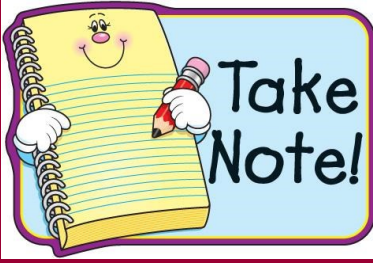
Before School:

- Friendly reminder that student supervision is provided before the start of school starting at 8:20 am. Supervision is not provided before this time.

After School:

- At the end of the school day, supervision is not provided and it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child/ren are being picked up and/or supervised if they are going to be running late.
- Bus Students are monitored by Mrs. Poole.
- If your child/ren are part of an after school program, we encourage families to confirm the pick-up time of your child/ren with the program coordinator to ensure they are picked up promptly after the school bell.
- **Student safety is very important so we ask that students are picked up in a timely manner. If you know that you will be running late, please contact the school office so that they can let the student as well as the teacher know (250) 426-8551.**

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Reporting Student Absences

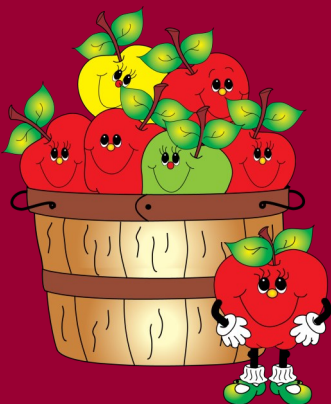
When reporting a student's absence, parents can either contact the school office or log in an absence using the [School Messenger Safe Arrival](#) system.


To register for School Messenger, please refer to the [Safe Arrival FAQ](#). All parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:15 am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

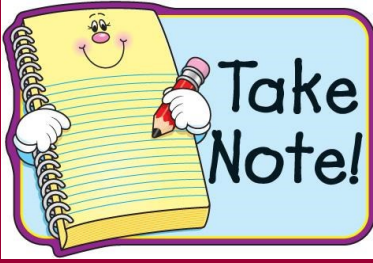
If you are also informing the classroom teacher of an absence or a tardiness, please include our school secretary Cathy Gaudord, cathy.gaudord@sd5.bc.ca or (250) 426-8551.

In the event that your child is late, please have them check in with the school office so that we know they have arrived and can mark them present.

We appreciate your cooperation with this!



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Grade 5-6 Volleyball

Practices

Girls: Mondays and Wednesdays right after school.

Boys: Tuesday mornings & Thursdays right after school.

Games

Games will take place Tuesdays after school. A schedule of where and when will be provided once it is available.

We look forward to a fantastic season!!

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BREAKFAST CLUB

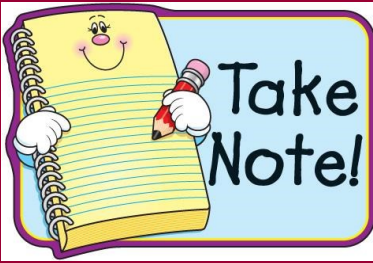
When: Every Day

Where: Outside

Time: 8:20-8:40

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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Breakfast Fridays at Kootenay Orchards!!

Our school Counsellor, Mrs. Boyle & our Indigenous Support Worker, Ms. Hekker will be providing KO Students with 1 hot breakfast on the last instructional Friday of every month.

This free take-away breakfast is open to all students and can be picked up from the school kitchen between 8:15-8:45 am.

Our Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to volunteer to help prepare and cook the meals.

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HOT BREAKFAST
FRIDAYS

- OCT 28
- NOV 17
- DEC 22
- JAN 19
- FEB 23
- MAR 15
- APR 26
- MAY 31
- JUNE 21


Illustrations include a slice of bacon, a smiling toast character, a pancake character with a chef's hat and spatula, and a stack of pancakes with a butter pat.

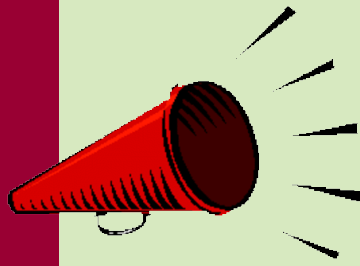
HOT BREAKFAST FRIDAY

Oct 27th
at the kitchen!

8:15AM - 8:45AM

Illustrations include a slice of toast, a stack of pancakes with blueberries, a fried egg, and a smiling toast character holding a butter pat.

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PAC News!!

Greetings from your PAC Executive Team,

October is already upon us, and we want to share the new and exciting things that are happening this month. Please remember these events do require community and volunteers to make them run smoothly and keep them coming back year after year.

Hot Lunch

Thank you to our PAC Lunch Coordinator Jess Bolivar! The Fall/Winter menu looks wonderful. Remember orders must be put in on Munchalunch **one week before the hot lunch date**. If you have not ordered for the Hot Lunch date, please ensure that you send a lunch with your child to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jess Bolivar.

