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October Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to October! Hopefully everyone had a good Thanksgiving. This is such a beautiful time of the year as the temperature starts to cool and the leaves change multiple colours. It also serves as a good reminder to take time and reflect on how special the area we get to call our home really is.

The first of our informal learning updates will be completed by October 20. This will be a great time to connect with teachers and support staff about any questions you may have about student programming. We will also be taking time to set up meetings to go over Individual Education Plans; our Inclusion Support Teachers will be reaching out.

Staff are busy planning activities for students. This includes Fun Fridays, field trips, and inviting guests into the schools to share their language, culture, and experiences. Stay tuned for more information.

The Parent Advisory Council is looking for feedback on items they would like to purchase for students and the school. Please see below information on how responses are being collected. The deadline to submit suggestions is October 23. Thank you to our PAC group for organizing this.

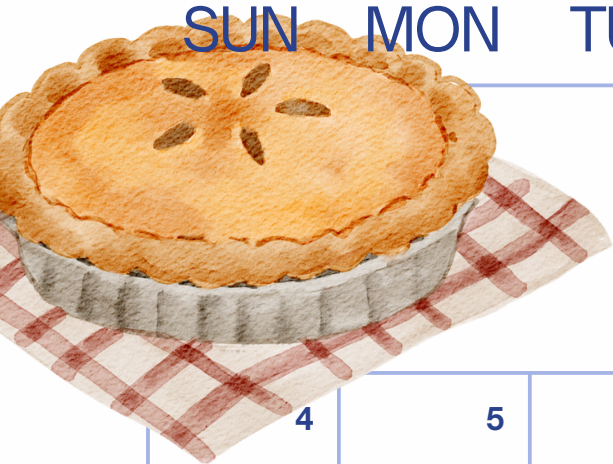
A reminder that schools are closed on Friday, October 23 for a Provincial Pro-D day and October 28 is early dismissal for the district-wide Inquiry Day.

We encourage students to continue to connect with staff as you move through your coursework. Reach out for help when you need it or schedule some time to visit staff in our three sites.

Brad Burns

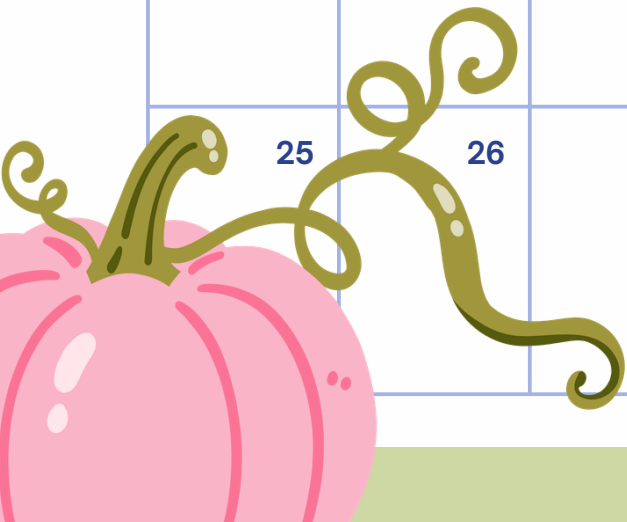


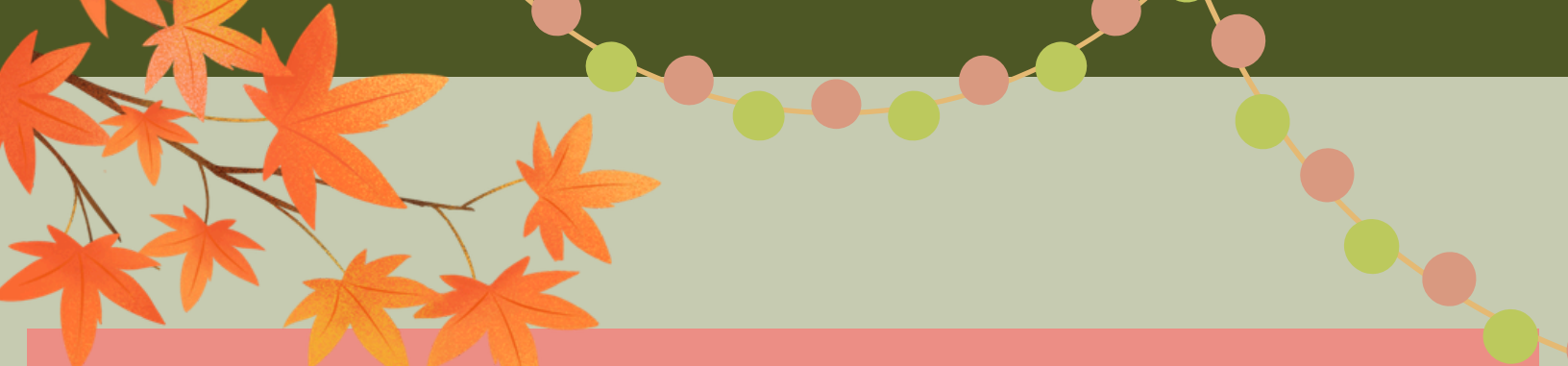
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18	19	20	21	22 Photo Day @ SESS 8:30-9:30am	23 Professional Development Day No School	24
25	26	27	28 Inquiry Day Early Dismissal @ Noon	29	30 Halloween Celebration at YouLearn!	31





Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Your teacher this year is: Nikki

Just like pumpkins grow from tiny seeds, great accomplishments start with small acts of learning each day. Keep believing in yourself. You are capable of wonderful things!

Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Your teachers this year are: Gurkirt and Cody

This month, be brave enough to step outside your comfort zone and kind enough to lift others up along the way. Small actions can make a big difference in your school and community.

Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)

As the seasons change this October, remember that every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow. Stay focused on your goals, and don't be afraid to take the next step forward.





*Happy
Thanksgiving*
FROM THE TEAM AT
YOULEARN.CA!

Closed Monday, October 12th



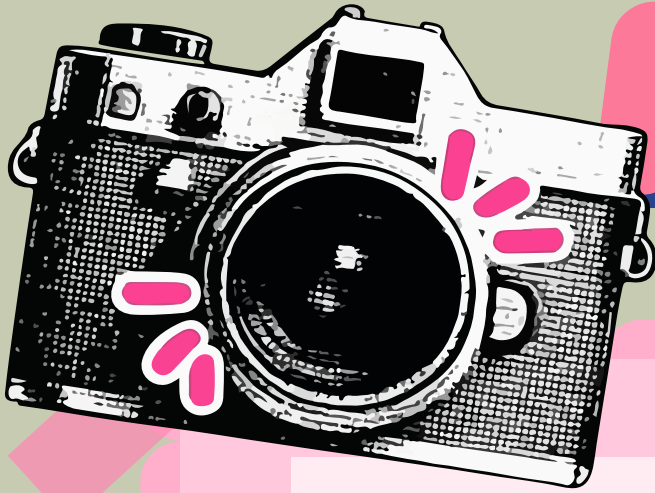


PHOTO DAY

YouLearn is pleased to offer school photo days in collaboration with SOSS and SESS.

The days and schedules are as follows:

October 15th from 8:30–9:30am at the SOSS small gym

October 22nd from 8:30–9:30am at SESS check-in at the office

A friendly reminder to avoid wearing green for your photoshoot.

Photos will be available to purchase through Mountain West after they have been finalized.



A festive Halloween-themed poster with a yellow background decorated with orange and purple stars and dots. At the top, a purple cloud-like shape contains the text 'YOU EARN'S' in orange, followed by 'HALLOWEEN PARTY' in large, bold, orange letters. Several black bats are flying around the text. Below this, a large orange shape contains the event details. A black ghost silhouette is on the right, with a reminder text inside it. The bottom left shows the time and location.

YOU EARN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Friday, October 30th,
we hope you come to our
Oliver Centre dressed in
your best costume
for a fun Halloween
themed school day!**

**8:30-12:00
762 Fairview Rd
Oliver**

A friendly reminder that
there are no weapons
(including fake weapons)
allowed at school.
Students are also not
permitted to wear full
face masks that hide their
identity.



HALLOWEEN

safety tips

- Stay in familiar neighbourhoods and only visit homes that have the porch light on.
- Check all candy with a guardian before eating it.
- Carry a flashlight or wear reflective accessories so that drivers can see you.
- Always trick-or-treat with a trusted adult.
- Walk, don't run, between houses.



