

October 14, 2022

Dear Mathxwí Families,

Riding the Waves – Parent/Caregiver Group - in partnership with Child Youth and Mental Health is coming to Mathxwí!

- Six Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:30pm, starting October 26th
- Add to your existing toolbox of parenting strategies with the most recent research on child brain development.
- Learn the meaning behind the behaviour, including anger, acting out, impulsivity, anxiety and hyperactivity.
- Please call the school @ 604-826-8181 or email Jenn at Jennifer.bennato@abbyschools.ca if you plan on joining us at Riding the Waves.

Affordability Funds

Our school district received a one-time funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to help families with the rising costs of food, clothing and school-related fees. Each school received funds to support their families.

If you feel like your family could use some support for these rising costs, please email me at:

jennifer.bennato@abbyschools.ca

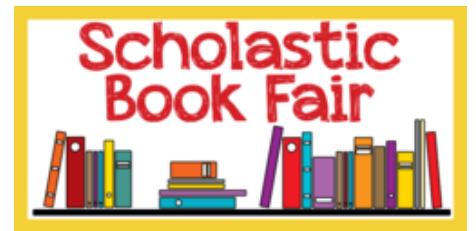
Only I will receive these emails, and to respect your privacy, your requests will remain confidential.

As circumstances change for all of us throughout the year, I will continue to reach out.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Sekhon for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair for our school! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 18-Thursday, October 20th! Stop by the school on



- Tuesday, October 18 12:30-1:25, 3:00-3:30
- Wednesday, October 19-12:30-3:00pm, 4-7pm
- Thursday, October 20 12:30-2:00pm

Orange Crosswalk – a small step towards our school’s commitment to truth and reconciliation

After meaningful consultation with our PAC, Staff, District and the Indigenous Education Committee, we would like to share that an orange feathered crosswalk will be installed at Mathxwi to welcome students and families into our school. The article below shares more about the significance of eagle feathers and our intent behind the symbolic crosswalk.

["The eagle feather is a symbol of strength and of healing and protection," said Diome-Montour.](#)



PAC Pizza Day!

The first PAC Pizza Day is on Wednesday October 26th. Orders must be placed by **October 16th** through [Munch a Lunch](#). Thank you, PAC!



Fuel Up Lunch Program

We are excited to roll out a lunch program for our families from Fuel Up! If you register, you will receive a monthly menu. You may choose which days you wish to purchase a lunch.

There are Gluten Free and Vegetarian options.

You can order or cancel your order 2 days before delivery at noon.

See the quick start up guide below as well as the menu for the remainder of October. **The "CAMPUS CODE" 'Mathxwi' does not appear to be working at this time. I have reached out to the company and will keep you posted!**

Also, please note that Wednesday October 26th is PAC PIZZA DAY, so please support our PAC on their monthly HOT LUNCH DAYS.

Welcome UFV Teacher Candidates!

We are excited to have Anna-Lisa Schubert join Mrs. Rempel and Mrs. Froese and Casandra Hincks join Miss Wiebe for a short practicum from October 11 – November 10th. Both will return in the Spring for their longer practicum.

Parent Teacher Conferences (early dismissal)

On Wednesday October 19th and Thursday October 20th, school will be dismissed at 12:30pm. You will be receiving an email this week to book an interview time with your child's teacher.

As a staff we have set our goal for this year to be the following:

"If we are intentional about making our school a place of hope, healing and wellness where personal and cultural identity are honoured and celebrated, will our students reading scores show marked improvement by June 2023?"

In our striving toward that end we have shaped our October Parent-Teacher conferences to take on a different format this year. We believe that as parents you have a unique and valuable perspective on who your child is, the values you hold as a family, and strengths and growth areas that will contribute to your child's educational success. Our aim for these interviews is to gain a deeper understanding from both parents and students so that we, as teachers, are able to help build meaningful, lasting connections between our students and their learning.

Here are a few example questions that we may ask during the interviews:

1. What makes you (your child) a great kid?
2. What is your (your child's) two greatest strengths?
3. What are two areas that you (your child) need help in? How can we support you (your child) in these areas?
4. What is your/your child's favourite way to learn?
5. Tell me about a time when you (your child) learned/accomplished something you (they) were really proud of? What made it wonderful? What could be done to have more of those moments?
6. Tell me about a time when someone showed that they cared about you (your child)? What did they do or say that helped you (your child) feel cared for?

Soccer

Grade 4/5 students who have completed the online permission forms (email sent through schoolcashonline) will meet at Bradner Elementary on Tuesday, October 18 @3:45pm to play. Go Mathxwi!



Join the next PAC Meeting on November 9 at 7pm!

Questions? Email PAC @ mathxwipac@gmail.com

President – Jennifer Babcock

Co-Vice-Presidents - Lori Swan and Brandi-Lynn Patenaude

Secretary - Nadine Cameron

Treasurer –Alaina Sprietsma

Hot Lunch Coordinator - Ashley Pickett



Below are the dates for this year's PAC meetings. We hope you can join us! PAC meetings are at 7pm in our Learning Commons.

November 9

February 9

May 11

December 8

March 9

June 8

January 12

April 13

Halq'eméylem - Did you know?

Lá:lém Totí:It is the Halq'eméylem word for *House of Learning*. Pronounced "Lah-Lem Tot it" Learn more Halq'eméylem words and phrases [here!](#)

On the Horizon

Oct. 18 – Scholastic Book Fair Opens at 12:30pm!

Oct. 18 – Soccer Games (Gr. 4/5) – 3:45pm @ Bradner Fields

Oct. 19 – 12:30pm early dismissal – Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct. 20 - 12:30pm early dismissal – Parent – Teacher Conferences

Oct. 20 – Scholastic Book Fair closes @2:00pm

Oct. 21 – Non-Instructional Day – school is not in session

Oct. 24 – Diwali Celebration 9:15am - dress in fancy, colourful clothes!

Oct. 25 - Soccer Games (Gr. 4/5) – 3:45pm @ Bradner Fields

Oct. 26 – Riding the Waves – Parenting Group with Child Youth and Mental Health
7pm in the Library Learning Commons – snacks provided!

Oct. 26 – PAC Pizza Day

Oct. 31 – Halloween

Nov. 1 - Soccer Games (Gr. 4/5) – 3:45pm @ Bradner Fields

Nov. 9 – Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov. 9 – PAC Meeting

Nov. 10 – Non Instructional Day #3 – School not in session

Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day – School not in session

Nov. 13 – 19 – Rock Your Mocs

Dec. 2 – Writing Day!

Dec. 2 – Report Cards Home

Dec. 3 – Christmas Store – Day TBA

Dec. 14 – Christmas Concert @ Matsqui Hall

Dec. 16 – Last Day Before Winter Break