

October 7, 2022

Dear Mathxwí Families,

Highlights from our Week

Thank you for supporting Toonies for Terry. Together our school raised \$279.80! We learned about Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope from Prisha and Gage, who led our assembly. Afterwards, students showed their spirit and support for Terry and Cancer Research by eagerly participating in our Terry Fox Run. Thank you to the parents and caregiver who were able to help out on the route!



Riding the Waves - offered to Mathxwí Families, at Mathxwí Elementary, in partnership with Child Youth and Mental Health. 😊

- 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.

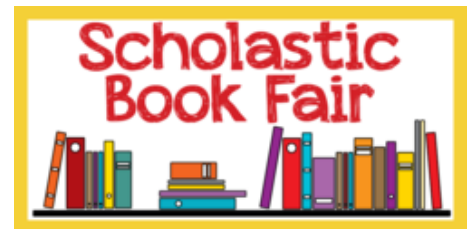
PAC Pizza Day!

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



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs. Sekhon for organizing this for our school! Mark your calendars for our Scholastic Book Fair next week - Tuesday, October 18-Thursday, October 20th! A flyer will be sent to all families via email.



- 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

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?

School-Wide - for purchase - Lunch Program

Stay tuned for more information this week about a school-wide lunch program. This is simply an option you may choose to purchase for your child's lunch.

Affordability Fund

Stay tuned for more information coming out this week about available support to families.



Cross Country

Grade 4/5 students will meet again at Bradner Elementary on Tuesday, October 11 @3:45pm. Go Mathxwi!



Join the next PAC Meeting on October 13th at 7pm! Questions? Email PAC @ mathxwipac@gmail.com

President – Jennifer Babcock

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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.

October 13

January 12

April 13

November 9

February 9

May 11

December 8

March 9

June 8

Halq'eméylem - Did you know?

[Kw'as Ho:y](#) is the Halq'eméylem word for *thank you*. Click on the word for the pronunciation. Learn more Halq'eméylem words and phrases [here](#)!

On the Horizon

Oct. 11 - Cross Country Run (Gr. 4/5) – 3:45pm @ Bradner Fields

Oct. 13 – PAC Meeting 7pm

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 @2pm
Oct. 21 - Non-Instructional Day - school is not in session
Oct. 25 - Soccer Games (Gr. 4/5) - 3:45pm @ Bradner Fields
Oct. 26 - PAC Pizza Day
Oct. 31 - Halloween