

October 21, 2022

Dear Mathxwí Families,

### **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](mailto:jennifer.bennato@abbyschools.ca)

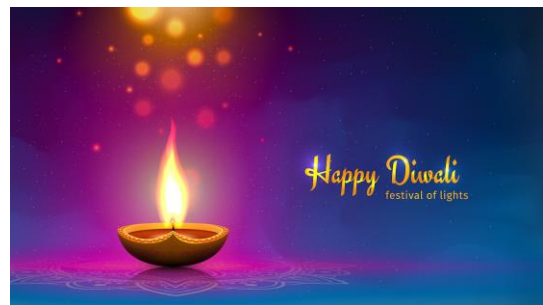


Only I will receive these emails, and to respect your privacy, your requests will remain confidential.

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

### **Diwali Celebration – Monday October 24 – 9:15am in the Gym**

Come to school on Monday dressed in your colourful fancy clothing to celebrate Diwali – the Festival of Lights! We will have a celebration assembly in the gym at 9:15 if you would like to join us. We would also like to thank the Bharti, Mahil, Sekhon, Kahlon and Baring Families for donating diyas to all the Mathxwi students. Thank you!



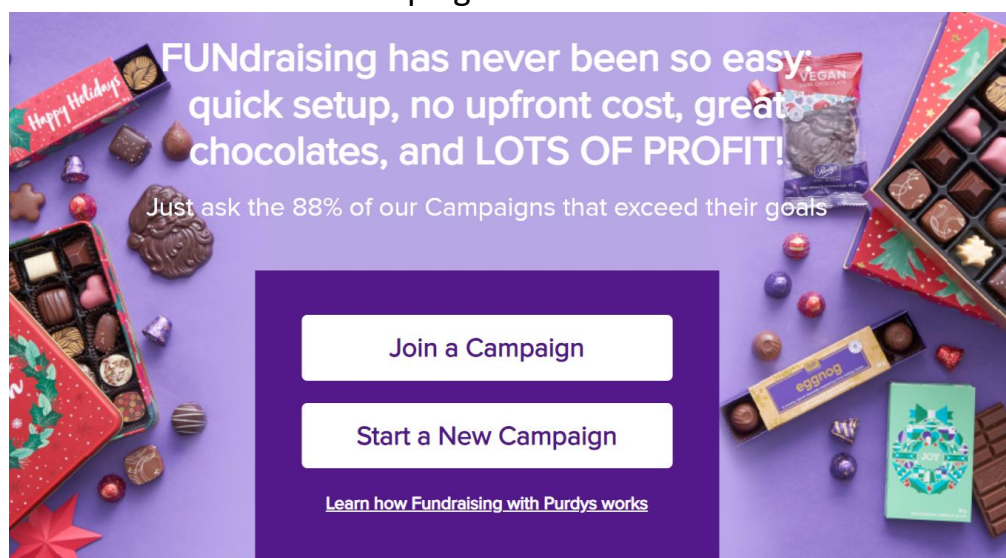
**Riding the Waves – The waitlist for this program through Child Youth and Mental Health is lengthy.. and they are coming to us! This Parent/Caregiver Group - in partnership with Child Youth and Mental Health is for everyone!**

- Six Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 8:30pm, starting October 26<sup>th</sup>
- 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](mailto:Jennifer.bennato@abbyschools.ca) or fill out [this YES or NO form](#), if you plan on joining us at Riding the Waves. We look forward to gathering together! Snacks provided!

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## Parent Teacher Conferences

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

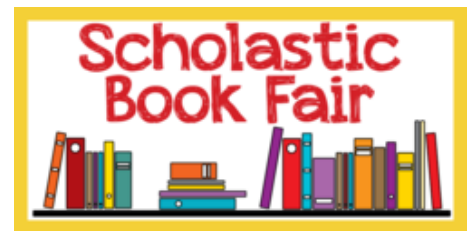
*“If we are intentional about making our school a place of hope, healing and wellness where personal and cultural identity are honoured and celebrated, will our students reading scores show marked improvement by June 2023?”*

One way we planned on moving towards this goal was trying out a different approach for parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us this week. We appreciate the busy schedules that families have. Our aim for these interviews was to gain a deeper understanding from caregivers/parents and students so that we, as teachers, can help build meaningful, lasting connections between our students and their learning. We hope that you found these connections meaningful. As a staff, we are very grateful for your willingness to share. Together we are better!

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to our amazing PAC and parent helpers, as well as Mrs. Sekhon for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair for our school! Special shout out to Brandi-Lynn Patenaude and Jenn Babcock who put in many hours this week to make this happen!



## **PAC Pizza Day!**

The first PAC Pizza Day is on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, PAC!



## **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.](#)



## **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. To register, go to:

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" is 'Mathxwi'. It is case sensitive.**

To create an ordering account: Follow these instructions or see the attached Quick Start Guide

1. Visit [www.abby.ahotlunch.ca/login](http://www.abby.ahotlunch.ca/login)
2. Select 'Click Here' to create an account
3. Fill in parent information
4. On the left panel, select 'Children' Located at the top right corner,

5. click 'Add Child' Enter your child's full name, grade, and class division  
Campus code Mathxwi.
6. Save your child's profile

## Soccer

Grade 4/5 students who have completed the online permission forms (email sent through schoolcashonline) will meet at Bradner Elementary on Tuesday, October 25 @3:45pm to play. Go Mathxwi!



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

**Questions? Email PAC @ [mathxwipac@gmail.com](mailto:mathxwipac@gmail.com)**

President – Jennifer Babcock

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

Secretary - Nadine Cameron

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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?

**Í:mex** the Halq'eméylem word for **walking**. Pronounced **e-mu'h** . Learn more Halq'eméylem words and phrases [here](#)!

### **On the Horizon**

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

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

Oct. 24 – DEAR – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ 1:30pm

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 @ 10:30am

Nov. 9 – PAC Meeting 7pm LLC

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. – Christmas Store – Day TBA

Dec. 14 – Christmas Concert @ Matsqui Hall

Dec. 16 – Last Day Before Winter Break