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November Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome to November! This time of year brings cooler temperatures, fewer leaves on the trees, and no longer having to adjust to daylight saving time.

The first Informal Learning Updates have been shared with families. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their teacher. The next student report will be a written Learning Update distributed on or before December 15, 2026.

Numeracy and Literacy assessments have been scheduled for the first week on November. The Ministry of Education and Child Care requires all students to complete three provincial assessments as a graduation condition for their Dogwood Diploma. If you missed writing the assessments, the next session will be held in January.

Remembrance Day falls on Wednesday, November 11, and the school will be closed. YouLearn students have been invited to attend the SOSS Remembrance Day Ceremony, which will take place on the south side of the Venables Theatre on Tuesday, November 10. This event provides an opportunity to recognize and honour those who have served, and those who continue to serve, our country as members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

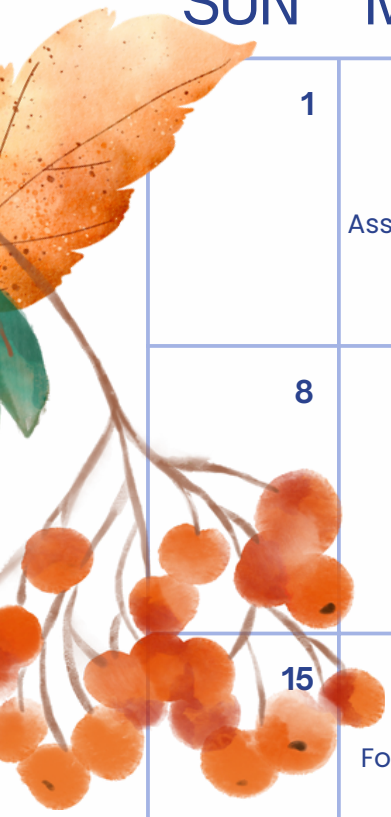
As part of our ongoing efforts to foster a strong sense of belonging and connection within our school community, we will offer Fun Fridays for students. These gatherings take place each Friday 9-11:00 AM at the Oliver campus, and all students are welcome and encouraged to join us. We look forward to seeing students participate in these opportunities throughout the month. We wish everyone a wonderful November.

Sincerely,
Brad Burns

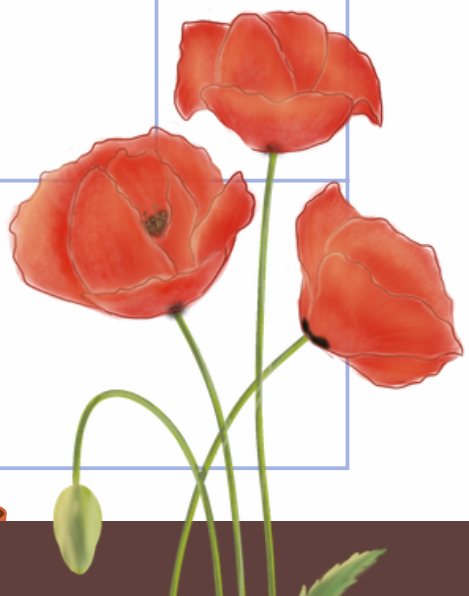
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1	2 LTE10 Assessments	3 NME10 Assessments	4 LTE12 Assessments	5 Drop-in Assessments	6 Drop-in Assessments	7
8	9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10 am	11 Remembrance Day No School	12	13	14
15	16 Foundation Skills Assessments	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Inquiry Day Early Dismissal @ Noon	26	27	28
29	30					







In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
    That mark our place; and in the sky
    The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
    Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
        In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
    The torch; be yours to hold it high.
    If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
        In Flanders fields.



YouLearn centres will be closed on
November 11th for Remembrance Day



Early Years Program (Grades K-6)

Your teacher this year is: Nikki

Keep trying your best and believing in yourself. Every day is a chance to learn something new and grow. We are proud of all your hard work!

Middle Years Program (Grades 7-9)

Your teachers this year are: Gurkirt and Cody

Your effort matters, even when progress feels slow. Stay curious, stay positive, and don't be afraid to take on new challenges. We believe in you.

Secondary Program (Grades 10-12)

Success isn't about being perfect, it's about persistence. Keep learning from setbacks, celebrating progress, and striving to do your best. Every step forward counts.

