

Welcome to PENDER ISLAND SCHOOL



A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN!

Welcome to PIESS! Here you'll find key information to help you navigate the school year, stay informed, and support student success. We encourage you to explore this resource, and/or the school website, to learn more about our school community.

Together, with families and community, we are helping students become confident, capable and compassionate learners.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Class supply lists were sent home in June; however, should you require a new list, please contact the office (250) 629-3711. Students are encouraged to bring their supplies on the first day of school, along with a water bottle and snack. Class fees are home room dependent. Please refer to your child's supply list for more information.

STUDENT PACKAGES

Student packages will be sent home in the first week of school. **Please review carefully and update any contact information**, in addition to completing annual permission forms. Packages should be returned to the school as soon as possible.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning Bell | 8:43 a.m.
Morning Recess | 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
Lunch Recess | 11:55 - 12:40 p.m.
Elementary Dismissal Bell | 3:30 p.m.
Secondary Dismissal Bell | 3:47 p.m.

CALENDAR

For a detailed look at this year's calendar, please refer to the district site [here](#). As the year progresses, we will keep families apprised of special events in our monthly correspondence.

Please note that the 2026/2027 school year has several in-session Fridays spread throughout the year.

CONTACT INFO:

Please feel free to contact us anytime during the school year.
phone: 250-629-3711

Ms. Margot Landahl

Principal



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Mrs. Angie Gray

Exec. Admin Assistant



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STAY IN THE KNOW

This year we will be keeping families connected through bi-weekly emails. These emails will typically arrive in your mailbox each Friday. You may also stay connected by visiting our school website [here](#) and district site [here](#). Should you have any questions about upcoming events, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

We strongly encourage families to download the SD64 APP which will provide you with timely information regarding news stories as well as administrative information. [Click here](#) for directions.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a key contributor to student academic success. If your child will not be attending school, please notify the office of any absences prior to the start of the school day. Please email both your child's teacher AND Angie (agray@sd64.org) whenever your child will be absent. If the absence is more than a few days, please connect with your child(ren)'s teacher to ensure a learning support plan is developed.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Parents and caregivers are asked to monitor their child(ren) daily for symptoms of common cold and influenza. Students should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. If your child becomes sick while at school, you will be contacted by the office and asked to pick your child up.

PARENT/STUDENT COMMUNICATION

We do request that parent/student communications are channelled through the administrative office during school hours. If you need to get a hold of your child for any reason, please call the office at (250) 629-3711. This not only helps us stay informed, but allows students to focus on their learning. This practice is strongly encouraged to help students focus on learning while respecting our schoolwide device policy.

VISITORS

All visitors are asked to sign in at the office. Please ensure that you are well before visiting the school.

INDIGENOUS

At SD64, we are committed to supporting every Indigenous learner to develop the skills, abilities and personal characteristics that will enable them to have the best life chance possible. If you would like to self-declare your First Nations, Metis, or Inuit Heritage, or if you have any questions, please reach out to the school office. Self-Declaration Forms will be sent home in student packages in the first week of school.

GET INVOLVED

One of the best ways to feel connected to school life is by getting involved. Volunteering gives parents and caregivers a chance to meet other families, build relationships with staff, and be part of the experiences that make our school community so special. To learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference, please check out our [school website](#).

SCHOOL BUS

Bus Rider Expectations

Students are expected to maintain a safe and respectful environment on the bus by following the driver's directions, remaining seated, speaking appropriately, and keeping aisles clear of belongings. Students must use their transportation card when boarding and exiting, and should avoid any behaviour that may distract the driver or endanger others.

Bus Stop Expectations

Students should arrive at their assigned bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled pickup time and wait safely away from the road. Families are reminded that students must ride their assigned bus and use their designated stop unless prior arrangements have been approved through the school and Transportation Department. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students must be met by a parent/guardian at their drop-off stop.

Additional Information

For complete bus rider expectations, safety procedures, transportation schedules, and the full Bus Code of Conduct, please visit the [district website](#). Families are encouraged to review these guidelines together to help ensure a safe and positive transportation experience for all students.

WATER TAXI

If your child is traveling by water taxi, please familiarize yourself with this year's water [taxi schedule](#).

All passengers are to be at the dock **5 minutes prior to departure**.

In the event of inclement weather, please monitor the SD64 APP and/or the school website.

PARKING LOT

The beginning and end of the day can be busy times in our parking lot. To help ensure the safety of all students, families and staff, we ask that everyone exercise caution and patience when arriving and departing from the school.

We are excited to see many families using our new trail to walk or bike to school. Cyclists are encouraged to follow the trail and road safety rules and to remain alert when entering areas shared with vehicles and pedestrians.

To help reduce congestion, please follow all posted signage and avoid stopping or parking in designated **No Parking zones**. These areas must remain clear to maintain sightlines and allow for the safe flow of traffic. Families are also reminded to keep the bus loading area clear at all times, as the school bus requires adequate space to safely load and unload students.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

PIESS students are fortunate to have access to a variety of after-school activities, including soccer, basketball, wheelchair basketball, music programs, Scouts, Girl Guides, and more.

If your child is participating in an after-school activity or has an alternate end-of-day plan, **please notify the school office by noon on that day by emailing agray@sd64.org**.

Providing advance notice helps us ensure students are directed appropriately and supports a safe, smooth departure process for our bus students.

SIGNING YOUR CHILD OUT



If you are picking your child up early, please come in to the office and sign them out.



If you are picking your child up after school, please check in with Darcie or Kelly, so we know your child is safe.