



École Poirier

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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News for Terry

A huge thanks to students, parents, and staff for their support to these two great fundraisers that Ecole Poirier supported again this year. Our contributions will go a long way towards finding a cure for cancer.

We raised \$1226.50 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Students watched an inspirational video and then set out on our own Terry Fox Run.

As well, we successfully raised \$235.50 for the Tour de Rock campaign, which was presented to the Tour at the Sooke Community Hall. Kudos to everyone in our school community who had their head shaved this year.

News and Retake Day

Lifetouch Studios were here taking pictures of students and staff. By now, you should have received proofs of those pictures. The order form needs to be back to school on October 26th. Retake Day is November 4th, starting at 9am.



Some students in grades 3 – 5 have taken the opportunity to practice their singing as the Choir gets underway. Mme Arts and Mrs. Sievewright will be meeting with students. We look forward to hearing the voices echoing throughout the school.

Basketball



The basketball season has started for boys and girls in Grade 5. These students will compete against other elementary schools in Sooke. Thank you to our teacher sponsors and good luck to all our eager Panthers! Have Fun!

Monitors

A huge thanks to the many students who are helping as monitors in the school. These positions include: classroom, recycling, office monitors, computer, outside equipment, Destination Conservation and Peer Helpers. Their volunteer efforts make our school a better place and that is much appreciated.

Safe Arrival

The Safe Arrival Program, run by parent volunteers, ensures the safety of all students at Ecole Poirier. To that end parents should be contacting safe arrival, 250-642-3009, to report your child's absence. This will prevent unnecessary phone calls home trying to determine the whereabouts of students.

Home Reading Program



We will be continuing with the at home reading program for students at Poirier. Much like last year, students will receive the sheets to track their reading at home. It is encouraged that students read, or parents read with and to children, each and every night. Once the sheet is completed, students should bring those back and they receive a ribbon from their teacher.

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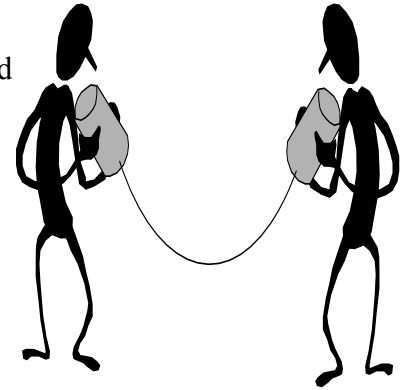
The Ecole Poirier PAC is a very active and proactive group that supports student learning. It is a great vehicle for parents to get involved in. This is your school, let's continue to make it great through your active participation. All parents are welcome at PAC meetings. Please watch the Poirier website for the date of the next meeting.

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The School Planning Council will be holding elections for the upcoming school year. These elections will be taking place towards the end of October. If any parents are interested, nomination forms will be available in the office as well as off the Poirier blog.

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Parents are reminded that they can get in touch with us in a number of ways. Our number is 250-642-0500, and the fax number is 250-642-5115. The main office is open from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.



You can email Mrs. Szadkowski at lszadkowski@sd62.bc.ca.

Parents are welcome to visit our school website at <http://poirier.sd62.bc.ca>

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Once again PAC is sponsoring the contest. The contest will take place on Friday, October 30th. The children should bring their completed pumpkins with a small, unlit candle to the gym starting at 8:30 am on the morning of October 30th. Pumpkins will be judged in one of these categories: cutest, scariest, and most original. There is also a family category, where a single pumpkin is decorated by all the children in the family.

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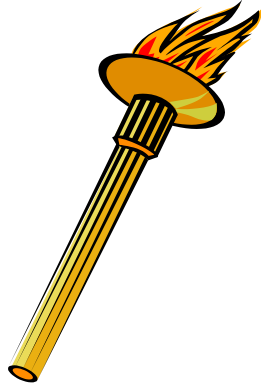
Poirier students have been given the opportunity to learn the Sooke Route song for the Olympic Torch event. Participating students will be meeting across from Edward Milne Community School at 7 am on October 31st. If your child has chosen to participate, we are asking them to wear red and white clothing or a red and white toque. Please watch for the permission slip coming home today.

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Look in the couch and under your bed because November is Pennies for Diabetes Month! Once again our school will be collecting pennies for this great cause. Last year we raised over \$1200 and we hope to break our own record this year. Each class will have Pennies for Diabetes tins in their classrooms. We will weigh the pennies each day and keep a record of the weights for each division on the bulletin board in the front hallway. The winning class will receive a pizza lunch sponsored by the Sooke Lioness-Lions.



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Sooke will be welcoming the Olympic Torch on October 31st. Community members will line the streets between the Municipal Hall and Derbend Road and EMCS. The ceremony at the Municipal Hall begins with the Mayor's welcome at 7:00 am. And then the torch will begin the relay, with one of the main viewing areas slated to be near Edward Milne Community School, where students will present their special Spirit Song, as the torch relay completes the Sooke/T'Sou-ke portion of its journey. At 8 am everyone is invited to the free community breakfast at Edward Milne Community School, and the concert which will feature the Sooke Pipes and Drums, the youth pop group Cole Grifter, a Francophone troubadour, the Sooke Folk Music group, Ekoos Choir, the Sooke River Bluegrass group and accordionist Karl Mosig. Please call 250-642-6351 for more information as it becomes available, and please know that your Sooke Spirit of BC Community Committee is grateful for your assistance in making this once in a lifetime event a memorable occasion in our community, and in the memories of our young people. The Sooke Lions Club are working closely with the RCMP in arranging parking areas, and will be releasing this information in next week's Sooke News Mirror.

Shuttle buses will leave Port Renfrew at 5:15 am. They will leave East Sooke at the Firehall at 6:15 am and Bill's Store 6:30am. Both busses will leave EMCS at 9:30 am to return to those communities. Cheers to all!

Assembly

Our school participated in the WITS swearing in ceremony with Constable Hilderley on Wednesday, October 21st. All of the students enjoyed the WITS story he presented as we were reminded to use our WITS everyday.

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The grade four and five students will be starting the LEADS program in January. This is the intermediate follow up to the WITS program.

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Students will have received an informal interim report by the end of October. Informal reports can be a phone call, impromptu or scheduled conference, or written report. This focus is more on social responsibility and effort rather than evaluating core curriculum.



ON THE HORIZON – A L'HORIZON

- Oct 23 - Professional Development Day - No school
- Oct 30 - Wear your Halloween Costume to school
- Oct 31 - Halloween
- Oct 31- Olympic Torch comes to Sooke
- Nov 4 - Photo Retake Day
- Nov 6 - Next newsletter to go home
- Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day - No school
- Nov 25 - 3 hr early dismissal. Parent-teacher interviews 1-8pm
- Nov 26 - Parent/Teacher interviews - no school
- Dec 17 - Last Day of School for Holidays
- Jan 4 - School Reopens.