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



YouLearn.ca would like to invite families and students of all ages to attend

FUN FRIDAYS



AT OUR OLIVER CENTRE
9 AM - 11 AM

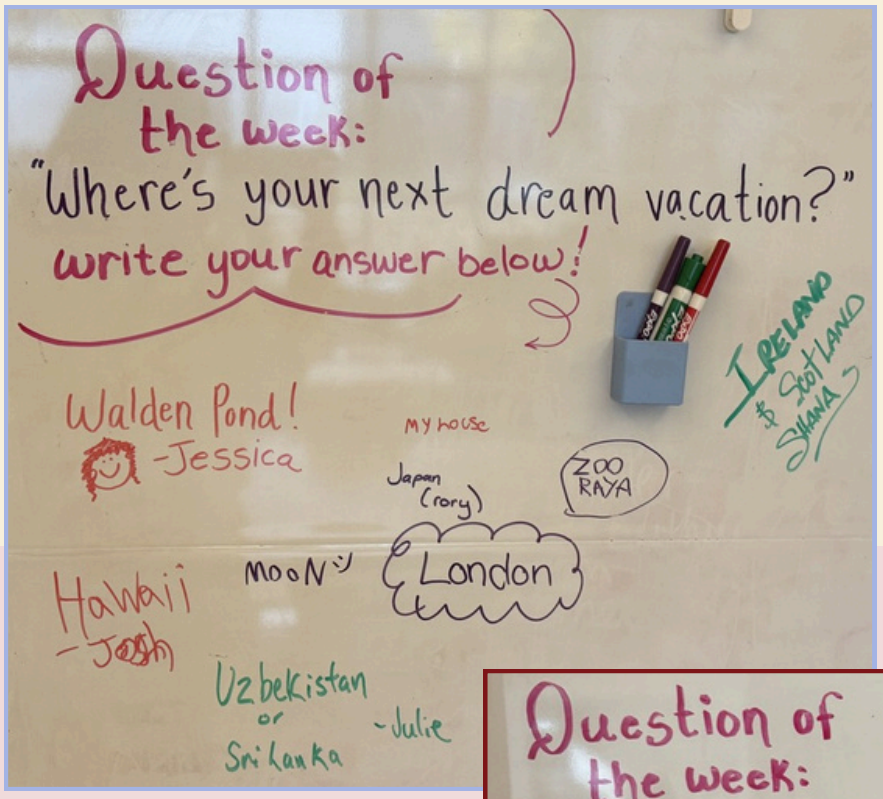
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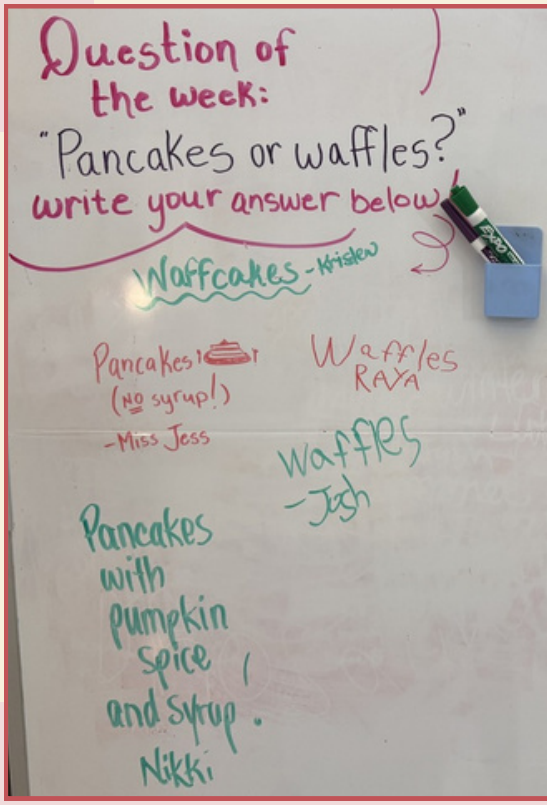
Students will take part in an introductory drumming activity then move through activity stations-food, storytime, and craft.