**Check out the new
PAC page on our
website!**

Interested in learning more about our parent
advisory council? Check out the new PAC
information page on our website:
<https://youlearn.sd53.bc.ca/pac>



***Friendly reminder that there are life-threatening
allergies at our **Keremeos** Learning Centre.***



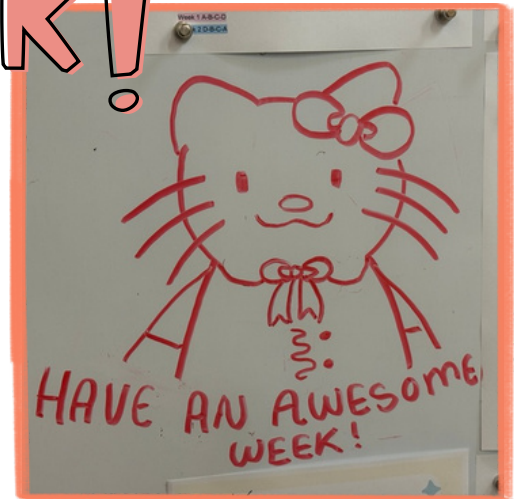
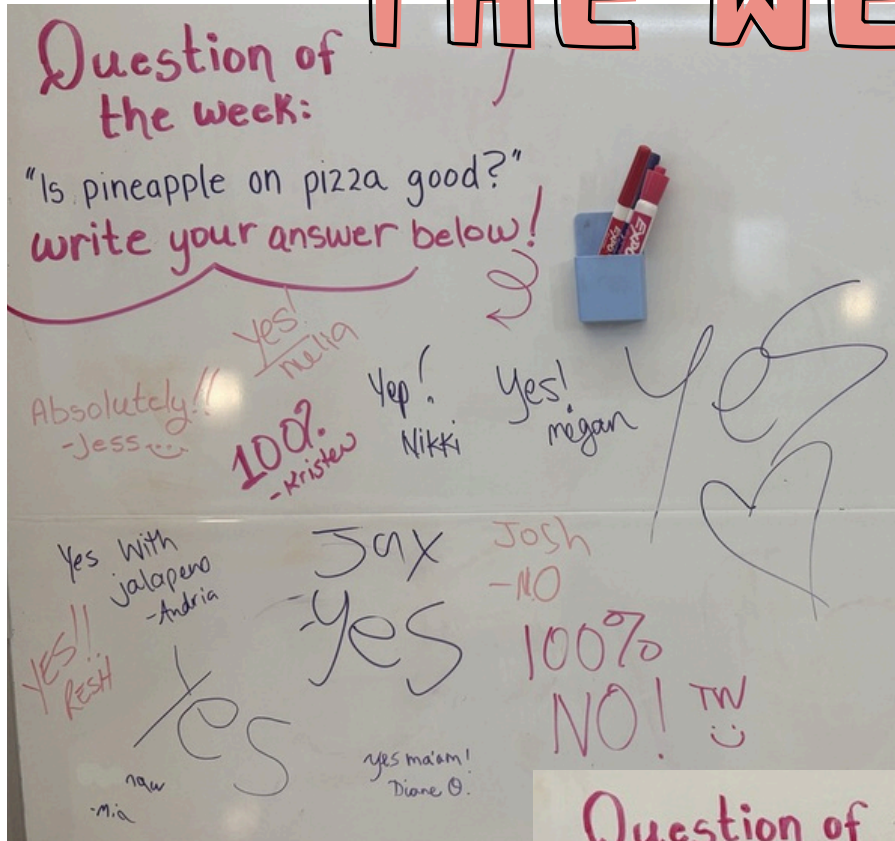
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**NO DRAGON
FRUIT**

