

PIESS BULLETIN

What's Up?
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Greetings PIESS families!

I hope this message finds you well!

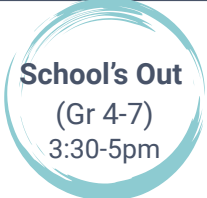
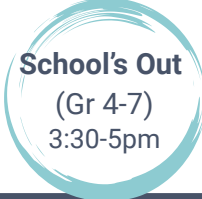
We look forward to seeing parents at Parent/Teacher conferences this Monday! If you have not yet signed up, please call Monday morning so that we may schedule you in!

With Hallowe'en on the horizon, I know there will be much excitement this week!

I would like to extend a big thank you to Tru Valu for once again generously donating pumpkins which will be arriving this Tuesday. Your child's teacher will likely share further details regarding carving. We will also be hosting our annual Hallowe'en parade at 1pm on Thursday afternoon. Children can come in costume but we do ask that masks and accessory items be saved for the parade only!

 Ms. Margot

THIS WEEK AT PIESS

Mon ĆELČLNÁT	Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:45- 4:00pm	WCBB with Tim 12:10-1:30 
Tue SŤEN,NÁT	Strong Start Lunch Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSA with Allyson (Gr 8/9) Theatre Club with Ms. Margot 	 Gr 8/9 Fun Night 5-9pm 
Wed SŁIWS	 Lunch Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D&D Club with Patty 	Basketball (Gr 6-9) with Craig 
Thurs SŃOS	Hallowe'en Festivities GSA with Allyson Gr 6/7 (Recess) Lunch Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comic Club Gr 4-7 with Margot 	 Music with Ben 
Fri SŁKÁČES	School Not in Session 	Hallowe'en Festivities at Camp Cowbell (beside the Community Hall) 5:30- 8pm 



CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH THE LAND



This October, Mrs. William's Grade 6/7 students participated in Take Me Outside, a Canada-wide initiative that encourages students to connect with and learn from the natural world. The day began with a video by [Elin Kelsey](#), who shared insights about outdoor learning and the importance of conservation. Students discovered why protecting Canada's diverse species and habitats is essential, especially for plants and animals at risk.

Once outdoors, the students eagerly explored their surroundings, paying close attention to the living things around them. Each student selected an organism to observe and investigated how its habitat supports its survival. They also considered how changes in environmental conditions might affect that organism. Using evidence gathered from their observations, students developed explanations and supported their thinking with careful analysis.



Throughout the experience, students were fascinated by the variety of living creatures they encountered and the many ways these organisms interact with their environment. They also observed examples of interdependent relationships in nature, gaining a deeper appreciation for the connections that sustain ecosystems. By the end of their time in the forest, students recognized that the natural world is full of opportunities for learning, discovery, and inspiration, helping us imagine new possibilities for the future.





"learning outdoors provides students the opportunity to develop a sense of belonging, curiosity, and responsibility while recognizing that a classroom can be a beach, a forest, a meadow, or a community gathering place."



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

For Take Me Outside Day, the K/1 class headed outdoors for PE class. The kids had lots of time for active play on the playground, working on movement skills, cooperation, problem-solving, and making choices in their play. It was a great way for our busy K/1 group to get outside, move, and learn together. We have had some rough tag games lately, so we took a break from that and the kids were able to come up with a creative sweater game that was gentle and that they thoroughly enjoyed.



Mrs. Sutherland's 1/2/3s headed outside for games and fort building.

REMINDERS

SD64 APP- If you have not yet downloaded the District APP, please do so. As we move into winter weather, updates regarding water taxi and closures will go directly to the APP!

Signing up for PIESS, will also allow you to stay on top of Spotlight stories!

<https://www.sd64.bc.ca/our-app-is-live.3036>

SCHOOL'S OUT- We are incredibly thrilled to have the Circle Foundation start a new afterschool program for students in Grades 4-7. This program runs every Tuesday and Thursday! Thank you to Jorgen and Meghan for bringing energy, fun and care to this program. It was delightful to hear laughter down the hallway this week!



Science World on the Road Presents:

Fantastic Forces Show

Monday Nov 2 (1:15-2:00pm)

Fantastic Forces: Students will experience the some of the fantastic forces that affect our lives every day. Get ready for amazing demonstrations like the Rubber Chicken Slingshot, the Giant Tablecloth Pull and perhaps a rocket launch or two.



ON THE HORIZON

Thurs Nov 5th - Kate from Circle

Tues Nov 10th- Remembrance Day Gathering

Wed Nov 11th -Remembrance Day

Fri Nov 13th- School In Session

Reflective Day



BASKETBALL



11U Basketball will commence on Thursday, November 12th and run as late as the first week of

March. Full participation and sportsmanship are expected. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:35 to 5:30pm with a focus on fitness and skill development, scrimmages, and competitive games. Head Coach is Michael Sasi.



7U Basketball will commence on November 17th and run to the end of February. K's will require a parent to be present at their first session. Full participation and sportsmanship are expected. Practice will run from 3:35 to 5:00pm with a focus on fitness, skill development, and scrimmages. Head Coach is Daniel Sarakannas.