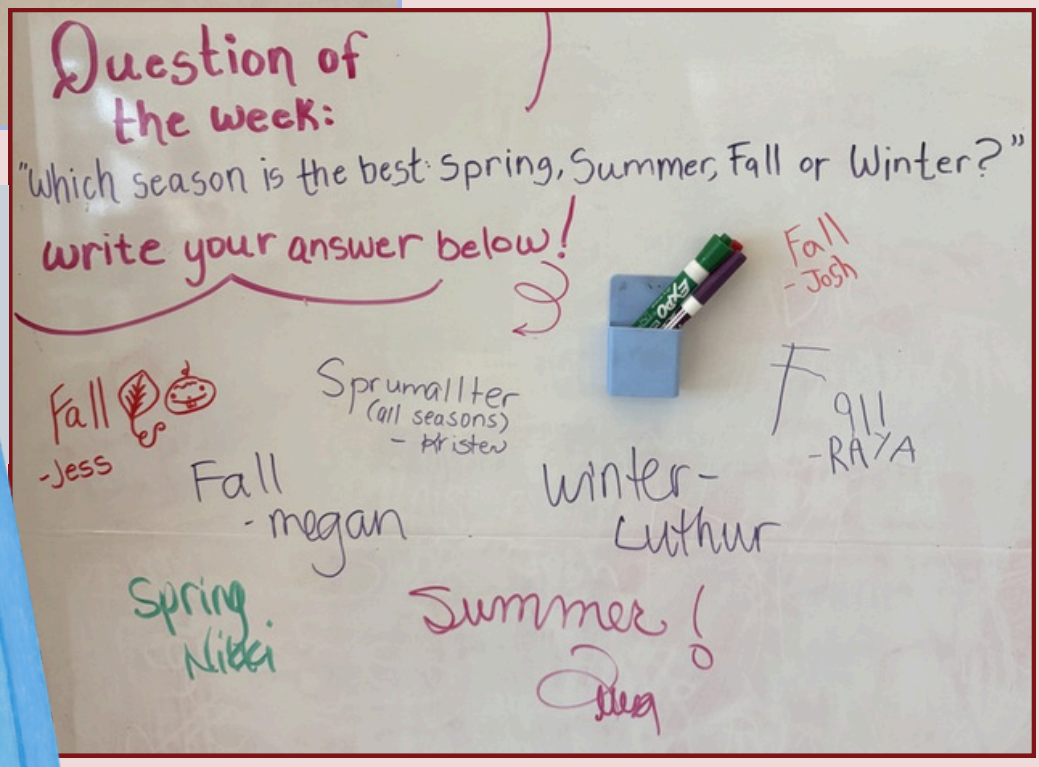




QUESTION OF THE WEEK!







Fill out our question of the week when you stop by our Oliver centre!
(Located in front of the staff room)





Career Ed. Newsletter - November 2026

Career Ed Report

October 1 started with Dual credit applications for the 27/28 year. School District 53 has a record number of students registering for the fall starts. School District 53 hosted the Post Secondary Institution Day where we had 17 post-secondary schools tour the district. Secondary students from all three secondary schools had a chance to learn about post-secondary opportunities available to them. It started at OSS as career fair with SESS attending, and moved to SOSS with a mini fair, and transitioned to break out sessions for grade 10, 11, and 12 students.

First Nation Teacher Education Program is under development. School District 53 has created three unique pathways for students to meet graduation requirements. School District 53 continues to work with the local bands to build local support networks for our students. School District 53 has teacher education pathways built into current agreements with our post secondary providers but School District 53 continues to look to provide new opportunities for our students.

Dual Credit numbers are still strong and continue to grow with 18 students currently accessing academic and trades programs. Youth Work in Trades scholarships are now available and students have been notified to check their eligibility. School District 53 continues to monitor 26 Youth Work in Trades Apprentices.

District Careers Staff will be meeting with the Career Educators Society next week and will be learning about the new realities and parameters that will impact Skilled Trades and Dual Credit Programs. November is Career month and Career Educators Society will provide initiative and programs to enhance Career Programs.

School District 53 careers teams finished October with presentations to the CLE 10 classes on opportunities students have as they move into grade 11 and 12. The volume of students looking to access dual credit programs has required the career education teachers to be proactive and inform students of the opportunities so we can plan and provide our students with the necessary seats required. Early applications will ensure seats.



Check out this link for more on our Healthcare Sampler

Sd53- Healthcare Sampler

Current Offerings:

2026-2027

Auto Service Tech Foundations
Plumber Foundations Carpenter Foundations
DC Course/Programs Healthcare Sampler Technology Sampler Trades Sampler
Engineering Sampler Healthcare Aid

2027-2028

Professional Cook 1
ECE Assistant Certificate

Upcoming Events

November 1-3 Career Education Society
November 23 -27 Career Education Week (Career Bus)
December 2 Dual Credit Applications for 27/28 Programs
January 29 Professional Cook 1 Starts
Feb. 1 OC Applications for Winter 28 Programs Due
Feb. 9 Trades Sampler Starts

Okanagan Similkameen SD53

2026/2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 2026

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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October 2026

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November 2026

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March 2027

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April 2027

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June 2027

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27	♡28	29	(30)			

(○) Stat/School Holidays [□] Non-Instructional Days

♡ Secondary Exam Days (●) Year End Administration

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