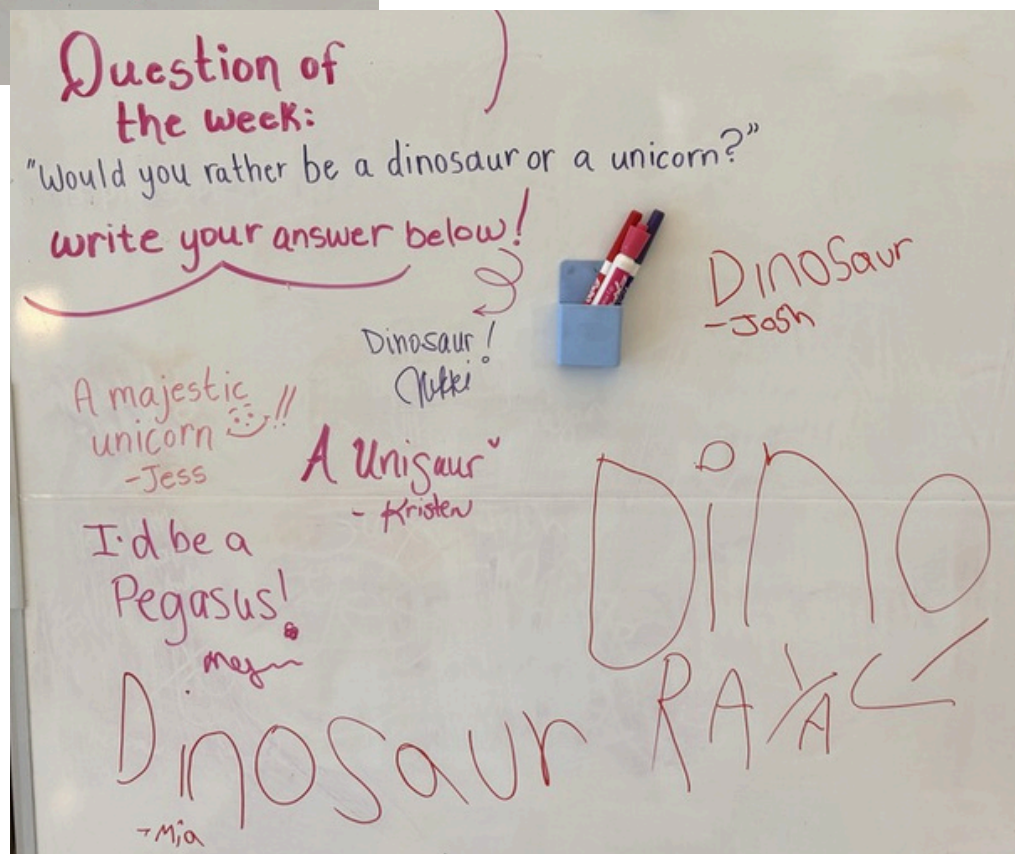
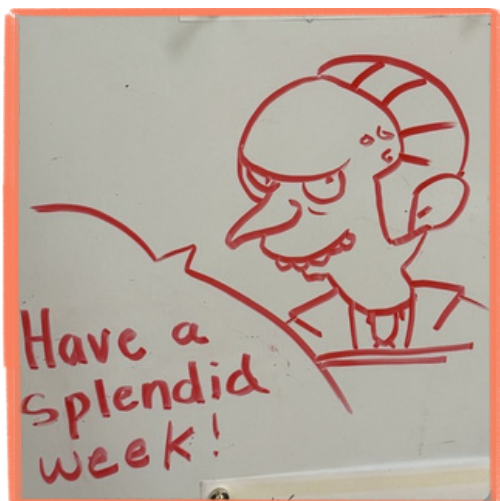


Please and thank you!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK!



Fill out our question of the week
when you stop by our Oliver
centre!
(Located just before the back
classroom)



A Message from your YouLearn PAC

We are continuously proud of the efforts all of you are making every day. We wanted to show our appreciation by purchasing a few small tokens to help you celebrate your YouLearn journey.

That's actually kind of a problem because we have no idea what you guys are into these days.



So, help us out fam! Please fill out the poll and let us know what type of items you are likely to want or need.

And if you don't want school merch at all that's fine too! We get it!

We'll find another way to celebrate you.

Just let us know what you think in the comment section.

Here's how it's going to work.

We're going to give you guys FIVE options.

Rank each item from 1 to 5.

1 for the least desired item, 5 for the most.

If you don't want it at all, put a check in the "no" column.

Please return your survey to ylpacinfo@gmail.com by October 23rd. You can save it as a PDF and edit it, you can take a screenshot and use photo editor, you can even grab a paper copy from Jessica at the front desk and return it to her.

We will place our order once we get everyone's feedback. We may not be able to get everything on the list but we'll make sure everyone gets something!

Would you like to participate?

Y / N

Item	1	2	3	4	5	No
T Shirt/Hoodie						
Coffee Tumbler						
Water Bottle						
Lined Journal						
Stylus Pen						

If you would like to suggest an item not listed above, or an alternative treat, please write it here:

Thanks for your feedback!