New & Ongoing Fundraiser

PAC is happy to announce that they will be offering Landmark Cinemas Kids' Movie Packs and Movie Night Bundles. Watch for more information on this new fundraiser and how you can buy yours!!

Next PAC Meeting

Tuesday Oct 10th at 6pm in the KO library. This meeting is important because we will be approving the budget for this school year. We need quorum to make this happen. At 6pm the budget meeting will start, followed by a regular PAC meeting at 6:30pm.

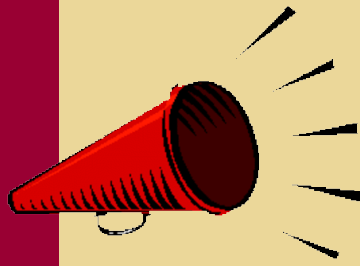


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Kootenay Orchards PAC

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PAC News!!



Our PAC meets the second Tuesday of the month in the school library. You can also join via Zoom. Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for the Zoom link.

****IMPORTANT: BUDGET MEETING ****

Next Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm.

Please visit our [PAC Facebook](#) page for meeting details.

Attending meetings and volunteering creates a strong sense of community.

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The 2023/2024 PAC Team Members are:

President: Jennifer Spyksma

Vice President: Courtney Chanski

Treasurer: Carla Post

Secretary: Nicole Erickson

Hot Lunch Coordinator: Jess Bolivar

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PAC Movie Night!!!

This Friday, October 6th in School Gym

All students must be accompanied and supervised by a Parent/Guardian.

Chairs will be set out for Parents/Guardians and students are invited to bring a comfy pillow, blanket and stuffy to sit on.

A \$5.00 Popcorn Combo will be available for purchase from the concession starting at 6:30 pm and movie will begin at 7:00 pm.

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Halloween Carnival Monday, October 30th

PAC is excited to announce the return of their **Halloween Carnival** on **Monday, October 30th!!** This is a fun-filled evening for families where children can play Halloween Carnival Games to collect stamps and redeem for prizes, time in a Mega Bouncy Castle or snacks from the concession stand.

To attend the Halloween Carnival, families will need to purchase a Carnival Passport. This Passport will be used to collect the stamps that can be redeemed for prizes. To accommodate the large number of families expected to attend, the Halloween Carnival will be divided into two sessions and each session will have a set number of Carnival Passports available for purchase.

Session #1: 5:30-7:00 pm (125 Passports Available)

Session #2: 7:30-9:00 pm (150 Passports Available)

The cost of each **Carnival Passport is \$17.50** and can be purchased on [School Cash Online](#). Adults and preschool siblings who are accompanying a Kootenay Orchard's student (with a Carnival Passport) do not require a Carnival Passport to enter. Carnival Passports will be sent home with the eldest student on Thursday, October 26th.

Passports will be available exclusively to Kootenay Orchards Families until Monday, October 9th. After that time, the sale of Passport Books will be opened up to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact the Halloween Carnival Committee:
kohalloweencarnival@gmail.com.



2023/2024 PAC Fundraising & School Events:

October 6th - Fall Movie Night

October 30th - Halloween Carnival

November 6th to 20th - Purdy's Chocolates

December 12th - Panago Pizza Night

January 22nd to 26th - Read A Thon

February 1st to 14th - Mom's Pantry

March 4th to 15th - Top Crop Flower Basket

April/May: Spring Bingo - TBD

June: Water Day

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PAC is very excited to be offering hot lunches again this year!!

Below are the hot lunch dates for October to January. If you would like to place an order, please visit [Muncha Lunch](#).

Please Note: Lunch orders will need to be placed and paid for by the Wednesday prior to the hot lunch date. Any orders received after this time will not be processed.

October 11th: Subway

October 25th: Hot Dog Day

November 8th: Boston Pizza

November 22nd: Taco Time

December 6th: Edo Japan

December 20th: Pizza Hut

January 17th: Mr. Mikes

January 31st: Subway

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Ongoing PAC Fundraisers

Thank you for your Continued Support!!



Save On Foods: Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. **PAC receives 5%** back from each receipt submitted.



Mr. Mike's: Please ask to put your bill towards Kootenay Orchards School. **PAC receives 10%** back from each receipt submitted.



Mabel's Labels: Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).



Olivers Labels: Did you know that this fundraiser is open all year long? **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).



TRU EARTH Laundry Detergent: **PAC receives 20%** from each order. Help support Kootenay Orchards by visiting [here](#).

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Celebrate the Ktunaxa Language!!

Scan the QR codes below with a phone camera to hear the word in Ktuanxa.



ʔa·kʔamnam

Pumpkin



ʔa·kinmiyitis

kusukʔuknam

Thanksgiving



kaqʔiʔ kquqʔi

Candy



ʔa·kʔum

Bat



We would like to acknowledge that we learn, play and work on the Homelands of the Ktunaxa people.