2026/2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2026

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April 2027

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7	Labour Day
September 8	Schools Open
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconcil.
October 12	Thanksgiving Day
November 11	Remembrance Day
December 21	Christmas Break Begins
January 4	Schools Re-Open
January 28-29 & Feb 1	Secondary Exam Days
February 2	Second Semester Begins
February 15	Family Day
March 15	Spring Break Begins
March 26	Good Friday
March 29	Easter Monday
March 30	Schools Re-Open
May 24	Victoria Day
June 24, 25 & 28	Secondary Exam Days
June 29	Last Day of Classes
June 30	Administrative Day (School Closed for Students)

Number of Days in Session 190

Number of Days of Instruction 183

DISTRICT NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

October 23 – Professional Development Day
February 12 – Professional Development Day
March 22 to 25 - Connected to Spring Break

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Schools will notify parents of early dismissal times

Also available on our website: <http://www.sd53.bc.ca/>

Cawston/Keremeos: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

Osoyoos: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

Oliver/OK Falls: October 21 & 22 / April 8 & 9

District wide early dismissal days for Inquiry Time are indicated on calendar with this symbol { }

Family Conferences

October 21: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

April 8: CPS, OKF, OES, OSE, OSS, SESS, SOSS, TEN

- Stat/School Holidays □ Non-Instructional Days
♥ Secondary Exam Days ● Year End Administration

August 15, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Distributed Learning Students and Homeschooled Students,

Re: Public Health Services for School-Age Children

As a new school year begins, I am writing to remind you of some of the health services and resources available to school-age children through Interior Health's (IH) Public Health.

Details about all the services and resources available can be found online by using the QR code to the right or going to <https://bit.ly/4dCzrtW>



Interior Health offers Public Health services through community health centres. You can find the closest community health centre and specific services by searching for **Public Health** through the **Find a Service** button on interiorhealth.ca.

Hearing Health

Early detection of hearing loss and information about options for interventions are available through Public Health.

Immunizations

Immunizations are the best protection against many serious vaccine-preventable diseases such as Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which can cause certain cancers in later life, Tetanus, Measles and Meningitis.

BC students, **kindergarten to grade 12**, are eligible for publicly funded vaccines and immunizations are available by appointment at your local community health centre. You can find health centre contact information on the back page of this letter.

Immunization records can be viewed through [Health Gateway](#). If your student has received immunizations outside of BC and you have paper records, you can submit those records on-line to the B.C. Provincial Immunization registry at immunizationrecord.gov.bc.ca

Sleep

Proper sleep is vital to support learning and development in school-aged children. Among other resources you can learn about back-to-school sleep routines here: <https://bit.ly/3WKVIEu>

Tobacco and Vaping

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and illness, and 85% of smokers started in their school-age years. Interior Health offers resources to help you talk with your children about using tobacco and vapes.

Thank you for helping keep our children and communities healthy.

Sincerely,

Sanaz Vaseghi, MD MPH FRCPC
Medical Health Officer

Public Health at Community Health Centres

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dákelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, syilx, and Tsilhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

IH West	IH Central	IH East
100 Mile House 250-395-7676	Armstrong 250-546-4727	Castlegar 250-365-7711
Ashcroft 250-453-1940	Enderby 250-838-2450	Cranbrook.....250-420-2207
Barriere 250-672-5515	Kelowna 250-868-7700	Creston 250-428-3873
Chase 250-679-1418	Keremeos 250-499-3029	Fernie 250-423-8288
Clearwater 250-674-3141	Lumby 250-547-2164	Golden 250-344-2211
Kamloops 250-851-7300	Oliver 250-498-5080	Grand Forks 250-443-3150
Lillooet 250-256-1314	Osoyoos.....250-495-6433	Invermere 250-342-2360
Logan Lake 250-378-3400	Penticton 250-770-3434	Kaslo 250-353-2291
Merritt 250-378-3400	Princeton.....250-295-4442	Kimberley 250-427-2215
Williams Lake 250-302-5000	Revelstoke 250-814-2244	Midway 250-440-2887
	Rutland 250-980-4825	Nakusp 250-265-3608
	Salmon Arm 250-833-4100	Nelson 250-505-7200
	Sicamous 250-836-4835	Salmo 250-357-9511
	Summerland 250-404-8050	Sparwood 250-425-2064
	Vernon 250-549-5721	Trail 250 364-6219
	West Kelowna.....250-980-5150	

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